



**STATEMENT BY
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**AGENDA ITEM 12: LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OUTER
SPACE ACTIVITIES**

Thank you, Mr Chair,

Recognising the importance of the safety and sustainability of outer space activities in the country, Malaysia is actively working on the development and execution of the rules and norms to ensure the country's space activities are carried out following relevant international guidelines. The Guidelines for the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (LTS Guidelines) provide a practical framework and act as a guide for Member States to mitigate the risks associated with the conduct of outer space activities in ensuring present benefits can be sustained and future opportunities realised. Malaysia is committed to implementing these guidelines and will actively participate in developing and adopting international norms to preserve the space environment.

2. Per the LTS Guideline, the Government of Malaysia has gazetted the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834] on 25 January 2022. The Act has come into force on 4 August 2022 on certain provisions, including

space object registration which set the foundation for space activities in Malaysia. Although this Act is not yet entirely in force and Malaysia has yet to ratify the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, Malaysia has already begun voluntarily implementing the registration of space objects.

3. Malaysia is currently enacting the Malaysian Space Board Regulations to enable the Act to be fully enforced by early 2023. Through the implementation of this Act, Malaysia will be able to fulfil its international obligations and ratify or accede to the relevant international space treaties and instruments that would help catalyse the country's progress toward achieving the new space economy.

4. Malaysia has also enacted the Communication and Multimedia Act 1998 [Act 588] to regulate frequency and spectrum, which is under the responsibility of the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

Mr Chair,

5. To uphold the spirit of peaceful uses of outer space, Malaysia strives to drive and promote the good practice of space law and policy in a coordinated manner. Therefore, Malaysia welcomes any potential collaboration, particularly the South East Asia member states, to support and work together to create and establish a workable space law ecosystem. To achieve these goals, Malaysia is promoting and spearheading regional efforts in capacity building, training and education in space law. This initiative will be implemented through the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA) Expert

Exchange Seminar starting in 2023. Malaysia also participates actively in the UNOOSA capacity building initiatives, the National Space Legislation Initiative Phase 2 and has successfully hosted the Malaysia Technical Advisory Mission 2022 under United Nations Space Law for New Space Actors Project on 21-23 November 2022.

6. To conclude, Malaysia recognises the importance of the long-term sustainability of outer space. Therefore, Malaysia is committed to supporting international efforts to preserve outer space's benefits for future generations.

With that, Mr Chair, I thank you.