

**NATIONAL STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE**  
**63<sup>rd</sup> SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE**  
**COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**  
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Chair,

1. Singapore congratulates you on your election as the Chair of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Legal Subcommittee and assures you of Singapore's full support. We also thank Ms Nomfuneko Majaja of South Africa for her stewardship of the Subcommittee over the past two years.
2. Singapore supports a rules-based approach to the responsible use of space by all. The Legal Subcommittee is essential in strengthening the international legal regime governing outer space activities. Singapore welcomes discussions on this issue, including through the Working Groups on the Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities and the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.
3. Singapore recognises the importance of developing comprehensive domestic frameworks to promote compliance with international law. As an emerging space player, we are working on the creation and publication of national guidelines. Such guidelines would provide guidance to local entities on space safety, sustainability and registration. These guidelines would also encourage local entities to work with our national space office, the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn), which supports the growth of Singapore's space ecosystem. We are committed to developing our domestic framework by learning from the experiences and best practices of other Member States.
4. The international community must work together to preserve outer space as a peaceful global commons for the collective benefit of humankind. Singapore will continue to participate actively at regional and international fora and initiatives that share best practices and promote useful collaborations that further the peaceful use of outer space. These include the G20 Space Economy Leaders Meeting, Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), the Artemis Accords and the National Space Legislation Initiative (APRSAF-NSLI). This year, Singapore will host the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the ASEAN Sub-

Committee for Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA), and will organise a Space Policy Exchange, which will provide an opportunity for space policy practitioners from ASEAN Member States to discuss pertinent policy issues and share best practices on space policy.

5. It is important to keep the global space community connected to facilitate the exchange of ideas and perspectives on the peaceful uses of outer space, including shared challenges such as space debris and orbital congestion, and the ways in which we can tackle them. The annual Global Space and Technology Convention (GSTC), which Singapore hosts, provides a platform for space agencies, academics, industry professionals, and other interested space players to discuss space technology, industry and policy developments, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

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6. Singapore reaffirms our commitment to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. We remain steadfast in our support for the use of multilateral cooperative mechanisms at the UN and other regional and international fora to promote the peaceful, responsible, and sustainable use of outer space by all.
7. Thank you.

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