



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA

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AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Mr. Chair,

1. My delegation congratulates you, Mr. Chair on your appointment as Chair of the 63rd session of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS (LSC) and assures you of our support throughout the session. We extend our gratitude to the previous Chair of the LSC session, Ms. Nomfuneko Majaja of South Africa.

2. Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to ensure the safe and peaceful uses of outer space, including by actively engaging in the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) programmes as well as organising activities at the national level aimed at strengthening our capacity building efforts in law enforcement and regulations on space activities, in accordance with the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834].

3. In this regard, Malaysia has been continuously involved, engaged and contributed to international and regional efforts pertaining to outer space activities, and requests that more opportunities and particular attention be given to the needs of the developing space-faring nations. This is to ensure that all Member States, regardless of their economic status, will be given equal opportunities and access to outer space.

4. My delegation expresses appreciation to UNOOSA for its continuous support on capacity building initiatives.

5. Malaysia has and will continue working together with all other Member States. In this regard, Malaysia had successfully hosted the first Expert Exchange Seminar on Space Policy on October 25th and 26th, 2023 in Kuala Lumpur. The theme of the seminar was “Empowering ASEAN Space Capacity towards the New Space Economy”, with the participation of officials from UNOOSA, space-related agencies of ASEAN countries namely, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, as well as various Malaysian government agencies.

6. In addition, Malaysia will organise the Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) under the UNOOSA Space Law for New Space Actors Project for the second time in May 2024, after the success of the first TAM in November 2022. Malaysia expresses appreciation to UNOOSA for the opportunity given to five (5) representatives from Malaysia to attend the UN/UNU Regional Space Law Technical Advisory Mission for Asia and the Pacific Countries held from 16 to 18 January 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

7. Malaysia is currently a signatory to two (2) out of the five (5) treaties on space, namely the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (the Outer Space treaty) and the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (ARRA). Malaysia is currently finetuning our obligations and responsibilities for every provision under the treaties prior to becoming a party to these treaties.

8. Following the discussion of the 62nd session of the LSC, Malaysia has updated the education opportunities in space law directory and hopes that this information will be reflected in this session’s record.

9. Malaysia fully supports the efforts by COPUOS in assisting States seeking to develop and implement legislation and regulations consistent with General Assembly Resolution 68/74 through various means, including the “Space Law for New Space Actors” Programme.

10. My delegation is of the view that the norms, guidelines, standards or other measures discussed or proposed by the LSC must take into account the capabilities and address the concerns of all Member States, including the emerging space-faring nations.

Thank you.