



Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia

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Mr. Chair,

Malaysia is seriously concerned over the increasing proliferation of space debris that continues to pose a serious threat to the safety, security and sustainability of space activities both in outer space and on Earth, particularly on civilian population, properties and the environment.

Towards this end, Malaysia advocates for a common but differentiated responsibilities approach, where actors primarily responsible for space debris creation should take the lead in debris removal activities, and provide their scientific and legal expertise to developing countries. Such collaborative effort would ensure that all States, regardless of their technological advancement, can contribute to and benefit from a safer outer space environment.

Malaysia reemphasise the imperative for launching States to take proactive measures to prevent accidents and incidents resulting from the uncontrolled reentry of space debris. In the case of Malaysia, there had been, unfortunately, several cases of space debris falling within our sovereign territory, posing serious

threat to the safety and security of our civilian population, infrastructures and institutions.

In this regard, Malaysia firmly believes that comprehensive registration of space objects is crucial in order to ensure launching States are able to effectively monitor their space objects and track any potential hazards. Malaysia stresses the need for transparency among launching States, and further stresses the need for these States to share information relating to space activities that could potentially compromise the safety and security of other States.

In addition, Malaysia is of the view that Member States should value the significance of non-legally binding and voluntary measures in this regard, such as the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines and the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.