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Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

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Madam Chairperson,

The past two decades have witnessed a huge increase in space debris and have undoubtedly created the need to anticipate a mechanism to mitigate them. The lack of comprehensiveness and efficiency of regulations in reducing space debris as well as the lack of a comprehensive efficient mechanism at the international level, and significantly the increasing presence of private companies in space in recent years have led to a much more complexity in space situation. As a result, concerns have been increased about the likelihood of space objects collision and the exponential growth of space debris.

In this regard, the Islamic Republic of Iran proposes the implementation of a UNOOSA mechanism aimed at data sharing and information, exchanging experiences, and facilitating access to services required to manage space traffic.

Establishing a comprehensive efficient legal and technical mechanism commensurate with the conditions and capacities of all countries, as well as emphasizing the capacity-building and development of international cooperation would be an essential step towards space debris management.