

Indonesia

Agenda 7 (a): Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space

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Mr. Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the General Statement of G77 and China delivered by H.E. Ambassador Laura Gil, Permanent Representative of Colombia. We would further to reiterate our position on the definition and delimitation of outer space as follows:

1. The lack of definition and delimitation of outer space will lead to legal uncertainty. The distinction between airspace and outer space is closely related to the sovereignty of a State. Through clarifying the boundary, the potential risk of disputes among States may be reduced.
2. Indonesia has already set out the definition and delimitation of outer space under the Law No. 21 of 2013 on Space Activities. According to the Law, the delimitation of outer space is around 100 or 110 kilometers above sea level. This delamination is based on the scientific, technical, and physical considerations. Other factors that are also considered including atmospheric layers, aircraft altitude capacity, the perigee of spacecrafts, and the Karman Line.
3. Indonesia proposes a mechanism to discuss the definition of outer space and boundaries between outer space and air space through an expert group under agenda item matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space of Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.