

INTERVENTION OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION
Agenda 13: Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

Madame Chair,

Indonesia welcomes the Preamble and 21 Guidelines on long-term sustainability of outer space activities (LTS Guidelines), as agreed by Committee at its 61st session in 2019. We are looking forward to see the implementation of these guidelines.

Indonesia also will join to consensus on the Committee report, among other the establishment, under a five-year work plan, new working group under the agenda item on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

Indonesia is of the view that while COPUOS has had significant progress with the consensus for its 21 Guidelines and Preamble, it should not leave out the discussions on the remaining Guidelines.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia appreciates all the efforts carried out in initiating new Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. Indonesia is ready to restart the negotiations on the LTS Guidelines, with a view to finalizing the rest of the guidelines.

We believe that progress on the voluntary guidelines is urgent if the international community is to respond to the ever-evolving challenges to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. The increasing number of space actors and activities, the saturation risk of the geostationary orbit, the growing dependence to space technologies, are among the factors that highlight the importance of global governance in space.

Guaranteeing a safe and secure outer space requires sustainable use by all countries. Indonesia stresses the importance of resumption and conclusion of negotiation on the Guidelines on the LTS.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia associates itself with the statement by the Group of 77 and China, and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

Since 13 August 2013, Indonesia has enacted the Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 21 of 2013 on Space Activities. The aim of the Law as stated in article 2 of the Law, among others to: ensure the sustainability of the Space Activities for the benefit of the present and the future generations, provide the legal basis and legal certainty in the Space Activities, and achieve Safety and Security in the Space Activities. Article 7 of the Law, also stated that the Space Activities area carried out by taking into account, among other security and safety, protection and management of the earth and space environment, and Indonesian and international law.

This law is in line with the Guidelines on the LTS, in particular with Guideline A.1 “Adopt, revise and amend, as necessary, national regulatory frameworks for outer space activities.”

I thank you.