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

1. We would like to express our appreciation to you, Chair, for your leadership of the 62nd session of the Legal Subcommittee and to the Secretariat for its excellent support.
2. Singapore continues to promote a rules-based approach to the responsible use of space by all. The LSC performs an essential role in strengthening the international legal regime governing outer space activities. Singapore welcomes discussions on this issue, including through the Working Groups on the Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, and the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.
3. Singapore is an emerging space player with a growing local ecosystem, comprising over 60 companies and 2,000 professionals and researchers. This venture is supported by our national space office, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn). Singapore remains alert to opportunities for continued growth in the space sector, both domestically and internationally. While developments in the space sector bring ample economic opportunities for all of us, there are also challenges, such as space debris and orbital congestion. It is therefore vital for all parties to conduct themselves responsibly and ensure the sustainable use of outer space.
4. Singapore recognises the importance of preserving outer space as a peaceful global commons to be harnessed for the collective benefit of humankind. To this end, we will continue to participate actively at regional and international fora that share best practices and promote useful collaborations on the peaceful use of outer space. These include the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development, G20 Space Economy Leaders Meeting and the ASEAN Sub-Committee for Space Technology and Applications. We are also pleased to be part of other initiatives such as the Artemis Accords and the

Space Climate Observatory. In addition, Singapore hosts the annual Global Space and Technology Convention to bring together the best minds in space to discuss how emerging new technologies in space can solve pressing challenges in the world today.

5. Singapore recognises the importance of developing comprehensive domestic regimes and systems to promote compliance with international law. We are also keen to learn from the experiences and best practices of other Member States. As a new member of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum's National Space Legislation Initiative (APRSAF-NSLI), which is now in its second phase, Singapore appreciates NSLI members' contributions. They have helped to inform our approach to building a domestic legal framework.

Mr Chair,

6. Singapore is committed to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. We also remain steadfast in our support for efforts at the UN and other regional and international fora to promote the peaceful, responsible, and sustainable use of outer space by all.
7. Thank you.

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