

## Germany, Item 9

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### Statement by Germany

#### Agenda item 9 – Capacity-building in space law

Honorable Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,

Germany welcomes the various initiatives of UNOOSA, COPUOS Member States, academia, legal experts, and private actors to enhance awareness and understanding with respect to national and international legal frameworks for space activities.

Despite unprecedented global challenges, this Committee and UNOOSA continue to take **multifaceted and far-reaching efforts** in raising awareness for space activities and the role of rules and principles as prerequisite to conducting outer space activities in conformity with international law. We reiterate our appreciation of the UNOOSA **“Space Law for New Space Actors” project**. Since 2019 it is providing institutional capacity-building tailored to the needs and requirements of policy-makers and legislators of the requesting Member State.

Germany continues to attach great importance to supporting this Committee and UNOOSA as **unique platforms for international cooperation** in its multifaceted efforts to raise awareness and increase understanding of the role of space activities for modern society as well as the international instruments of space law.

In this regard, we continue to actively participate in and contribute to international conferences and webinars as vehicle for multilateral dialogue and **common understandings of the international legal regime for outer space activities**. Allow me to mention a few examples in this respect:

- the ongoing UNOOSA/UK Promoting Space Sustainability Project, enabling awareness-raising and capacity building related to the implementation of the LTS Guidelines; and
- the UNOOSA “Tips on the Implementation of the LTS and SDM Guidelines” webinar in December 2021.

Additional tools to promote the understanding of the *corpus juris spatialis* are commentaries, guidance documents, and education tools available and accessible in different languages. In this regard, we would like to announce that in addition to the existing versions of the “Cologne Commentary on Space Law”, the translations in Arabic, Bengali and Spanish are about to become available. With these translations, the project coordinated in Germany by the Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law in Cologne, realizes important contributions to disseminate specialist information and sound interpretations of space law internationally and to further the understanding of the principles of international space law by making them available in different languages.

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promoting and educating the new generation of space lawyers and policy advisers is another decisive factor. The German delegation can report about excellent space related study programs and we strongly promote the enrolment of students from abroad as well as international exchange programs. In preparation of this session, we also provided an update to the “Directory of education opportunities in Space Law” to inform interested young space lawyers about the range of studies.

Thank you for your kind attention.