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NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STATEMENT

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 “GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POTENTIAL
LEGAL MODELS FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE EXPLORATION,
EXPLOITATION, AND UTILIZATION OF SPACE RESOURCES”**

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Distinguished colleagues,

The Philippine recognizes the growing number of countries and private entities investing in space exploration, and that space science and technology ecosystem are rapidly evolving. We are aware of the potential benefits that these activities have on space resource utilization but also understand the risks and challenges that come with it.

Addressing these challenges necessitates the enhancement of existing cooperation frameworks that can keep up with the advancements in space exploration, its use of space resources, and its potential environmental impacts.

Chair,

We strongly advocate the enhancement of the existing legal frameworks to facilitate the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources responsibly and sustainably. The framework must be comprehensive and provide clear guidelines and protocols for countries, entities, and organizations operating

in space and at the same time outline the necessary steps and precautions to advance the sustainability and peaceful use of outer space while maximizing the potential benefits to humanity. Also, it must be developed through a collaborative and participatory effort in a tripartite governance model – involving the government, private entities, and civil society – to ensure that they are inclusive and reflective of the diverse perspectives and interests of all.

As an emerging space-capable nation, the Philippines will continue to actively participate and cooperate in the enhancement of existing frameworks to ensure that they are fair and beneficial for all parties involved. We are ready, willing and able to join conversations and dialogues, through the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resources Activities under this Subcommittee and other similar platforms, to identify areas where these frameworks must be put in place.

We call on all Member States to continuously participate in efforts to enhance our existing legal frameworks which should be inclusive, transformative, and beneficial to all humanity.

Lastly, we emphasize the importance of working in harmony with the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee so that our frameworks will be in unison with scientific and technological advancements along and in compliance with the existing and future legal mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.