



**STATEMENT BY
DIRECTOR GENERAL
MALAYSIAN SPACE AGENCY (MYSA)
TO THE
59TH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES
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**AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND
INTRODUCTION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED ON NATIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Malaysia wishes to congratulate you Ambassador Juan Francisco Facetti on your appointment as the Chair of the 59th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of COPUOS. We are confident that the Subcommittee will successfully carry out its responsibilities under your leadership and look forward to supporting you and the Committee in any way possible. We would also like to express our gratitude to the outgoing Chair, Madam Natália Archinard of Switzerland, for her dedication and leadership of the Subcommittee over the past calendar year. We also would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Director Simonetta Di Pippo and the Secretariat for their relentless effort in organising this session, especially during these unprecedented times.

2. Malaysia associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China delivered by Morocco and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

3. Malaysia recognises the importance of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee as a platform for exchanging views on scientific and technical aspects of outer space activities as well as in fostering greater international cooperation. In this regard, Malaysia looks forward to working closely with the Working Group on Long-Term Sustainability (LTS) 2.0 to implement the 21 guidelines for long-term sustainability of outer space activities for peaceful purposes. This includes the strengthening of capacity building efforts to bridge the technological gap between the developing and developed countries.

Mr. Chair,

4. Malaysia is committed to developing the national space sector in accordance with the rules and accepted norms while ensuring the safety and sustainability of the outer space. Consequently, in December last year, the Malaysian Government approved the Malaysian Space Board Bill to provide a legal framework to ensure that the country's space activities are carried out in accordance with the relevant rules and guidelines as agreed at the international level. As a result, Malaysia will be able to fulfil its international obligations and ratify or accede to the relevant international space treaties and instruments. This Bill will also promote the expansion of approximately

80 existing space-related companies as well as new space technology investment in the country.

5. As a responsible space player, Malaysia remains committed to support the international legal framework in ensuring the peaceful exploration and use of the outer space. We fully support the UNOOSA initiative on Space Law for New Space Actors Project for space law capacity building as well as Working Group on Space Policy and Law under Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency (APRSAF).

6. Malaysia through a private company, called MEASAT (Global) will launch our next communication satellite, MEASAT-3d this year to replace the existing MEASAT-3 satellite, which retired due to an anomaly on June 21, 2021. Malaysia is currently finalising the launching date of MEASAT-3d, which is expected to launch in the second quarter of 2022 to restore its unrivalled in-orbit satellite redundancy at the key orbital hotslot 91.5°E, providing direct-to-home (DTH), broadcasting and telecommunications services for the region, as well as significantly improving broadband speed of up to 100 Mbps in areas with limited or without any terrestrial connectivity throughout Malaysia.

7. In line with Malaysia's National Space Policy 2030, Malaysia continues to strengthen bilateral scientific and technological exchange through international cooperation in space science, space technology and space application. On 30th November 2021, Malaysia through Malaysia Space Agency (MYSA) has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China National Space Administration (CNSA) and we look forward to collaborating with other Member

States such as Italy and Japan, particularly in human capital development and capacity building.

Mr. Chair,

8. To conclude, Malaysia recognises the importance of strengthening global partnerships and cooperation with other Member States and will continue to support this Committee in all of its efforts to promote peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

With that Mr. Chair, I thank you.