



## **SPACE GENERATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS**

**SGAC Statement at the  
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of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

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Thank you, Honourable Chair.



The Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation and network which aims to represent university students and young space professionals to the United Nations, its Member States, national space agencies, industry, and academia. The focus of SGAC is to provide pragmatic space policy advice to policy makers based on the views of students and young professionals aged 18 to 35, from all over the world.

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, SGAC is proud to report a successful 2021, and a promising start of 2022. In 2021, SGAC has proved to be an invaluable platform through which students and young professionals can funnel their passion and talent. As an inherently global organisation with volunteers working online together across the world, SGAC was well placed to harness the energy and experience of our members to deliver online events. As the world has re-opened, we have returned to in-person activities without forgetting the lessons learnt from this experience.

This past year has also helped SGAC secure its position as the largest international network of students and young professionals in the space sector, with more than 20,000 members and alumni in 163 countries. We look forward to maintaining these positive trends and invite all Member States and their next generation of space leaders to join us in the process.

Honourable Chair, 2021 has been an extraordinary year also for our efforts in space law, policy and advocacy.

At the previous session of this Honourable Subcommittee, SGAC presented the EAGLE Report on Lunar Governance, an innovative document outlining the proposals of the young generations for the peaceful and sustainable development of the Moon. Today, the EAGLE Report became a globally referenced document within the lunar governance debate and we are actively working on its implementation. In this regard, we note with great appreciation the establishment of a working group on space resources and stand ready to provide our support in accordance with its terms of reference. We also wish to commend the Open Lunar Foundation, the Moon Village Association, the Secure World Foundation and For All Moonkind for their key contributions to the lunar governance debate.

Honourable Chair, to intensify our efforts in the areas of policy & advocacy, SGAC has recently established a new Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform (SGAPP). Through this innovative Platform, every year SGAC will release united space policy positions on behalf of the youth as well as comprehensive overviews of the policy and SGAC Statement at the 2022 Meetings of UNCOPUOS LSC



advocacy activities conducted within our organisation. The Platform is also provided with regional divisions, like our well-known US Task Force, championing our policy positions and overviews before regional policymakers.

Honourable Chair, our Space Law and Policy (SLP) Project Group is proactively building space law capacities worldwide by drafting, reporting and sharing space law knowledge with our National Points of Contact, with a special focus on the African continent. The Project Group is also conducting several high-level studies on key space law topics, like the use of remote sensing data for the benefit of all humankind, the national implementation of the UN Long Term Sustainability Guidelines, and the history and status of space security mechanisms.

All Distinguished Delegations interested in learning more about our efforts in the areas of space law, policy & advocacy are warmly invited to consult our Conference Room Paper nr. 12 and join our two technical presentations on the afternoon of April 6th.

In summary, Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, SGAC has shown positive growth over the past year, which would not have been possible without the tireless effort of our volunteers, as well as the support of our international partners and sponsors, including Lockheed Martin, NASA, Space Foundation, Northrop Grumman, Secure World Foundation, the European Space Agency, the German Aerospace Centre (DLR), the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the French Space Agency (CNES), the UK Space Agency, ArianeGroup, Airbus, and many others.

As we plan our activities ahead, we want to reflect on the hard work and outstanding efforts from SGAC members, as well as our mission as the leading international space youth organisation. With the experience acquired from the past year, SGAC is gearing up with optimism and encouragement towards a better 2022.

To conclude, being an Observer Organisation to this Honourable Committee is invaluable to SGAC, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to report about our activities to you and its Distinguished Delegations.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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