

Speech made by Azerbaijan delegate on UN COPUOS LTC 63rd session 2024 April 17th morning meeting

- Distinguished Legal Subcommittee members and observers, it is our honour to participate at this session. We extend our thanks to Madam Nomfunenko Majaja of South Africa for chairing the Legal Subcommittee. We congratulate professor Ripol of Spain and wish him successful and productive chairmanship. We also wish success to Mrs. Aarti Hola Maini in directing the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs.
- With appreciation we note - the honorable Director here on the first meeting iterated on the risks related to space debris, on the importance of space navigation as a way toward sustainable progress in the space activities. Those topics and other space-related topics have impact to the Earth environment and climate. And in this regard, we suggest all members and observers to join and actively participate at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP29, which will convene this year on November 11th in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Raising awareness, speaking on problems and proposing solutions may be our valid expectation from the proactive work, which the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs and COPUOS perform bringing good and desirable outputs to the world. In particular in Azerbaijan, the Parliament adopted last year the Law on Space activities and now we further develop our national space legislation. For example, our space legislation acknowledges - space objects may also be designated for settlement (habitation) missions. The Ministry of Digital Development and Transport is the governmental authority to run the Azerbaijan national register of space objects, this is a movable property register. The Space Agency (Azercosmos) is the national space operator responsible for coordinating the national activities in outer space and technical monitoring over such activities.
- It is excellent - UNOOSA helps the member States to develop their national space legislation. The Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan also is ready to share its 15-year experience in drafting the space legislation. Very recently we were new entrant to the space domain. Our purpose is to establish understandable and strait-forward national legislative framework enabling the safe ways of gaining knowledge, experience and money in the course of doing space activities. Make sure that the legal instruments serve to creation of the space ecosystem, with the following particular components: education, job places, scientific research, commercial business, and investment opportunities.
- Technological development is one of our nation's priorities and for that in the space domain we continue working out the efficient and productive legislative acts governing the space activities. Thank you, with this I conclude the statement.