

Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Burundi

The Russian Federation and the Republic of Burundi,

Noting the significance of Outer Space activities as an important factor of social, economic, scientific and technological development of States, as well as its role in maintaining national and global security,

Believe that Outer Space should be used in compliance with international law for the benefit of all Nations, regardless of the level of their economic, scientific or technological development,

Reiterate their commitment to the principle enshrined in Article II of the United Nations Charter – to refrain in international relations from the threat or use of force, including in Outer Space activities – and proceed from the assumption that all States will strictly adhere to that policy,

Declare that they will not in any way be the first to place weapons of any kind in Outer Space, that they will make all possible efforts to prevent Outer Space from becoming an arena for military confrontation and to ensure security in Outer Space activities. The Russian Federation and the Republic of Burundi call upon Outer Space-faring Nations to follow their example.

Signed in Bujumbura on «18» February in the year 2020 and in Moscow on «27» March in the year 2020.

For the Russian Federation

For the Republic of Burundi