

Statement of the Ukrainian delegation
at the 60th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space on item 3 “General exchange of views”
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Mr Chairman,

Let me, on behalf of the Ukrainian delegation, brief you on the development of space activities and space policy in Ukraine since the previous session of the Legal subcommittee.

Ukraine, like in previous years, stay in the position to exploration and use of outer space exclusively for peaceful purposes. In the course of space activities, our State strictly adheres to the principles of international law enshrined in the UN Charter, as well as in the 5 main UN treaties on outer space.

Guided by these principles, as well as by other norms of international and national space law, the Government of Ukraine in January of 2021 adopted the Concept of the National Targeted Scientific and Technical Space Program of Ukraine for 2021-2025 and now elaborate the project of this Program for the next 5 years has carried out.

The purpose of the Program is to ensure the effective use of space potential and increase its impact on solving urgent problems of socio-economic, environmental, informational, scientific and educational development of society, ensuring the interests of the State in the field of national security and defense.

The Ukrainian satellite "Sich-2-30" is being tested and will be ready to be launch from the SpaceX launch pad in December this year.

New Space program differs from previous ones in attracting private companies and international investment, which, of course, does not eliminate the need for financial support from the State.

A large-scale restructuring of the management system, updating the national space legislation on new market-oriented principles is planned.

The plan of international cooperation envisages the implementation of joint projects and developments, in particular within the framework of the EU program "Horizon-

Europe" and in the framework of cooperation with the European Space Agency, NASA and other leading space agencies.

Mr Chairman,

During last year, Ukraine continued to develop and deepen international cooperation in the space sector.

The international activities of Ukraine were aimed at bringing products and services of space industry entities of Ukraine to external markets, in particular in the framework of bilateral relations with foreign countries and public and private companies, as well as with international organizations.

The effective bilateral international cooperation was ensured with USA, Canada, Mexico, France, Norway, the Netherlands, Italy, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Egypt, Azerbaijan.

In November 2020, State Space Agency of Ukraine became the ninth signatory of the Artemis Agreement on the Principles of Cooperation in Civil Exploration and Use of the Moon, Mars, Comets and Asteroids for Peaceful Purposes. This step will facilitate negotiations on practical Ukrainian participation in this program, expanding cooperation between Ukraine, the United States and other members of this Program.

In autumn 2020, the sixth annual meeting of the Ukrainian-Chinese Subcommittee on Cooperation in Outer Space took place. The Program of Ukrainian-Chinese cooperation in this field for the next five years was signed. It contains 69 items in the areas of rocketry, satellite technology, remote sensing, satellite navigation.

Preparatory works was carried out for signing of interagency agreements on cooperation with the relevant authorities of Portugal, Egypt, Malaysia and Japan.

Join expert groups have been set up to study the cooperation with Turkey, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Kenya, Mexico.

Already in 2021 two Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of exploration and use of outer space was signed between the State Space Agency of Ukraine, - on one hand and respectively the Vietnam National Space Center and Italian Space Agency – on the other hand.

Mr Chairman,

Ukrainian delegation highlight the crucial role of the Legal Subcommittee as a multinational forum of States in the elaboration of universal legal framework for adaptive governance of the peaceful use of outer space, according to coming to the fore issues like space debris critical proliferation, lack of comprehensive governance of the space resource utilizations and so forth.

Our delegation welcomes the adherence of all the States to the 5 international treaties on outer space. The Legal Subcommittee on our opinion should play the key role by preparing explanatory materials concerning exact interpretation of its initial content taking into consideration their applicability to the new challenges.

Ukrainian delegation welcomes all non-legally binding United Nations instruments as a flexible and effective mechanism to respond to the challenges of exploration and use of outer space. Ukraine responding appropriately to implement them into national legislation.

Mr Chairman,

Our delegation will take part in the discussion of other issues on session agenda.

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Thanks for your attention!