



Agenda Item 5
General Exchange of Views

Mr Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of UNISEC-Global, I would like to express my appreciation to Professor Teodoro Valente, Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), and Ms Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), for their continued support and for inviting us to address this Committee.

Over the past two decades, we have worked with students, universities, and space communities around the world. Through these activities, we have created opportunities for people to participate in space activities and have seen their impact.

Space activities, once accessible to only a limited number of countries and institutions, are now reaching a much broader community. We have seen students build satellites, universities establish space programs, and countries take their first steps toward becoming active participants in space activities.

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the CanSat/CubeSat Leader Training Program, or CLTP. Through this program, participants from more than 60 countries have returned home and launched CanSat activities, educational programs, and, in some cases, CubeSat projects. What started as training for individuals has often grown into sustainable activities within universities, institutions, and national space communities.

We have also seen encouraging developments through the Mission Idea Contest. Each year, students and researchers are invited to explore how space can help address challenges on Earth. Looking at our planet from space, they identify issues affecting people's daily lives and propose solutions using nano/micro satellites. Many of these ideas focus on natural disasters, environmental monitoring, agriculture, and sustainable development.

Some have evolved into research projects, satellite missions, and startup companies.

Mr. Chair,

In recent years, we have seen growing attention to the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. We have also seen increasing expectations for responsible space activities. We regard these developments as positive. Our experience suggests that responsible behavior grows through participation and experience. Opportunities to learn, operate, collaborate, and innovate help create capable and responsible space actors.

UNISEC-Global remains committed to contributing practical perspectives to discussions on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. We have shared our views through a technical presentation to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and through a contribution to the SSA Expert Group.

This November, UNISEC-Global will hold its annual meeting online. We hope this format will enable broader participation by students, researchers, and practitioners from different regions of the world.

Mr. Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

UNISEC-Global will continue creating opportunities for people around the world to participate in space activities and contribute to society.

We hope to see future generations who naturally think about how space can help solve challenges on Earth, and how the needs of life on Earth can inspire new activities in space.

That is the future we would like to help build together.

Thank you for your attention.

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