



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE**

**OEWG on Reducing Space Threats Through Norms, Rules, and Principles of
Responsible Behaviours (Topic 7)**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Regarding on Topic 7, we are of the view that experiences and best practices should be shared for the common good.

States should publish their space military and security strategies, policies, doctrines, and expenditures.

With this opportunity, we would like to give some information about the National Space Program of Türkiye which governs strategies in the scope of peaceful uses of outer space.

Guided by the word and spirit of international treaties and with contributions from national and international stakeholders, the Turkish Space Agency has prepared the National Space Program (2022-2030).

The Program was launched, and ten main goals were announced on 9 February 2021 by the President of the Republic of Türkiye.

Consistently, the Strategy Document for the National Space Program of Türkiye was also published, English version of which is available on the website of the Turkish Space Agency.

The said program includes various goals and instruments, such as:

1. Moon Research Program
2. Unification of Satellite Production Under a Single Framework and National Satellite Development Program

3. Regional Navigation and Timing System (BKZS) Program
4. Access to Space and Spaceport Program
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 Program

Among these objectives, I also would like to briefly refer you to the observation and tracking of space objects from the ground.

As discussed in these sessions, space threats, especially related to the increasing number of space debris, are very critical to protecting States' space assets.

Türkiye would like to achieve space situational awareness through the monitoring of active satellites, space debris and near-space objects from the ground with optical systems and, in the future, from space-related systems to ensure the safety of space assets and planning space operations with minimum risk.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.