

Agenda Item 6: Ways and Means of Maintaining Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes

Republic of Korea

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Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Korea attaches great importance to ensuring the safety, security, and sustainability of the outer space environment as the world is increasingly reliant on space systems and services.

In this vein, our delegation actively participated in the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on reducing space threats through norms, rules and principles of responsible behaviours. And we will also be constructively engaged in this Committee, forum dedicated to discussions on space safety and sustainability.

The Republic of Korea firmly believes that our respect for the different mandates of each forum can encourage substantive discussions and a fruitful outcome in each forum. And this Committee, as its name proposes, stands for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

Voluntary mechanisms proposed and established here, including Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, provide us meaningful guidance for space activities in the peaceful exploration and use of space. They can also serve as a reference for norms, rules, and principles of responsible behaviours in the space security domain.

In closing, the Republic of Korea reiterates the importance of the coordination between international fora and the coherence of norms in the

space security domain and space safety and sustainability domain. Thank
you. /END/