



**STATEMENT BY
DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**MALAYSIAN SPACE AGENCY (MYSA), MALAYSIA
AT THE
66TH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF
OUTER SPACE (COPUOS),
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AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Mr. Chair,

First and foremost, let me welcome you Mr. Omran Sharaf of this Committee. We are confident that our work during this session will greatly benefit from your expertise. We assure you of our full support and cooperation throughout the session. We would also like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the Acting Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Mr. Niklas Hedman and the Secretariat for the excellent preparation made for this session.

2. Malaysia associate itself with the statement made by Ambassador of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

3. Malaysia welcomes Guatemala and Uzbekistan as the newest members of the Committee. The increasing number of the memberships of the Committee shows the important role played by the Committee in promoting international cooperation in the peaceful uses of space, as well

as in the utilisation of space science and technology for sustainable economic and social development.

Mr. Chair,

4. The increasing of space activities by both public and private actors have reflects the great economic potential of space. The space sector has made significant contributions on many aspects of our daily lives. However, the continuing growth to fulfil the current needs is a challenge for safe and sustainable of outer space activities. In line with General Assembly resolution 77/121, Malaysia strongly supports any effort or initiative encouraged by the Committee to maintain the peaceful uses of outer space including the implementation of the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of outer space activities as well as preventing an arms race and deployment of any type of weapon in outer space. Outer space shall be carried out exclusively for peaceful purposes.

5. Malaysia believes that in order to preserve the outer space for peaceful uses and its sustainability, transparency, good governance as well as effective regulatory system are important elements to achieve the objectives. Therefore, Malaysia fully supports the work of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability (LTS) of Outer Space Activities and will look forward to contribute in LTS workshop in 2024.

Mr. Chair,

6. As a nation, Malaysia understands the importance of keeping pace with the latest technological advancements in the space sector.

Therefore, Malaysia committed to further a sustainable and competitive national space sector ecosystem across the entire value chain of this sector to contribute at least 1% or RM10 billion to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2030. To achieve this goal, Malaysia has launched Malaysia Space Exploration 2030 (MSE2030) programme at International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2023 (LIMA'23) on 24th May 2023. The Malaysia Space Exploration 2030 (MSE2030) aims to realize the goals of the National Space Policy 2030 (DAN2030) to develop the national space sector as a strategic contributor to the national sovereignty and competitiveness.

7. On 24th May 2023, Malaysia also launched Space Industry Strategic Planning 2030 (SISP2030), which aims to drive the local space industry activities. This agenda was in line with Thrust 4 National Space Policy 2030, in promoting the space industry ecosystem to be more competitive and contribute towards Malaysia's economy and prosperity. The Plan was developed around the priority areas of Research, Development, Commercialisation and Innovation (R, D, C & I) for existing and new industries to create a sustainable space technology ecosystem that will involve industry participation across the entire value chain.

8. In conjunction with LIMA'23, for the first time ever Malaysia has organized the SpaceTech Nexus, highlighting the exhibition and space related activities that's brings together the global space community from upstream to downstream. It is a premier event for space related technologies and draws attendance from many industry leaders, decision makers, engineers, specifiers and buyers to meet space actors and the supply chain for civil, military and commercial space.

Mr. Chair,

9. We recognize the potential benefits of international collaboration and partnerships in the space sector and are eager to explore opportunities for cooperation in development of space activities, technical assistance, space law and regulatory, capacity building as well as transfer of technology with other member states.

10. Finally, with regard to the appointment of the next Director for the Officer of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), Malaysia expresses the view that new Director has the capability to lead the Offices in professional, transparent and professional manner based on the principle of fair and mutual benefit as well as full respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of States. Malaysia looks forwards to working closely with the next Director and remain committed to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. We also continue to support efforts towards strengthening the role of UNOOSA in promoting the peaceful uses of outer space and international cooperation among member states.

With that Mr. Chair, I thank you.