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Thailand's Statement on
Agenda Item 8: Capacity-building in space law
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Madame Chair,

Let me first take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you for your efforts in furthering the work of the Legal Subcommittee. Under your leadership, the Subcommittee has continued to make valuable contribution to the development of capacity-building in space law. We are pleased that this Subcommittee continues to successfully provide effective support to the peaceful uses of outer space, especially for emerging and developing countries.

Madame Chair,

Considering the importance of space law as a specialized branch of international law, a number of the school of law in universities in Thailand are offering space law classes. Moreover, last year from 15 to 16 December, The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in collaboration with Thailand by Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (Public Organization) (GISTDA) conducted the Space Law for New Space Actors Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) virtual workshop in Thailand. During the two-day workshop, Delegates from Thai government agencies and non-government institutions were educated with a broad range of training on the fundamental principles of international space law as well as the examples of mechanisms for developing national regulatory and policy frameworks in line with the five treaties of space law.

Based on the present situation that the draft of Thailand national space

law is under developing phase, a lot of questions about an important of safety frameworks for conducting outer space activities were discussed in the mentioned virtual workshop.

I myself participated in the above-mentioned virtual workshop and had witnessed wonderful dialogues between the experts of UNOOSA and a group of legal experts from the Office of the Council of State of Thailand, alongside with distinguished delegates from the Government Ministries, the Office of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) and, the other private entities involved in Thai space economy. Therefore, I would like to express my deep appreciation to UNOOSA and the government of JAPAN for all invaluable support, encouragement, guidance, help and advice throughout the virtual workshop.

Madame Chair,

Thailand is not only participated in the international space law capacity building activities but also participated in the National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI) of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF). Under the NSLI study group, GISTDA has exchanged information about the current status of space-related laws and policies in Thailand as well as shared implementation experiences with regard to the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (the LTS Guidelines). From Thailand's point of view, collaborations work best when conversations are open and growth is encouraged. In this regard, we would like to encourage other countries to join various multilateral projects that initiated by UNOOSA and further exchange information about safety and sustainability of space operations in their countries.

Thank you for your attention.