

**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Strengthening space governance so as to maintain a safe and sustainable outer space for the benefit of present and future generations is our common goal.

The existing international legal regime to that end provides a sound basis for space activities.

As one of the few member states party to all UN Space Treaties, we call upon those who have not yet done so, to sign and ratify all the five Treaties in order to ensure a safe, secure, sustainable and peaceful outer space.

Our membership to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) is also the illustration of our commitment to the peaceful use and exploration of outer space.

Mr. Chairperson and Distinguished Delegates,

Türkiye has been expanding its space activities and capabilities, especially for the last 20 years.

In line with these progressive national policies, Türkiye announced its National Space Programme for the period of 2022-2030, on 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021.

After the main goals under the Programme were announced in 2021 by President Erdoğan, the Strategy Document for the National Space Programme was published on 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, which is also available on the website of the Turkish Space Agency.

The Strategy Document highlights critical areas of development in the space field as well as the main goals that will be pursued till 2030. These goals include;

1. Moon Research Programme
2. Unification of Satellite Production Under a Single Framework and Indigenous Satellite Development Programme
3. Regional Navigation and Timing System (BKZS) Programme
4. Access to Space and Spaceport Programme
5. Technological Research on Space Weather
6. Observation and Tracking of Space Objects from the Ground
7. Development of the Space Industry Ecosystem
8. Establishment of Space Technology Development Region
9. Space Awareness and Human Resource Development
10. Turkish Astronaut and Science Mission Programme

Distinguished Participants,

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With regard to international planning efforts in space technology development and its applications, Türkiye attaches great importance to and fully supports the implementation of two important UN documents, namely, (1) The “Space2030” Agenda: Space as a Driver of Sustainable Development and (2) Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030). To achieve the full implementation of these two UN General Assembly resolutions, scientific and technical needs of the countries, which are emerging in the space field, should also be addressed.

In addition, Türkiye attaches great significance to the discussions to foster the safety, equitable utilisation and sustainability of outer space. Türkiye believes that finding common solutions to the space related problems in which countries have joint, but differentiated responsibilities, should be done under COPUOS, in cooperation with other relevant UN bodies. These problems especially relate to the space debris, space traffic management and deep space resource utilisation. The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of COPUOS has an important role and responsibility to construct a common ground regarding these issues.

Thank you very much for your attention.