

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

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

1. Thank you, Mr. Chair,
2. Esteemed delegates,
3. The United Arab Emirates assures its full support and looks forward to working actively with all delegations to ensure fair and successful outcomes.
4. It is undeniable that outer space nowadays is facing several challenges and many space applications plays a vital role in our daily life; our security depends on space both directly and indirectly. Therefore, any infringement to these fundamentals may result in disasters that are hard to repair.
5. The UAE believes that the recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures, such as exchanging information about space policies, space systems development programs, objects in Earth orbits, State's principles and goals regarding the exploration and use of outer space, will help on increasing transparency and reduce military tension in space.
6. There is an urgent need to strengthen trust and transparency between states and such a need cannot be satisfied without collective, and collaborative effort from all to achieve global peace and security.
7. We believe in the importance of the coordination and involvement of intergovernmental organizations and relevant working groups including: UNODA, OEWG, COPUOS, and UNOOSA in drafting the final recommendations and workplans concerning reducing space threats. In addition, to encourage communication and coordination between the relevant UN bodies, we propose that you as a chair invite representatives from UNOOSA and COPUOS to attend OEWG meetings as observers.

8. To this end, we urge all states to work closely together to achieve the goal of this group in reducing space threats through norms, rules, and principles of responsible behaviors.

9. Thank you, Mr. Chair.