General statement
by
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I have requested for the floor in order to make general statement on the resolution L.14 entitled “No First Placement of Weapons in Outer Space”.

Kazakhstan is sponsoring this resolution in light of the growing robust expansion of the use of space for military, commercial and other purposes, which compels the international community to review outer space from the security and disarmament perspectives.

What is most dangerous is that action by some countries with advanced space warfare technology can result in non-proliferation by other countries also wanting to acquire it, as has happened in the field of nuclear weapons development and modernization. Past experience has proved that such theatre of action can be concealed, thus becoming a major breach of international security.

Kazakhstan has on its territory the Baikonur Cosmodrome and would like develop its space programmes with the assurance that no weapons will be placed in outer space. My country is committed to the peaceful use of outer space which we all consider is a common public good and belongs to all humankind, unfettered by threats to global peace and security.

Therefore we call on all Member States to support this resolution in order to prevent the weponalization of outer space and make it a restricted area for any kind of weapons.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.