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Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Japan attaches great importance to providing education and training opportunities, and to facilitating the exchange of information for enhancing capacity building in space law.

JAXA contributes to capacity building in space law in a number of ways. It has provided financial support to students of space policy and law, created a legal database on space law, and accepts internships through its Legal and Compliance Division of the General Affairs Department.

JAXA has also continuously supported the winning team of the Asia Pacific Regional Round of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, organized by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), to participate in the competition’s World Finals that take place during the IAC. In the past years, JAXA has supported a number of successful teams from Australia, India, New Zealand and Singapore. We believe that JAXA’s financial support has contributed to raising the overall level of the Asia-Pacific region’s university programs relating to space law.

In addition, JAXA continues to provide training opportunities for universities and graduate students through its Space Education Center. This year, JAXA chairs the International Space Education Board (ISEB), which gives out sponsorship to students participating in IAC. Furthermore, JAXA dispatches its staff to universities to deliver lectures on space policy and law to students.

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In May 2021, the Government of Japan and UNOOSA announced their cooperation on UNOOSA’s “Space Law for New Space Actors” project. Through this cooperation with UNOOSA, Japan supports capacity-building of emerging spacefaring nations in the Asia-Pacific region to draft national space laws and regulations in line with international space law.

Japan supports other international initiatives conducted under the activities of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF). One of them is the “National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI)”, which aims to enhance each country’s drafting capacities and implementation of national space legislation, in accordance with international norms, through the joint development of a report on the status of national space legislation among space policy and law practitioners from Asia-Pacific countries.

Another example is the establishment of the Space Policy and Law Working Group with the aim to enhance capacity in space policy and law in the Asia-Pacific region. The WG was held in person during the APRSAF-28 in November 2022. As the host country of APRSAF, Japan will actively promote these activities to further enhance the capacity in space law in the Asia-Pacific region.

Furthermore, we are pleased to introduce a couple of notable activities undertaken by the University of Tokyo and the Keio University.

Under the activities of the University of Tokyo, the Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) and the Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI) have organized a series of space policy and law events to consider the latest issues in space activities.

Since the establishment of the Center for Space Law at the Keio University in 2012, a series of space law workshops and seminars have been held with the participation of space law experts from abroad. In Japan’s Fiscal Year 2022, the Center held more than ten study meetings and a public seminar online on the latest legal topics, such as “Legal Norms for Space Activities,” which addressed a variety of topics including responsible behaviours in outer space and norms for them, as well as “Legal Challenges for Advanced Space Activities,” which focused on geopolitical issues that affect space activities from a legal viewpoint. In February 2023, the Center held the 14th Space Law Symposium where the results of study meetings in JFY2022 were confirmed and legal experts made presentations and participated in a panel discussion on the theme of risk management and continuing supervision in orbit. In addition, the Center for Space Law has created and maintained an online database containing the international space treaties and domestic space laws both in their original language and in Japanese when appropriate. Keio University’s Graduate School of Law has a two-

year space law master's course.

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Japan is promoting human capacity building not only in the field of space, but in the whole field of science and technology.

Based on the renewed Basic Act on Science and Technology, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology provides a human capacity development program using advanced knowledge of humanities and social sciences, which aims to train human resources in the space field, such as leading space law policy makers.

Thank you for your kind attention.