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**Finland's Statement in the 65th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 15-22 April 2026**

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*Thank you, Chair, good morning.*

I would like to begin my statement by congratulating you for your election as the Chair of the Legal Subcommittee and expressing our support to the important work of COPUOS. We reiterate our appreciation to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs for facilitating the COPUOS meetings that hold great significance for international co-operation in the space arena.

*Chair, distinguished delegates,*

Finland aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union, including the condemnation of the Russia's illegal and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine. I also make the following remarks in our national capacity.

We have thriving New Space industry in Finland, and we regard space as a strategic sector. Enabling legislation that can adapt to rapid changes while also setting a standard for safe and sustainable space activities is essential for the sustainable growth of the space sector. For us exchange with other States on lessons learned and sharing best practices are key in keeping our legislation up-to-date and in line with international developments.

Implementing the UN Space Treaties in a coherent manner requires coordination at the global level. We recognize COPUOS as the primary forum for ensuring that regulatory developments are carried out in accordance with international law. Seeking and promoting mutual understanding through such co-operation is essential, in order to provide a stable and predictable operating environment for our space business to thrive and grow.

*Chair,*

As space is increasingly important to different sectors in society, it also becomes vital to keep the strategic infrastructure operating and space environment usable and free from conflicts. We underline the need for constructive and solution-oriented discussions on space traffic, space debris and space resources in line with the Pact for the Future.

In this spirit, we express our gratitude for the successful start of the SSA Expert Group in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee as well as the progress of the Space Resources Working Group in this Subcommittee. We also highlight our gratitude to Germany for all their efforts in the important theme on space traffic.

*Thank you Chair and distinguished delegates,*