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### **Cosmic Girls Foundation Signs MOU with United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to Empower Women in Space**

**April 12, 2025** — *The Hague, Netherlands* — In a groundbreaking move to advance gender equity in the final frontier, the **Cosmic Girls Foundation** is proud to announce the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)**. This partnership solidifies a shared commitment to empower the next generation of female space explorers and advocates for a more inclusive space industry.

With headquarters in both the Netherlands and the United States, **Cosmic Girls Foundation** is on a mission to democratize access to astronaut training and space education for young women across the globe. This new collaboration with UNOOSA marks a significant milestone in that journey.

Through the partnership, Cosmic Girls will:

- **Support global efforts advocating for gender equality in space exploration and STEM education**
- **Provide astronaut training and space readiness programs for girls from underserved communities worldwide**
- **Collaborate with international stakeholders to expand career pathways for women in the space industry** — from astronauts to astrophysicists, engineers, astrobiologists, and beyond
- **Contribute program data to UNOOSA's landmark longitudinal study**, capturing trends in young women's engagement in STEM and aerospace fields
- **Offer grassroots insights to inform global space policy and shape future initiatives for inclusion and representation**

*"We believe space should be accessible to everyone — not just the privileged few. This partnership with UNOOSA is a giant leap forward in making that vision a reality,"* said **Dr. Mindy Howard**, Founder of Cosmic Girls Foundation.

UNOOSA recognizes Cosmic Girls Foundation as a rising force in the global movement to diversify the future of space exploration. This collaboration will leverage innovation, advocacy, and community engagement to help ensure that the next human to walk on the Moon—or Mars—could be a young girl from anywhere on Earth.

**Stay tuned for upcoming initiatives, global programs, and inspirational stories as we continue working together to break barriers and launch dreams into orbit.**

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