



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

**OEWG on Reducing Space Threats Through Norms, Rules, and Principles of  
Responsible Behaviours (Topic 8)**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

The international community is seriously concerned about the possibility of an arms race in space. We would like to reemphasize the importance of the peaceful use of space, the prevention of arms race in space, and the protection of space as a peaceful, safe, stable, secure and sustainable environment.

Regarding the norms, rules and principles relating to information exchange and risk reduction notifications pertaining to outer space activities, we recommend the following points:

- Contact lists for emergencies should be shared among States' related authorities.
- Direct communication channels must be established to avoid misunderstandings and miscalculations.
- Exchange of information, transparency and situational awareness among States should be provided.
- States should refrain from proximity operations; otherwise should aim for the greatest possible transparency in their operations. Every potentially dangerous on-orbit situation must be conveyed in advance.
- For launches into space, timely and simultaneous information sharing would be important for States that might be affected by re-entering space objects.

Mr. Chair,

As Türkiye, we support the proposed measures listed for trust and confidence building in the cross-regional working paper submitted by Germany and the Philippines. These measures could be a positive step towards enhancing international peace and security and preventing conflict in space, including an arms race in space.

Thank you.