

**63rd SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STATEMENT

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 “STATUS AND APPLICATION OF THE FIVE UNITED
NATIONS TREATIES ON OUTER SPACE AND WAYS AND MEANS
INCLUDING CAPACITY-BUILDING TO PROMOTE THEIR
IMPLEMENTATION”**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippines reaffirms its commitment to abide by the international space treaties as we adopt the generally accepted principles of international law as part of our laws; and adhere to policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations.

We recognize that the benefits and advantages we derive by virtue of our membership in the family of nations have corresponding responsibilities and obligations towards other States. Thus, it is our inherent responsibility as a member of the global space community to significantly contribute towards ensuring a safe, stable, and sustainable space environment when conducting space activities.

We are pleased to inform the Subcommittee of the updates on our current efforts to ratify and accede to the United Nation treaties on outer space.

Being the proponent agency for the ratification of the international space treaties, the Philippine Space Agency or PhilSA has already secured the necessary support of relevant government agencies for the ratification of Liability Convention and Registration Convention. In close coordination with our Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the ratification papers are now with the Office of the President of the Philippines and are in the concluding stages of processing.

We are pleased to inform the Subcommittee that we have also commenced preliminary activities to ratify and accede to the Outer Space Treaty and Rescue Agreement.

As we are working on the ratification of the UN space treaties, we have conducted activities to prepare its implementation. We have developed a platform for our national registry of space objects in parallel with our efforts to accede to the Registration Convention. We conducted a planning workshop in December 2023 to develop response protocols for space vehicle launches (SVL) and orbital debris re-entry (ODR), providing insights into the development of national policies and protocols. The outputs of the scenario planning workshop serve as the foundation for the development of response protocols and mechanisms, ultimately resulting in a nationally coordinated approach to responding to the risks posed by space vehicle launches and orbital debris re-entry.

Mr. Chair,

To promote and raise awareness about the implementation of the international space treaties, we participated in the Regional Technical Advisory Mission conducted by the UNOOSA in Japan earlier this year. The Regional TAM convened emerging space actors from the Asia and the Pacific region to contribute to capacity-development in the field of space law and policy, focusing on the topic of Authorization and Supervision of Space Activities. The Philippines is also looking forward to hosting another country-specific TAM in collaboration with UNOOSA and with the strong support of the government of Japan. In this regard, we express our appreciation to UNOOSA and the government of Japan for making the TAM possible.

Other efforts to promote and raise awareness includes the publication of a children's book entitled "Si Tala at ang Kanyang Lakbay Kalawakan" (Tala and her journey to space) that promotes the appreciation of the UN Outer Space Treaties regarding the principle of responsible and sustainable spacefaring to a young audience. We are exploring the possibility of translating the book into various languages to reach a wider international audience.

In closing, the Philippines pursues the ratification of the UN Outer Space Treaties and enters into international collaborations in support of our central goal of becoming a space-capable and space-faring nation in good faith.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.