



Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia

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Agenda Item 5: General Exchange of Views

Mr. Chair,

1. My delegation congratulates you, Mr. Sherif Mohamed Sedky of Egypt on your appointment as Chair of the 67th Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), and assures you of our cooperation and support throughout the session.

2. My delegation associates itself with the statement by the Permanent Representative of Colombia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and would now like to make a few remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

3. As an emerging space-faring nation and consistent with our National Space Policy 2030, Malaysia will continuously involve, engage and

contribute to international and regional efforts pertaining to space activities, in particular human capital development initiatives.

4. Recognizing the importance of capacity building and expertise development, especially in space law and policy, Malaysia has successfully hosted, from 14th until 16th May 2024, the 2nd Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) under the UN Space Law for New Space Actors Projects, following the successful implementation of the first TAM in 2022. More than 60 participants from various government agencies, academia and industry attended the TAM this year. Malaysia expresses appreciation to the UNOOSA and the Government of France for their contribution and support in this regard, and we remain keen to fostering such strategic collaboration.

5. To increase the cooperation among ASEAN Member States in space science, technology and applications, Malaysia has successfully hosted the first Expert Exchange Seminar related to Space Policy on 25th and 26th October 2023. Through the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Application (SCOSA) platform, this flagship seminar was organised to enrich the awareness on space policy development and its contributions in line with the needs of space science exploration for the progress and well-being of the people.

6. Malaysia also expresses appreciation to the UNOOSA and the Government of Japan for the opportunity given to five (5) participants from Malaysia to attend the UN/UNU Regional Space Law Technical Advisory Mission for Asia and the Pacific Countries held from 16th to 18th January 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. Chair,

7. Malaysia believes that preserving the peaceful use of outer space and its long-term sustainability require the cooperation of all Member States to ensure that all outer space activities are carried out safely and in compliance with the applicable international treaties and guidelines. Transparency, confidence building measures and good governance are the key elements to achieve this objective.

8. Therefore, Malaysia reaffirms its commitment to support the work of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability (LTS) of Outer Space Activities and look forward to participate in further initiatives. The Management and Sustainability of Outer Space Activities Conference 2024 series and Space Situational Awareness Training Event held on 3rd and 4th June 2024 were good capacity building programmes especially for the developing countries to learn from other space-faring countries in implementing the LTS Guideline.

Mr. Chair,

9. My delegation is pleased to inform this session, on voluntary basis, regarding the relocation of the MEASAT-3a satellite from the 91.5°E orbital slot to 160°E orbital slot on 1st May 2024. In accordance with the registration requirement under the Convention on Registration of Object Launched into Outer Space, Malaysia will submit the space object registration form to update the changes to the UNOOSA as soon as possible. The said satellite was launched in 2009 and has been registered with the UNOOSA on 8th February 2010 (A/AC.105/INF.421).

10. In line with Malaysia Space Exploration 2030 and Space Industry Strategic Plan 2030, Malaysia continues to develop our domestic space ecosystem and ramp up our capabilities across different areas. Today, we have seen substantial increase in the number of local space industry players, start-ups, researchers and enthusiasts. We are committed to build a space talent for our ecosystem, including through educational programmes for the youth and general public, especially the continuation of the 5th Kibo Robot Programming Challenge (Kibo-RPC) 2024, under strategic partnership with JAXA, which has just closed for participation on 13th May 2024.

11. Even though the World Space Week is celebrated from October 4th to 9th every year worldwide, Malaysia has stepped up to observe the whole month of October to cover the World Space Week: Malaysia Chapter. Several activities will be organised by government agencies, academia, industries and NGOs, such as conferences, seminars, engagements and awareness programmes.

12. In closing, Mr. Chair, we believe that through international cooperation and collaboration among Member States specifically and global space community in general, as well as good international governance through COPOUS and its Subcommittees, we can continue to preserve the peaceful uses of outer space for the benefit of the current and future generations.

I thank you, Mr Chair.