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**Statement by Ambassador Barbara Žvokelj,  
Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the International Organisations in Vienna,  
at the 62nd Session of the Legal Sub-Committee of the  
United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,  
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*Madame Chairperson,*

In addition to what has been said on behalf of the European Union, including condemning in the strongest possible terms Russia's unjustified and unlawful war of Russia against Ukraine, I would like to make a few short comments in my national capacity.

*Madame Chairperson,*

In recent years, my country has been strengthening its space-related activities, including by launching its first satellites in 2020. Due to the expansion of activities of the Slovenian space sector, a need for legal regulation of this important field has arisen. Our first Space Activities Act entered into force in April last year. The accompanying regulation was adopted by the Government in September.

With this, among other things, the legal framework for registration of spaced objects was created and the national space registry could be established. Consequently, in December last year Slovenia registered its three satellites in line with the Registration Convention (The Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space).

*Madame Chairperson,*

We have experienced steady growth of the Slovenian space sector in the past years, space-related activities in the industry, research institutions, as well as in the Government have markedly increased. Among other things, Slovenia reaffirmed stronger engagement in the European Space Agency in terms of finances as well as enrolment in additional optional programs. Slovenia's aspiration to become a full member of ESA and an even more diligent space player has led to the drafting of our first national space strategy. The strategy is envisaged to be adopted by the end of this year.

*Madame Chairperson,*

My delegation welcomes the work of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, we are adamant

that it is essential to approach this important topic multilaterally through this distinguished Committee. Finally, I would like to highlight the importance of international cooperation with regard to space related activities, from regulation and safety to sustainable use of outer space.

*Thank you, Madam Chairperson.*