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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to share with you some concluding remarks at the end of this 10th United Nations Workshop on Space Law that addressed contributions of Space Law and Policy to Space Governance and Space Security in the 21st Century.

First of all I would like to express, on behalf of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and in my capacity as the UNOOSA Director my sincere thanks to all the speakers, moderators, rapporteurs and participants at large who have jointly made this workshop a viable, successful and dynamic forum of exchange on issues that will shape the future contributions of space law and space policy to global space governance and space security. I also wish to thank the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs for their cooperation in co-organizing this workshop and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the Secure World Foundation for their co-sponsorship.

Distinguished Participants,

This Workshop on Space Law has been unprecedented both in scope of the issues it addressed and the breadth of participants it brought together to provide their valuable inputs. As such the workshop has lived up to its milestone 10th anniversary of this dedicated capacity-building programme on space law that UNOOSA has organized since 2002 around the world and in cooperation and partnership with a range of countries and organizations.

I am pleased to see that the objectives of this 10th Workshop have been fully met, as highlighted in the Workshops' extensive set of recommendations and conclusions, namely:

First, the workshop succeeded in stimulating the dialogue on comprehensive perspectives, ranging from space law and policy to governance and space security, including on military and civilian issues and concerns;

Second, the workshop provided an excellent overview of the legal regime governing the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, and examined and compared various aspects of the broader perspective of space security in global space governance;

Third, the workshop addressed space law and policy in the context of UNISPACE+50 and considered ways and means of promoting understanding, acceptance and implementation of the United Nations treaties and principles on outer space;

Fourth, the workshop addressed space governance and the broader perspective of space security, including on norms of behaviour and space policy development; and

Fifth, the workshop provided a platform to address trends in, and challenges to, the progressive development of space law; and lastly, the workshop assessed further needs for capacity-building, assistance and outreach in space law and policy, the issue of strengthening the levels of international cooperation in outer space activities at the regional and interregional levels and recommended further capacity-building efforts in space law and policy for the benefit of developing countries.

The recommendation of this 10th UN workshop on space law and policy will provide a valuable input for future considerations and actions by member States in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and an important input for

UNISPACE+50, in particular its thematic priority 2 on 'Legal regime of outer space and global space governance: current and future perspectives'.

Moreover, I am very pleased that the workshop positively encouraged the Office for Outer Space Affairs to focus on a delivery of targeted, needs-based capacity-building services to emerging space nations in the areas of space law and policy.

This workshop gave a further impetus to our common work towards UNISPACE+50 and beyond, given the unprecedented approach we have taken here in addressing the broader perspective of space security and global space governance and in considering space law and policy in the context of space economy, space society, space accessibility and space diplomacy.

Distinguished Participants,

The safety, security and sustainability of outer space activities is at the forefront of our discussions and actions towards UNISPACE+50 in 2018, which aims to have a profound role in shaping future global space governance. Perspectives on space governance, space security, law and policy are key elements towards Space2030 - a concept connecting our common space endeavors closer also to the global agenda for sustainable development.

On behalf of my UNOOSA Team and our co-partners, I would like to thank you again and wish you a good end of the week.