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outer space activities.**

Statement on behalf of Israel

I would like to take the opportunity and congratulate you Madam Chair on assuming the position of chair of the STSC and wish you success in leading the subcommittee. My delegation stands ready to support you in that.

Israel welcomes the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the preamble and the 21 guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

We wish to stress our support of the acknowledgment that the Committee is the appropriate forum for continued institutionalized dialogue on issues related to the implementation and review of the guidelines.

While the guidelines are voluntary and not legally binding, Israel attaches importance to the principles reflected in the guidelines. Therefore, we support the Committee's call for states to voluntarily take measures to

ensure that the guidelines are implemented to the greatest extent feasible and practicable.

In this context, we are looking forward for the establishment of a new Working Group, and the adoption of its terms of reference, methods of work and dedicated work plan, in a timely manner. Israel believes that the Working Group should focus on proposing recommendations for the promotion of the implementation of the 21 LTS guidelines and enhance international cooperation on this matter.

In this vein, we believe that the Working Group could serve as a platform for sharing state practices that would facilitate the implementation of the guidelines by the Member States. We believe that such cooperation is key to promote the implementation of the 21 guidelines, while adopting a positive, practical approach.