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Thank you, Honourable Chair.



The Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, would like to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Legal Subcommittee and thank Professor Setsuko Aoki for her thought leadership in guiding its previous meetings. We also would like to thank the Secretariat for their impeccable work in preparation for this session, and deeply appreciate the opportunity to report on the recent activities of SGAC in the areas of space law, policy and advocacy.

Honourable Chair, to intensify our efforts in these areas, SGAC recently established a new Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform (SGAPP) to coordinate and convey the contributions of the young generations with a united voice. Thanks to this Platform, every year SGAC will release united space policy positions on behalf of the youth and comprehensive overviews of the policy and advocacy activities conducted by our members. Our Platform is also provided with regional divisions, like our well-known US Task Force, championing our policy positions and spearheading the development of tailored recommendations before local policymakers.

This year, in harmony with the strategy outlined in “Our Common Agenda” by His Excellency the Secretary General of the United Nations, we will develop our united policy position on the role of space in the fight against climate change. In synergy with the 2022 theme of the World Space Week, we will dedicate our first policy overview to showcase the youth’s contributions for space sustainability.

Honourable Chair, SGAC is especially committed to the peaceful and sustainable development of the Moon. At the previous session of this Subcommittee, we presented the EAGLE Report on Lunar Governance to outline the proposals of the young generations in this critical area. Today, the EAGLE Report became a globally referenced document within the lunar governance debate, and we are actively working to implement it in cooperation with several international partners.

Together with the Global Space Law Center at Cleveland-State University, we are working to support the development of enhanced practices for information sharing through the expanded use of Article XI of the Outer Space Treaty. We are also pleased to closely cooperate with the Global Expert Group on Sustainable Lunar Activities (GEGSLA) convened by the Moon Village Association on minimum coordination mechanisms for safe and sustainable lunar activities. Finally, this year SGAC became a Convener of the Moon Dialogs initiative, joining a prestigious group that includes other Observer organisations like the Open Lunar Foundation, the Secure World Foundation, and For All Moonkind.



In the area of space resources, we note with great appreciation the establishment of a working group under the thoughtful leadership of its Chair Ambassador Andrej Miztal and Vice-Chair Professor Steven Freeland, and we stand ready to provide our support in accordance with its terms of reference.

Honourable Chair, our Space Law and Policy Project Group is currently building space law capacities worldwide by drafting, reporting and sharing space law knowledge with our National Points of Contact. The Project Group is committed to supporting the development of space law and policy infrastructure on the African continent, with our draft space policy for the Republic of Uganda currently undergoing a second reading. The Project Group has also organised capacity-building seminars in Singapore on practical aspects of licensing, authorization and supervision in lieu of domestic space legislation, with similar initiatives germinating in Trinidad & Tobago, Canada, and India.

SGAC's vision is to employ the creativity and vigour of youth in advancing humanity through the peaceful uses of space. Therefore, we strongly believe that all nations with relevant capacities should enable the use of remote sensing to monitor fundamental human rights violations. Our SLP Project Group is therefore continuing its global consultations to advance the use of remote sensing data for the benefit of all humankind. The Project Group is also finalising two important reports, one on the measures adopted by a diverse cohort of 20 countries for the implementation of the UN Long Term Sustainability Guidelines, and one on the history and status of space security mechanisms, in both cases to identify existing gaps and encourage best practices.

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

In conclusion, we are grateful for the opportunity to report before this Honourable Subcommittee, and stand ready to cooperate with all interested parties for the peaceful, prosperous, safe and sustainable uses of outer space.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.