



SECURE WORLD FOUNDATION

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Madam Chair, distinguished delegates, and observers,

On behalf of the Secure World Foundation, I appreciate this opportunity to present an update on the Foundation's work since February 2024 in support of the aims of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

Secure World Foundation focuses its activities on three primary themes. The first is ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities; the second is fostering the development of sound space policy and law; and the third is enhancing the use of space technology and international cooperation to support human and environmental security on Earth.

In July 2024, Secure World Foundation organized the sixth *Summit for Space Sustainability* in Tokyo, Japan. We thank our co-host, the Cabinet Office, Space Policy Secretariat, of the Government of Japan, for the successful collaboration and co-organization of the event. The Summit was attended in-person and online by more than 550 participants from 37 states. Key themes discussed included: active debris removal progress and challenges; regional space situational awareness initiatives and their connection to global efforts and partnership models, and sustainability challenges presented by space exploration activities. In 2025, the seventh Summit for Space Sustainability will be held in Europe in the fourth quarter of the year. Details will be announced soon and will be available at the website [swfsummit.org](https://www.swfsummit.org).

In October of 2024, SWF released the second edition of the *Handbook for New Actors in Space*. This guide provides up-to-date information on the existing legal frameworks, national regulation and policy, and operational best practices for safe and sustainable space activities. We also take this opportunity to remind delegations of our publication titled *COPUOS Briefing Book*, which is a comprehensive guide to the history and current work of COPUOS and its two subcommittees. Both

of these publications are available in electronic format on our website, and our delegation also has a small number of printed copies available for distribution here at this session.

Since the last session of the STSC, we have continued our efforts to address and improve space situational awareness data sharing and collaboration. In October of 2024, SWF and Singapore's Office for Space Technology & Industry co-organized the ASEAN Space Policy Expert Exchange Seminar alongside the 33rd ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications in Singapore. Key topics included the implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, and the relationship of space situational awareness capabilities to access and benefit from space applications.

Also in October, the Foundation supported the first UN Space Bridge event on Space Traffic Coordination, which was convened by the Office for Outer Space Affairs at the UN Headquarters in New York City. This event brought together experts from governments and the commercial sector to discuss the way forward to address the complex issues of space traffic coordination in multilateral fora.

In this regard, we take note of Conference Room Paper 3 submitted by the delegation of the United Arab Emirates, which contains a proposal for the establishment of an expert group on space situational awareness within the framework of the STSC. We believe this to be a very timely and much needed initiative to start discussions aimed at developing practical information-sharing practices to aid operational coordination and improve orbital safety, as was envisaged in the LTS guidelines, adopted by COPUOS in 2019. We believe that the establishment of such an expert group would be a step in the right direction to advance global cooperation in SSA information sharing and coordination. We will deliver a further statement on this under Agenda item 11.

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates, the Secure World Foundation looks forward to continuing to support the Committee's efforts to achieve and sustain the continued peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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