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Antalya Declaration on Space for Peace

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Preamble

At the occasion of the 77th International Astronautical Congress held in Antalya, we reaffirm our shared responsibility to keep outer space open for peaceful, secure, and sustainable use for the benefit of all humankind, and call upon States, international organizations, and all relevant stakeholders to strengthen international cooperation and promote responsible, transparent, and lawful space activities.

Acting in accordance with the international treaties and principles relating to outer space adopted within the framework of the United Nations, which recognize outer space as the province of all humankind and commit States to its peaceful use,

Reaffirming the principles enshrined in the fundamental instruments of international space law, including the peaceful use of outer space, the non-appropriation principle, and the use of outer space for the benefit and in the interests of all humankind,

Recognizing the new legal and governance needs arising from rapid technological developments in space activities, the growing diversity of actors, and increasing commercialization,

Considering that outer space is not only a technical and economic domain but also the common province of all mankind and an area of intergenerational responsibility,

Emphasizing that justice, equality, the rule of law, and the public interest are integral elements of space governance,

Recognizing that space technologies have become an integral part of humanity's daily life—supporting communications, navigation, Earth observation, scientific discovery, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and sustainable development,



Acknowledging that space activities contribute decisively to the organization of our shared way of life and to the future of our societies, including the protection of the Earth, the study of climate change, and the advancement of knowledge for present and future generations,

Affirming that space exploration represents a shared ambition of all humanity, transcending political, economic, cultural, and technological divides,

Expressing concern that Earth orbits are becoming increasingly congested and contested, with growing risks posed by space debris, the developments of military capabilities, and the extension of terrestrial tensions and conflicts into outer space,

Recalling the historic role of the International Astronautical Federation, founded in 1951 to foster dialogue across geopolitical divides, and its enduring mission to promote cooperation and understanding among all space actors,

Recognizing the Republic of Türkiye as a nation that has long stood at the crossroads of continents and cultures, and that today affirms its commitment to international dialogue, scientific cooperation, and the peaceful use of outer space,

Emphasizing the urgent need, in a rapidly changing world, to reaffirm peace, responsibility, solidarity, and dialogue as guiding principles for space activities,

We hereby declare the following:

1. Common Province of all Mankind.

We reaffirm that outer space constitutes the common province of all mankind and shall not be subject to appropriation by any State, entity, or private actor.

2. Outer space must remain a domain of peace.

We further reaffirm our commitment to the peaceful use of outer space in a manner consistent with international law for the benefit of all humanity and to the avoidance of actions that could escalate tensions, fuel conflict, or undermine cooperation and dialogue between spacefaring and emerging space nations.

3. Space activities should serve humanity and the Earth.

We commit to promoting space applications that support sustainable development, environmental protection, climate action, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian response, and the well-being of all people.



4. The peaceful and safe use of space is key to the sustainability of space activities.

We promote the peaceful and safe use of outer space, including the mitigation of space debris and the assurance of orbital sustainability.

5. Dialogue and cooperation are essential to space governance.

We underscore the importance of continuous dialogue among governments, space agencies, industry, academia, and civil society, even in times of political tension or conflict, as a means of building confidence.

6. Responsibility in orbit is a shared obligation.

While respecting the responsibilities of States under the international space law, we call for strengthened international cooperation to address space debris, orbital congestion, and the long-term sustainability of space activities, recognizing that the safety of space systems is inseparable from peace and security on Earth.

7. Space exploration should unite rather than divide.

We encourage inclusive participation in space science and exploration, fostering capacity-building, knowledge-sharing, and equitable access for spacefaring and emerging space nations.

8. Equitable and fair access for all.

We support equitable and fair access on mutually acceptable basis, to the benefits derived from the exploration and use of outer space for all States, in particular developing countries.

9. The Antalya Spirit.

Meeting in Antalya under the auspices of the Republic of Türkiye and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) we affirm the role of this Congress as a forum for openness, mutual respect, and constructive engagement.

In this spirit, we recognize Türkiye's contribution as the host country, and we acknowledge the powerful force of the International Astronautical Federation in fostering global dialogue among diverse space actors and in promoting cooperation for the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space.



10. Leadership carries a special responsibility.

We, Ministers, Parliamentarians, and Heads of Space Agencies, gathered in Antalya by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) for the 77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026) call on our political colleagues and space officials to act with foresight and restraint, guided by shared values of peace, responsibility and solidarity, and with awareness of the impact of their decisions on future generations.

Conclusion

Adopted in the spirit of dialogue and mutual respect at the 77th International Astronautical Congress in Antalya, this Declaration expresses our collective resolve to ensure that outer space remains a realm of cooperation, wonder, and peace.

Inspired by humanity's sense of awe before the universe, we affirm our determination to guide space activities toward the progress of science and the good of all humankind, so that space may continue to be a theater of cooperation between nations.