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**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**
Legal Subcommittee
Sixty-fifth session
Vienna, 15–22 April 2026

**Request for observer status with the United Nations
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: application
of the Space Debris Foundation (SDF)**

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its thirty-third session, in 1990, the Committee considered guidelines for granting observer status with the Committee to international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The possible criteria suggested by the Outer Space Affairs Division to the Committee at that time were the following:

(a) As part of its programme, the organization should be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

(b) The aims and purposes of the organization should be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

(c) The organization should be a recognized international organization and should have an established headquarters, an executive officer, and a constitution, a copy of which is deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In the case of a non-governmental organization, it should be a non-profit organization.

2. Having considered the matter, the Committee at its thirty-third session, agreed, that in the future non-governmental organizations which request observer status with the Committee should have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and should, as part of their programmes, be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Committee.

3. At its fifty-third session, in 2010, the Committee agreed that observer status would be granted to non-governmental organizations on a provisional basis, for a period of three years, pending information on the status of their application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The Committee also agreed that the provisional observer status could be extended for an additional year, if necessary. The Committee further agreed that it would grant permanent observer status to such non-governmental organizations upon confirmation of their consultative status with the Council.

4. While the Committee's decision did not specifically include the elements referred to in 1 (c) above, it has been the practice of the committee, since its decision



in 1990, to have before it the constitution or statutes of the organization or entity requesting observer status.

5. On 25 December 2025, the Office for Outer Space Affairs received an application for observer status with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space from SDF. The following related correspondence received from SDF is attached to this document:

- (a) Letter from SDF conveying the intention to become a permanent observer of the Committee;
 - (b) Articles of Domestication for Mississippi;
 - (c) Certificate of Amended Registration – Government of the District of Columbia; and
 - (d) Bylaws.
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SPACE DEBRIS FOUNDATION

Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini
Director
Office for Outer Space Affairs
United Nations Office at Vienna
Vienna International Centre
Wagramerstrasse
5 A-1220 Vienna
Austria

Request for observer status with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: Application Space Debris Foundation

Dear Ms. Holla-Maini,

On behalf of the Space Debris Foundation, I am writing to formally apply for the status of permanent observer organisation to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Space Debris Foundation is a non profit organisation operating in Oxford, Mississippi, USA, and Washington, DC, USA. Space Debris Foundation is dedicated to space debris mitigation efforts through advocacy and education. We are a civil society actor working with the government and other non-profits to ensure that there is public awareness of (1) the importance of space, (2) the nature of the space debris problem, and (3) the current policy and legal framework surrounding space debris through our Space Debris Certificate program, to inspire involvement in space debris mitigation efforts, and to provide insight into orbital sustainability efforts.

Space debris has been a major concern for COPUOS — a concern that we share. It is our desire to be a part of the discussion for the development of any potential new guidelines for space debris mitigation and space traffic management. Given the rapid commercialisation of space, and the increased number of spacefaring actors, the guidelines are being pushed to adapt to address contemporary concerns. The Zero Debris Charter proffered by the European Space Agency seems to be gaining traction. We are in the process of becoming a signatory. As a non-profit organisation concerned about orbital sustainability and accessibility, it is our hope to provide meaningful insight and presence in the on-going discussion for this effort to serve both the interest of innovation and responsible stewardship.

Space Debris Foundation activities are relevant to the work of COPUOS, along with the Space2030 Agenda. In looking at Objective 1, it is our goal to raise awareness of the importance of space science and

technology. In recent years, space has been viewed by some as an endeavor for the extremely wealthy and that investing in such efforts is not worthwhile. It is important to counteract that mindset, provided that space-based infrastructure supports everyday activities, while driving critical areas of the economy. Space debris poses a significant risk to space-based infrastructure and threatens the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. The protection of such is a shared goal of COPUOS and our organisation.

Moving to Objective 3, our Space Debris Certificate is geared towards students, professionals, and anyone interested in space. COPUOS has the desire to increase involvement in the space sector and to inspire the interest of young people in space activities. It is our desire to do the same.


Lastly, our organisation aligns with the goals set out in Objective 4, hoping to ensure the long-term sustainability of outer space activities and the preservation of the outer space environment for peaceful uses, as well as enhance the safety of outer space operations. It is important to foster international collaboration to achieve this. We would be honored to be a partner in the implementation of these goals for the Space2030 Agenda, and hope to learn and contribute as observers to COPUOS.

Please see our supportive documents attached below:

- (a) Articles of Domestication for Mississippi
- (b) Certificate of DC Registration
- (c) Bylaws

Thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

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 11/25/2025
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Tate Few
Founder and Executive Director
Space Debris Foundation



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Invoice Number: 15591273

Invoice Date: 12/27/2024

Customer Information

Mr. Tate Garvin Few

Description	Tracking Number	Qty	Item Cost	Amount Paid
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MSI Transaction Fee			\$ 3.14	\$ 3.14
Payment Details				
			Invoice Total:	\$ 53.14
			Payment Total:	\$ 53.14
			Amount Due:	\$ 0.00
Payment Method				
			Payment Type:	Credit Card

Include invoice number on all correspondence and send to:

Mississippi Secretary of State's Office
P.O. Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205

To discuss payment for Corporation items
call:
(601) 359-1633

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Fee: \$ 50



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Michael Watson
Secretary of State

P.O. BOX 136
JACKSON, MS 39205-0136
TELEPHONE: (601) 359-1633

Statement of Domestication

Domestication Information

New State of Domestication: MS

The Plan of Domestication was approved in accordance with MCA §79-37-501 et seq. and the Domestication was approved in accordance with the law of this company's jurisdiction of formation, if any.

In lieu of attaching a public organic record of the converted entity, the following information is provided.

Entity Information

Business Type: Non-Profit Corporation

Business Name: Space Debris Foundation

Business Email: tatefew@spacedebrisfoundation.com

Period of Duration: Perpetual

Initial planned non-profit activity: Other

Purpose: education, research, and advocacy

Former State of Incorporation: SC

NAICS Code/Nature of Business

611430 - Professional and Management Development Training

561920 - Convention and Trade Show Organizers

813319 - Other Social Advocacy Organizations

Registered Agent

Name: Tate Few

Address: 801 Frontage Road, 812
Oxford, MS 38655

Email: tatefew@spacedebrisfoundation.com

Officers & Directors

Name:

Address:

Tate Few
*Director, President, Chairman, Chief
Executive Officer*

801 Frontage Road, 812
Oxford, MS 38655

Signature

By entering my name in the space provided, I certify that I am authorized to file this document on behalf of this entity, have examined the document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete as of this day ***12/27/2024***.

Name:

Tate Few
Chief Executive Officer

Address:

801 Frontage Road, 812
Oxford, MS 38655

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
CORPORATIONS DIVISION



C E R T I F I C A T E

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that all applicable provisions of the District of Columbia Business Organizations Code have been complied with and accordingly, this ***CERTIFICATE OF AMENDED REGISTRATION*** is hereby issued to:

Space Debris Foundation

Effective Date: 2/25/2023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed as of 11/30/2023 1:23 PM

Business and Professional Licensing Administration



Rebecca Janovich

REBECCA JANOVICH
Superintendent of Corporations,
Corporations Division

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

Tracking #: wodbVwiO

Bylaws

Revised: 09/20/2025

BYLAWS
OF
SPACE DEBRIS FOUNDATION

Article 1.

Definitions

Section 1.01 Name. The “Corporation” shall mean: Space Debris Foundation, its successors and assigns.

Section 1.02 Board. The “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Article 2.

Purposes, Objectives and Governing Instruments

Section 2.01 Charitable, Educational, and Scientific Purposes and Powers. The purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, are exclusively charitable, educational, and scientific within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax law (“Section 501(c)(3)”). In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to educate the public on the importance of space and space debris mitigation, encourage workforce development in the field of aerospace, conduct theoretical policy, technical, and legal research on methods of space debris mitigation and current events, and advocate for sustainability and responsible stewardship in the orbital environment.

Section 2.02 Governing Instruments. The Corporation shall be governed by its Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws.

Section 2.03 Nondiscrimination Policy. The Corporation will not practice or permit any unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, color, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, physical handicap or disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Section 2.04 Limitations on Activities. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation operate a social club or carry on business with the general public in a manner similar to an organization operated for profit. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law.

Article 3.

Membership

The Corporation shall have no members.

Article 4.

Directors

Section 4.01 Board Meeting. A meeting of the Board shall be held at a minimum of once per fiscal quarter at such place, on such date and at such time as may be fixed by the Board, for the purpose of receiving reports of the Board and Officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 4.02 Number. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be fixed by the Board, but such number shall not be less than three (3).

Section 4.03 Powers and Duties. Subject to the provisions of law, of the Certificate of Incorporation and of these By-Laws, but in furtherance and not in limitation of any rights and powers thereby conferred, the Board shall have the control and management of the affairs and operations of the Corporation and shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised by the Corporation.

Section 4.04 Additional Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine. Special meetings of the Board may also be called at any time by the Executive Director or by a majority of the Directors present.

Section 4.05 Notice of Meetings. No notice need be given of any annual or regular meeting of the Board. Notice of a special meeting of the Board shall be given by service upon each Director by email before the date designated for such meeting specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting. Any acts or proceedings taken at a Directors' meeting not validly called or constituted may be made valid and fully effective by ratification at a subsequent Directors' meeting that is legally and validly called. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of any Directors' meeting or any waiver thereof need not state the purpose of the meeting, and, at any Directors' meeting duly held as provided in these By-Laws, any business within the legal province and authority of the Board may be transacted.

Section 4.06 Quorum. At any meeting of the Board, a majority of the Directors present shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, should a quorum not be present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time to another time and place, without notice other than announcement at such meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 4.07 Voting. At all meetings of the Board, each Director shall have one vote.

Section 4.08 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or any such committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action.

Section 4.09 Removal. Any Director may be removed for cause by unanimous vote of the Board (excluding the board member in question) provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

Section 4.10 Resignation. Any Director may resign from office at any time by delivering a resignation in writing to the Board of Directors, and the acceptance of the resignation, unless required by its terms, shall not be necessary to make the resignation effective.

Section 4.11 Vacancies. Any newly created directorships and any vacancy occurring on the Board arising at any time and from any cause may be filled by the vote of a majority of the Directors either at a meeting of the Board or through the means described in Section 4.08.

Section 4.12 Committee. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate from among the Directors an executive committee and other standing committees, each consisting of two or more Directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and each of which, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have the authority of the Board. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any such committee, who may replace any absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.

Section 4.13 Virtual Participation. Any one or more members of the Board or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone, Zoom, or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 4.14 Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chairman of the Board, in which they are to manage the overall operations of the organization and carry out its mission according to the strategic direction of the Board.

Section 4.15 Founder and Co-Founder. The Founder and Co-Founder serve as voting members of the Board, and provide strategic direction for the organization. In the case the Founder and the Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director are the same, that person only gets one vote, regardless of serving in two capacities.

Section 4.16 Education Program Director. The Education Program Director is responsible for the management of the Space Debris Certificate Program, and other educational endeavors of the organization. Their role is to oversee planning and implementation of curriculum and logistics related to the organization's educational programs.

Section 4.17 Government Affairs Director The Government Affairs Director is responsible for advocating for the organization's interests by managing relationships with government officials and entities, monitoring legislative and regulatory activity, and providing statements and/or comment to government proposals.

Section 4.18 Finance Director The Finance Director is responsible for financial planning, preparing financial statements, analyzing financial data, financial oversight of the organization, managing financial reporting, and ensuring that the organization is in compliance with 501(c)(3) requirements.

Section 4.19 Marketing and Communications Director The Marketing and Communications Director is responsible for overseeing communication strategies that promote the organization and its services via various communications mediums. They perform market research and manage the organization's newsletter and social media.

Section 4.20 Delegation. In case of the absence of any Officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may at any time and from time to time delegate all or any part of the powers or duties of any Officer to any other Officer or to any Director or Directors.

Article 5.

Bank Accounts, Checks, Contracts and Investments

Section 5.01 Bank Accounts, Checks and Notes. The Board is authorized to select the banks or depositories it deems proper for the funds of the Corporation. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes or other evidences of indebtedness.

Section 5.02 Contracts. The Board may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, no Officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 5.03 Investments. The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal or otherwise, or stocks, bonds or other securities, as the Board may deem desirable.

Article 6.

Indemnification

Section 6.01 Indemnity Under Law. The Corporation shall indemnify and advance the expenses of each person to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 6.02 Additional Indemnification.

(a) The Corporation hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify each of its Directors, Officers, employees and agents (the "Indemnitee") from and against, and to reimburse the Indemnitee for, any and all judgments, fines, liabilities, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred, as a result of or in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, including an action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise for which the Indemnitee served in any capacity at the request of the Corporation, to which the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a party, or is threatened to be made a party, or as a result of or in connection with any appeal therein, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving or at any time serves such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise in any capacity, whether arising out of any breach of the Indemnitee's fiduciary duty as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise under any state or federal law or otherwise; provided, however, that no indemnity pursuant to this Section 2 shall be paid by the Corporation (i) if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnitee establishes that the Indemnitee's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that the Indemnitee personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which the Indemnitee was not legally entitled; or (ii) if a final judgment by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful. The termination of any such civil or criminal action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create any presumption that the Indemnitee acted in bad faith and/or was dishonest.

(b) The obligation of the Corporation to indemnify contained herein shall continue during the period the Indemnitee serves as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation and shall continue thereafter so long as the Indemnitee shall be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee was a Director or Officer of the Corporation or served at the request of the Corporation in any capacity for any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

(c) Promptly after receipt by the Indemnitee of notice of the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding, the Indemnitee will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the Corporation under this Section 2, notify the Corporation of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the Corporation will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to the Indemnitee otherwise than under this Section 2. With respect to any such

action, suit or proceeding as to which the Indemnatee notifies the Corporation of the commencement thereof:

(i) The Corporation will be entitled to participate therein at its own expense; and,

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii, to the extent that it may wish, the Corporation jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified will be entitled to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to the Indemnatee. After notice from the Corporation to the Indemnatee of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the Corporation will not be liable to the Indemnatee under this Section 2 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the Indemnatee in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation or as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii. The Indemnatee shall have the right to employ his or her own counsel in such action, suit or proceeding but the fees and expenses of such counsel incurred after notice from the Corporation of its assumption of the defense thereof shall be at the expense of the Indemnatee unless (A) the employment of counsel by the Indemnatee has been authorized by the Corporation in connection with the defense of such action, (B) the Indemnatee shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Corporation and the Indemnatee in the conduct of the defense of such action, or (C) the Corporation shall not in fact have employed counsel to assume the defense of such action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel for the Indemnatee shall be borne by the Corporation (it being understood, however, that the Corporation shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one counsel for the Indemnatee in connection with any action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances). The Corporation shall not be entitled to assume the defense of any action, suit or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Corporation or as to which the Indemnatee shall have made the conclusion provided for in clause (B) of the preceding sentence of this subpart ii.

(iii) Anything in this Section 2 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not be liable to indemnify the Indemnatee under this Section 2 for any amounts paid in settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. The Corporation shall not settle any action or claim in any manner which would impose any penalty or limitation on the Indemnatee without the Indemnatee's written consent. Neither the Corporation nor any such person will unreasonably withhold their consent to any proposed settlement.

(d) In the event of any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding which may give rise to a right of indemnification from the Corporation to the Indemnatee pursuant to this Section 2, the Corporation shall pay, on demand, in advance of the final disposition thereof, expenses incurred by the

Indemnitee in defending such action, suit or proceeding, other than those expenses for which the Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to clause (ii) of the proviso to part (a) of this Section 2 or part (b) of this Section 2. The Corporation shall make such payments upon receipt of (i) a written request made by the Indemnitee for payment of such expenses, (ii) an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation hereunder, and (iii) evidence satisfactory to the Corporation as to the amount of such expenses. The Indemnitee's written certification together with a copy of the statement paid or to be paid by the Indemnitee shall constitute satisfactory evidence as to the amount of such expenses.

(e) The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses granted to the Indemnitee under this Section 2 shall not be deemed exclusive, or in limitation of any other rights to which the Indemnitee may now or hereafter be entitled under the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation or otherwise under the Corporation's By-Laws, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, any agreement, any vote of members or Directors, any applicable law, or otherwise.

Section 6.03 Limitation. No amendment, modification or rescission of this Article VI shall be effective to limit any person's right to indemnification with respect to any alleged cause of action that accrues or other incident or matter that occurs prior to the date on which such modification, amendment or rescission is adopted.

Article 7.

Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved only upon adoption of a plan of dissolution and distribution of assets by the Board that is consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and with State law.

Article 8.

Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, added to or repealed at any meeting of the Board called for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the Directors present.

Article 9.

Construction

In the case of any conflict between the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation and these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation shall control.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

I do hereby certify that the above stated Bylaws for Space Debris Foundation were approved and revised by the Board of Directors on September 20, 2025.

This document constitutes a complete copy of the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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Tate Few

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Tate Few

Founder

Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Signed by:

Gabriel Boyer

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Co-Founder

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Anthony Dorado

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Education Program Director

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Government Affairs Director