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STATEMENT BY H.E AMB. ROBINSON NJERU GITHAE, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA, DELIVERED TO THE SIXTIETH SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE (LSC) OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS) HELD IN VIENNA FROM THE 31ST MAY TO 11TH JUNE, 2021

Madam Chair, Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

Allow me to begin by thanking you **Madam Setsuko Aoki** as you ably Chair the 60th Session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. I assure you of my delegation's full support.

We also take this opportunity to thank the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, **Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo**, and the Secretariat for their commitment and tireless efforts in organizing for this meeting amidst challenging times occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Madam Chair,

Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

Kenya aligns itself with the statement by the Group of 77 and China, and I would like to add a few remarks in our national capacity.

1. Kenya notes that the five United Nations treaties on outer space form the primary legal framework towards creating a safe, secure and sustainable environment for the development of outer space activities.
2. Out of these treaties, Kenya has ratified the Outer Space Treaty and Space Liability Convention. These instruments are in full force with regards to space activities in Kenya.
3. In this regard therefore, Kenya looks forward to concrete proposals from interested global Space Agencies that wish to partner with us in capacity building in the peaceful uses of outer space.

Madam Chair,

4. As a developing State within the space sector, Kenya identifies that there is need to build capacity in space law and space regulation.
5. There also exist opportunities which require Space Law interventions, particularly in areas of space engineering, space launch, micro satellite development, micro gravity research and application of space-derived data for agriculture and disaster management.
6. In this regard, we commend UNOOSA for organizing the Space Law for New Space Actors for the United Nations Introductory Technical



Advisory Mission to African Countries under the theme ***fostering responsible national space activities in the African region***, which took place virtually on 7th December, 2020; and also the UNOOSA Economic Commission for Africa for Africa Conference on Space Law and Policy, held online from the 8th to 10th December, 2020.

7. We urge UNOOSA to enhance its Capacity Building initiatives for new space fairing countries, particularly targeting capacity building, education and training in space law and policy.
8. In conclusion ***Madam Chair***, I reaffirm Kenya's commitment to meaningful partnerships with the international space community for the promotion of space science and technology for sustainable socio-economic development at national, regional and international levels.

I thank you.