



**G-77 AND CHINA STATEMENT DURING THE SIXTY-SECOND (62<sup>nd</sup>) SESSION  
OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE  
ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, FROM 20 – 31 MARCH 2023,  
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**AGENDA ITEM 5: STATUS AND APPLICATION OF THE FIVE UNITED  
NATIONS TREATIES ON OUTER SPACE**

Madam Chairperson,

1. The Group of 77 and China is of the view that a wide adherence to the United Nations treaties contributes to creating a safe, secure and sustainable atmosphere for the development of outer space activities and enhancing the effectiveness of COPUOS as the main body for discussing and negotiating international space law. We therefore note with appreciation the growing number of parties to the UN treaties on outer space and encourage those States that have not yet become parties to them to consider doing so.

2. Considering the growing number of space actors and the benefits derived from space science technology and their applications, the conduct of such activities by States and intergovernmental and non-governmental entities, continues to expand. In this regard, the Group is of the view that the conduct of space actors should conform to applicable international space law.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.