

Thank you Chair for giving me floor.

As outlined at the Scientific and Technical Sub-committee of COPUOS and in the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities working group, the UK has been the sole funder of an UNOOSA project, entitled *Awareness-raising and capacity-building related to the implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (LTS Guidelines)*, since 2021.

As delegates will be aware, phase 1 saw the publication of the LTS guidelines in all six official languages of the UN in an accessible format; an infographic series explaining the guidelines; and three expert events, which saw the collection of over 45 operational case studies focused on implementation. These outputs can be accessed on spacesustainability.unoosa.org

Phase 2 – from November 2021 until March 2022 – saw UNOOSA conduct interviews with 37 Member States and 5 international organisations on challenges that they may have had in implementing the guidelines and potential capacity-building needs. The UK appreciated the need an inclusive process, this is why we also provided extra-budgetary contributions to allow for some interviews to take place in all six-official languages of the UN.

Given the UK's commitment to implementing and building capacity on the LTS Guidelines, we're pleased that the output of phase 2 of the project, namely a consolidated, anonymised publication of the findings of the interview series, is currently being finalised by UNOOSA. We believe that this will be useful for Member States, industry and all relevant stakeholders. In this regard, we would like to give participants of the interview series a 'heads-up' that UNOOSA and the UK will be communicating about a potential launch event or webinar in the coming weeks to discuss the findings.

Finally Chair, let me once again thank the Secretariat and the Staff of UNOOSA for their hard work to date in facilitating awareness-raising and capacity-building in relation to the LTS guidelines.