



Agenda Item – 7

INTERVENTION BY KENYA AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE (LSC) OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS) HELD IN VIENNA FROM THE 28TH MARCH TO 8TH APRIL, 2022 - AGENDA 7: MATTERS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND UTILIZATION OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT

Thank you, ***Madam Chair***,

1. Kenya fully supports the equitable use of geostationary orbit, and welcomes further discussion with Member States towards achieving consensus on a mutually beneficial model for the exploitation of the geostationary orbit.
2. Kenya also opines that there is a relationship between the establishment of a system of space traffic management and the definition and the delimitation of outer space, and we support a combined discussion of the two.
3. Further, Kenya is of the view that there is also a relationship between suborbital flights for scientific missions and/or human transportation and the definition and delimitation of outer space.
4. However, there is still no legal regime governing suborbital space and the use of the geostationary orbit. In this regard, we are of the view that this needs to be addressed first before we can proceed to exploit the outer space in a manner that safeguards the economic, security and other interests of all States in conformance with the spirit of the Treaty on Outer Space.
5. Lastly, ***Madam Chair***, the geostationary orbit is at risk of being saturated by satellites which are being deployed to exploit latest technologies. This is threatening the sustainability of space activities. We urge that such exploitation should be rationalized and also made available to all States, under equitable conditions bearing in mind particular needs of developing countries as well as their geographic locations. Kenya supports further discussion on this matter.

I thank you.