



**Statement of APSCO Delegation at the  
61<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legal Subcommittee of  
the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

**Vienna, 28 March–8 April 2022**

**Agenda Item 5.** Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.

Wednesday, 30 March, Afternoon (3–5 p.m. Vienna time)

Thursday, 31 March, Morning (11 a.m.–1 p.m. Vienna time)

**Dear Chair, Distinguished Delegates,**

It is my privilege to make this statement on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), regarding the Agenda Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law, at the Sixty-first session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

**Dear Chair,**

My delegation extends full trust and confidence in your leadership in steering this Session to a successful conclusion with positive support of the Secretariat. We appreciate the efforts of the OOSA Director, Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo and the Secretary of the Subcommittee, Mr. Niklas Hedman and the all the staff for successfully organizing this session.

**Dear Chair, Distinguished Delegates,**

Space law and policy is one of the core areas of APSCO's Development Plan and is an essential element for APSCO's role to contribute in the inclusive development of Member States in the field of space. Apart from technical projects and training and education activities, legal and policy issues related to space activities holds equal importance and are equally crucial. In this regard, for the new decade "Strategy for Space Law and Policy of APSCO (2021-2030)" has been developed. This strategy focuses on enhancing the role of APSCO in the field of space law and policy to provide more practical benefits to Member States and strengthening the contribution of APSCO in the international community in the fields of space law and policy.

APSCO considers capacity building as the most crucial pillar for responsible behavior and promotion of international space law. APSCO has been making efforts to help its Member States and region by providing them opportunities related to capacity building in space law, that varies from degree education to training and consultation.

Details of the capacity building initiatives shall be provided in a separate statement under the Capacity Building, Agenda Item 9.

**Dear Chair, Distinguished Delegates,**

APSCO promotes International Cooperation in Space Law and Policy and has been actively cooperating with international space community for various activities.

In the year 2020, APSCO and UNOOSA have agreed to sign an agreement to have APSCO/UNOOSA joint cooperation on capacity building in national space legislation for APSCO Member States.

Ms. Yu Qi, the Secretary-General of Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO) and Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo, the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) signed this cooperation agreement on 15th February 2022, virtually, for Technical Workshop on National Space Legislation for APSCO Member States.

The technical workshop includes four phases of implementation, that will cover comprehensive capacity building to Member States of APSCO for developing National Space Legislation, assessing the needs of APSCO Member States and offer help in drafting National Space Law/Policy, and the implementation of international space treaties, raising national and regional awareness levels of the fundamental principles of international space law and facilitating Member States to have interaction with expertise, seek consultancy and learn about important aspects related to the development of National Space Legislation.

Within the agreement scope, APSCO Member States will have the opportunities for interaction with experts, seek consultancy and learn about important aspects related to the development of National Space Legislation through workshop.

Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), in collaboration with European Space Agency (ESA) and China Institute of Space Law (CISL) organized the Space Law Workshop in Sanya, China on 6-8 September 2021. The theme of the workshop was “Regional Cooperation Schemes on Space Law and Policy”.

The workshop was attended by representatives from the Embassies of Bangladesh, France, Mongolia, Iran, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Russia and Turkey in Beijing and representatives from 10 universities from China, onsite. Besides, the delegates from APSCO Member States, ESA Member States and representatives from space agencies and space institutions from around 40 countries, participating online in the workshop.

Developing regional and international alliance of space law institutions was listed as one of the key strategic areas in the “APSCO Strategy for Space Law and Policy of APSCO (2021-2030)” which was approved by the APSCO Council in 2020. The first meeting on APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA) was organized by APSCO on 7th September, 2021, during APSCO/ESA/CISL Space Law Workshop, in Sanya, China. The meeting was aimed at discussing the idea of establishing APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA). Ten universities from China have participated the first meeting. The second meeting on discussing APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA) initiative was organized by APSCO on 18th October, 2021 in virtual format. The representatives from space organizations, institutions and universities from Member States of APSCO attended the meeting. Each space organization, institution and university representative also introduced their initiatives and work in the field of space law and policy. In total, 60 representatives from 38 different space organizations, institutions and universities attended the second meeting. The third meeting of APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA) is planned to be organized in May 2022.

**Dear Chair, Distinguished Delegates,**

APSCO and its Members are strongly committed and strongly support international space cooperation especially through UNOOSA mechanism, and we welcome all nations to cooperate with us for exploring and exploiting peaceful uses of outer space to bring and share benefits to enhancing prosperity together.

APSCO is open to all countries and the space community to cooperate for peaceful uses of outer space.

I thank you all for your attention.

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