

**NATIONAL STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE**  
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**OUTER SPACE**  
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Thank you, Mr Chair.

1. Singapore congratulates you on your election as Chair of the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. My delegation would also like to thank Ms Simonetta Di Pippo, who served as UNOOSA Director with dedication for eight years. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We would also like to thank the Acting Director of UNOOSA, Mr Niklas Hedman for his opening remarks, and the Secretariat for the arrangements for this session.

Mr Chair,

2. COPUOS is a vital platform to foster dialogue and international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes. Singapore strongly supports the discussions at COPUOS on the norms, rules and standards which apply to space activities, as these are important to ensure the preservation of outer space as a global commons, to be harnessed for the collective benefit of humankind.
3. In particular, it is important for the international community to continue promoting the responsible and sustainable use of space, as increased space traffic from the commercialisation of space activities has brought about challenges such as space debris and orbital congestion. To this end, Singapore welcomes the ongoing discussions at the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, which further this crucial work.

Mr Chair,

4. Space-based technologies are vital to our modern world. We all depend to some extent on space-based technologies and applications to support civilian and government functions, and Singapore is no different. Our national space

office, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn), has been supporting the growth of our local space ecosystem since the start of its mandate two years ago. OSTIn has established a S\$150M Space Technology Development Programme to develop space capabilities to support domains such as aviation, maritime and sustainability, which are critical to Singapore and many other countries. We are also working closely with Singapore space companies to help them build deep technical capabilities and forge commercial ventures and partnerships.

5. Today, Singapore's space sector is engaged in a wide range of space-related industrial activities, ranging from the design and manufacture of space components to the provision of satellite-based systems and services. There are more than 50 companies and several research centres of excellence in Singapore, together employing more than 2,000 professionals. As our local space sector continues to grow, we hope to play a bigger role in developing novel solutions for the challenges of tomorrow, especially as "New Space" lowers the barriers to entry to space technologies and applications.
6. International collaboration is central to our efforts. We are deepening our international space engagements and partnerships. In March this year, Singapore became the 18<sup>th</sup> country to sign the Artemis Accords, which provide useful guidance to ensure the conduct of space activities in a safe, sustainable, and responsible manner. Last October, OSTIn signed a Memorandum of Intent with the European Space Agency to collaborate on initiatives relating to space technologies, applications and downstream services in telecommunications and related fields.
7. At the same time, we recognise that domestic regimes and systems are instrumental in ensuring that space activities are conducted in a responsible manner and in accordance with international law. Singapore is keen to learn about the regulation of space activities from the experiences and best practices of other COPUOS members. In this spirit, Singapore joined the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum's National Space Legislation Initiative this year, to learn more about the national space legislation and policies of other countries in the region.

Mr Chair,

8. Singapore remains committed to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. We seek to forge stronger cooperation with partners in our region and beyond, to encourage the peaceful and sustainable exploration of outer space for the benefit of humanity. We will continue to support efforts to promote an open, inclusive, and rules-based approach to the responsible use of space by all.

Thank you, Mr Chair.