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ITEM 8: CAPACITY BUILDING IN SPACE LAW

STATEMENT BY GREECE

Mme Chair,

We strongly believe that capacity building in space law is a fundamental tool that should be enhanced through international cooperation.

To build the national capacity necessary to ensure that the increasing number of participants in space activities comply with international space law, international cooperation in research, training and education in space law is more than essential.

With respect to educational opportunities in space law, the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens offers courses in space law or related to space law. In particular, International Law of Airspace and International Space Law/ Aviation Law as well as International Telecommunications Law are offered as optional courses at graduate level, whereas a course on International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law is offered at postgraduate level. Students are also able to undertake a doctoral degree, in the context of the Department of International Studies.

Further, The School of Law participates every year to the IISL Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. The Athens team was the European Champion for 2015, 2016 and 2017, it has been the World Finalist for 2015, the World Champion for 2016 and to the World Quarter Finals in 2017, while it was ranked third in the European Rounds in 2019 and 2020.

Last but not least, it is worth mentioning that, every year, Greek students actively participate in the Summer Courses organized by the European Center of Space Law (ECSL), while young scholars are frequently speakers at the IISL Symposium held annually in the context of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC).

Thank you, Mme Chair