

Kingdom of the Netherlands – Agenda-item 9 – **Future role and method of work of the Committee**

Madame Chair, distinguished delegates,

Madame Chair, thank you for giving me the floor. The Netherlands considers that the efficiency and effectiveness of the Sub-Committee requires our constant attention. In that light, I would like to raise the following issue.

The Netherlands reiterates its call for a prudent management of our agenda. We remain of the view that expansion of the agenda should not be considered unless it is guaranteed that the workload of the Sub-Committee will not increase. And that, to achieve that, the Netherlands believes that the Sub-Committee should only consider adding an item to the agenda if and when it will have been decided which item will be removed. In addition, the Netherlands would propose that the Sub-Committee consider the merits of merging the Agenda-items on Space Traffic Management, Space Debris mitigation and Small Satellites, as they all essentially relate to the same subject matter, that is the safe and sustainable use of outer space, not only today but also for future generations.

I thank you for your attention.