

**OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON REDUCING SPACE THREATS THROUGH
NORMS, RULES AND PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOURS**

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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1. Thank you, Mr. Chair,
2. Esteemed delegates,
3. The UAE welcomes the third session of the OEWG and believes that the valuable outcomes of our discussions will contribute into creating a safe, secure, and sustainable outer space environment.
4. On this occasion, we would like to assure our commitment to supporting decisions that maintain the peaceful uses of outer space and the long-term sustainability of space activities and the space environment.
5. The UAE does not consider the space sector a race. We look at it as a sector that enables international cooperation, builds capabilities, and serves humankind.
6. Considering the importance of space accessibility, the UAE supports finding common norms that will minimize current risks without enforcing any instruments that could limit us or any other country from building capabilities in space systems.
7. In conclusion, the UAE appreciates the effort this working group has been putting towards reducing the risks of space threats. We hope these efforts fill the regulatory gaps resulting from technological advancements in space systems.
8. Thank you, Mr. Chair.