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**Finland's Statement in the 63rd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the  
UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (2–13 February 2026)**

Agenda Item 4 – General exchange of views

*Thank you, Madam Chair, Good morning*

I would like to begin by thanking you for chairing this session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and express our delegation's support to the important work of COPUOS. We thank the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs for the continuous and excellent work in the organization of the COPUOS meetings.

International co-operation is key in the space domain and COPUOS is an indispensable forum for such co-operation. In this spirit, we welcome Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Honduras, Malta, Maldives, and Zimbabwe as the new States members of the Committee.

*Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,*

Finland aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

The Finnish national registry of space objects currently contains 25 satellites that are still in orbit. These are small satellites that have played a great role in the rapid growth of our New Space ecosystem. Most of the Finnish satellites are earth observation satellites and satellite-based earth observation is a key strength of the Finnish space industry.

Multilateral and bilateral collaborations are important parts of Finnish space policy. In the European Space Agency (ESA) Council of Ministers in 2025 we ensured our continued engagement in international cooperation and technological development under ESA programmes in the fields of earth observation, telecommunication and space safety among others. The EU Space Programme is another important framework for our collaborations. As an active member of the EU SST Partnership, Finland has recently established the national Space Situational Awareness Centre that collaborates with other SSA providers internationally.

*Madam Chair,*

Space Situational Awareness and Space Traffic Management are critical for keeping the space environment safe and usable. Accordingly, we welcome the SSA Expert Group under the LTS Working Group here in the STSC and wish success for its work. Also, in recognizing space weather monitoring as a relevant component in SSA, we extend our thanks to the World Meteorological Organization for their continued support in coordinating space weather forecasts internationally. Furthermore, we reiterate our hopes for the UNISPACE IV to be an opportunity to further the discussions on guiding space traffic on the global level.

*Thank you, Madam Chair.*