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**COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**  
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Thank you, Madam Chair.

1. Singapore congratulates you on your election as Chair of the 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. We also join others in thanking outgoing Director of UNOOSA Ms Simonetta Di Pippo for her stellar contributions over her eight years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.
2. Singapore recognises the importance of preserving outer space as a peaceful global commons, to be harnessed for the collective benefit of humankind. We continue to support efforts to promote a rules-based approach to the responsible use of space by all. The LSC performs an essential role in upholding and strengthening the international legal regime governing outer space activities. The topics pertaining to space law and governance on this session's agenda are crucial to the long-term sustainability of space activities. We look forward to robust discussions at this LSC session, including on the exploration, exploitation and utilisation of space resources by the newly established Working Group on Space Resources.
3. Like many other countries, Singapore depends on space-based technologies and applications to support important government functions and daily activities. Our local space ecosystem is growing rapidly, with more than 50 companies and over 1,800 professionals in Singapore engaged in a wide range of space-related activities, ranging from the design and manufacture of space components to the provision of satellite-based services. Today, this rapid growth is supported by Singapore's national space office, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn), through strong investments in research and development starting with the establishment of a S\$150M Space Technology Development Programme.

4. However, while the growth of the New Space economy will provide ample opportunities for job creation and economic growth, the increasing commercialisation of space activities also comes with new challenges such as orbital congestion and space debris leading to a higher risk of collisions between space objects. Domestic regimes and systems are instrumental in addressing these new challenges and 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. Singapore looks forward to contributing our perspectives at COPUOS as we seek to develop our own domestic regulatory framework.
5. Singapore also recently signed the Artemis Accords, which provides useful guidance for cooperation on civil space activities that is consistent with international law, so that such activities can be conducted in a safe, sustainable and responsible manner. We welcome initiatives like the Accords which inform the development of international norms and rules that can be applied to space, and look forward to contributing to future discussions on international space governance.
6. Madam Chair, Singapore remains committed to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. We believe that small states and emerging space players too can play a constructive role in promoting the peaceful uses of outer space. Singapore remains steadfast in our support of efforts at the UN and elsewhere to promote the responsible and sustainable use of space by all.
7. Thank you, Madam Chair.