



**STATEMENT BY
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AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Madam Chair and Distinguished Delegates

At the outset, Malaysia associate itself with the statement made by Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Madam Chair

2. Malaysia recognizes the significance of outer space and the need to protect it in the common interest of all mankind and pleased to announce that we have made significant progress on our national regulatory framework. As a committed country to develop the national space sector in accordance with the rules and accepted norms while ensuring the safety and sustainability of the outer space, the Malaysian Government had just recently on 25 January 2022 gazetted the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834]. This Act aims to

regulate Malaysian space activities in order to ensure that the country's space activities are carried out in accordance with the relevant rules and guidelines as agreed at the international level. As a result, Malaysia will be able to meet its international by ratifying or acceding to the relevant international space treaties and instruments. This Act will also encourage the growth of approximately 80 existing space-related businesses as well as new space technology investment in the country.

3. As a responsible space player, Malaysia remains committed to support the international legal framework in order to ensure the peaceful exploration and use of the outer space. We fully support the UNOOSA initiative on Space Law for New Space Actors Project for space law capacity building as well as Working Group on Space Policy and Law under Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency (APRSAF). Malaysia also continues to support Japan's National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI), which has entered its second phase this year with the goal of improving space policy and legal capacity in the Asia region.

Madam Chair,

4. Malaysia recognises the importance of the Legal Subcommittee as a platform for promoting and strengthening the international legal framework governing outer space activities. In this regard, Malaysia looks forward to working closely with the working group established under the agenda item 15, and support its work plan to come out with a set of initial recommended principles for future activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources. We are of

the view that any discussion of a future international legal framework should be consistent with the existing international space law in force and should be developed in a manner that addresses the concerns of all member states, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development.

Madam Chair,

5. To conclude, Malaysia recognises the importance of strengthening global partnerships and cooperation with other Member States and will continue to support this Committee in all of its efforts to promote peaceful exploration and use of outer space. Malaysia looks forward to the exchange of views and fruitful discussion under each of the subcommittee's specific agenda items.

With that, Madam Chair, I thank you.