

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 delegations,
3. We truly appreciate the constructive progress of the working group during our third session.
4. The UAE strongly believes in the importance of equal access to space, and in this context we stress the importance of states to carry out their space activities in a spirit of responsibility and transparency, in accordance with the principles of international practices.
5. 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.
6. The UAE established its National Space Law and national Space Objects Registry, as well as a various space legislation calling for peace and limiting space threats, including the space debris mitigation guidelines and the Space Science and Technology Policy which defines our priorities.
7. We believes in the importance of dialogue and calling on all parties to take measures that contribute to harnessing space to improve quality of life, find solutions to issues that may pose a threat to space activities, and bridge the regulatory gaps resulting from rapid technological advancements in space systems.
8. In this regard, last December, we hosted the Abu Dhabi Space Debate with participation of more than 300 decision-makers, representatives of space agencies, ministers, private companies and space commands from more than 47 countries.
9. The dialogue hosted a space commands session and a space sustainability session, where the recommendations included:
 - It is crucial to encourage broad lateral space cooperation, including military and public private cooperation, rather than relying solely on the space security of a single country.
 - To be inclusive and provide equity and adequate assets in space for all nations.

- Reducing space threats is enabled by collective cooperation and responsibility of all nations.
- It is important to draw a threshold between unacceptable behavior and an accident.
- promote large lateral space cooperation, including military to military and public private cooperation.
- Establish a methodology for states to contribute and benefits from each other's collective peaceful knowledge.
- Interoperate and communicate planned maneuvers versus maneuvers in real time.
- Forming an international space framework, strategy, and setting new programs in the governmental sector while regulating the growing private sector to limit and reduce potential threats.
- Leveraging cooperation on space projects, to deepen the security and prosperity on earth by utilizing satellites imagery to avert conflicts.
- Share knowledge, expertise and information in the field and maximize utilization of space data by facilitating access for all.

10. In conclusion, we affirm our full support for the OEWG efforts in disarmament and nonproliferation. and we continuously encourage member states to actively participate in these discussions and commitments to ensure the sustainability of outer-space.

11. Thank you Mr. Chair