



**STATEMENT BY
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**AGENDA ITEM 15: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
POTENTIAL LEGAL MODELS FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE
EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION AND UTILIZATION OF SPACE
RESOURCES**

Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

As this is the first time Malaysia is taking the floor, we would like congratulate you, Madam Nomfuneko Majaja of South Africa on your appointment as the Chair of the 61st session of the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS and assure you of our full support and cooperation for the fruitful conclusion of the current session. We associate ourselves with the statement made by Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and would like to make the following remarks in its our national capacity.

Madam Chair,

Malaysia acknowledges the continuous effort to formulate appropriate governance approaches and instruments relating to the exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources. We underscored our firm conviction, as enshrined in the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, that space shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes, for the benefit and in the interests of all countries, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development, and in accordance with international laws.

Further, Malaysia wishes to reaffirm the principle of non-appropriation of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, which cannot be appropriated by any state, by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation or by any other means.

Malaysia welcomes the establishment of a working group under this Agenda Item and looks forward to the exchange of views and fruitful discussion.

In conclusion, Malaysia is hopeful that any discussion of a future legal models on exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources should be consistent with any existing international space laws in force.

Thank you.