



**STATEMENT BY
DIRECTOR GENERAL
MALAYSIAN SPACE AGENCY (MYSA)
TO THE
62nd SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (LSC
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**AGENDA ITEM 11: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND
VIEWS ON LEGAL MECHANISMS RELATING TO SPACE DEBRIS
MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION MEASURES, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Madam Chair and Distinguished Delegates,

1. Malaysia took cognizance that as the population of space debris continues to grow, the space debris mitigation (“SDM”) is important so as to avoid any possible damage to the space environment as well as the environment of the Earth. On this note, Malaysia notes the SDM Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space as a good example of a global effort in addressing the SDM. Considering those guidelines are voluntary and are not legally binding instruments, it is Malaysia’s view that adherence to those guidelines is a vital step in tackling the SDM.

2. Malaysia wishes to highlight that for purposes of the SDM, at the national level, a Malaysian Space Board was just established in 2022

under the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834] that act as a space regulator which regulates certain space-related activities for the purposes of safety. On this note, Malaysia believes that this would strengthen our national mechanism governing the SDM.

3. Further, Act 834 clearly prohibits “harmful activities” which in line with international treaty such as the operation of any weapon of mass destruction in space, conducting any activity which affects the security and safety of space activities, and conducting any activity which may cause harmful contamination to space or adverse changes to the earth environment. Malaysia also believes that this prohibition may prevent any possible collision, thus contributing to the SDM mechanism.

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4. Malaysia wishes to record its appreciation to the effort made by the Secretariat by maintaining and updating the “Compendium of space debris mitigation standards adopted by States and international organizations” which could enable all States to benefit from access to a comprehensive and structured set of current instruments and measures relating to the SDM by other States.

5. Based on the above, Malaysia supports the continuous discussion on this Agenda item for purposes of the safety of the space environment as well as the earth environment. This would be of assistance to those States members that were still in the process of initiating national measures pertaining to the SDM. We look forward to hearing other delegations’ views under this Agenda item.

Thank you Madam Chair for your attention.