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

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Mr. Chair and distinguished delegates

Since this is the first time my delegation to deliver our statement, please allow me, on behalf of our delegation, to congratulate you for the election as the Chair of the 67th Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. Indonesia assures you our full support and cooperation throughout the session.

Indonesia delegation would like to extend our gratitude to Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini as the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Secretariat for the excellent preparation made for this session.

The Outer Space Treaty, the UN Charter, and other guiding principles developed under the UN framework constitute the cornerstone of the global governance in outer space.

Furthermore, UNCOPUOS has a vital role to play in encouraging cooperation and ensuring that competition in outer space does not escalate into conflict, which would harm the interests of all States.

In this regard, Indonesia welcomes the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution Number 78/72 of 2023, for our deliberations on peaceful uses of outer space, especially paragraph 18, which urges all Member States, particularly those with major space capabilities, to actively contribute to the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space (PAROS) as an essential condition for the promotion of international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

Indonesia supports paragraph 19 of the Resolution that the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes, and continue to consider the broader perspective of space security and associated matters.

Indonesia also welcomes the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution Number 77/90 of 2023 entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission". The report contains of recommendations to promote the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities with the goal of PAROS, in accordance with the recommendations set out in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space Activities.

Indonesia believes that the recommendations have a significant role to play in maintaining space for peaceful purposes.

In this regard, Indonesia urges all States, in particular those with major space capabilities, to be as transparent as possible about their intentions, capabilities, doctrines, and policies. It can help to improve mutual understanding, build trust, and reduce risks of miscalculation and conflict.

Mr. Chair,

A number of Indonesian efforts have been done to contribute to maintaining outer space as a peaceful, safe, stable, secure and sustainable environment, among others:

- Indonesia has become a party to all the major international treaties/regulations related to outer space, including the Outer Space Treaty, the Rescue Agreement, the Liability Convention and the Registration Convention.*
- Indonesia implements several recommendations of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures (TCBMs) in Outer Space Activities), including collaboration with other space faring nations for exchange of best practices and data sharing for spaceflight safety, registration of space objects within the UN register, and prelaunch notifications.*
- Indonesia has also implemented the space debris mitigation and the LTS guidelines particularly in development of own satellite, national policy and regulatory framework for space activities, safety of space operations, international cooperation, and scientific and technical research and development.*
- Indonesia has contributed on national space legislation initiative (NSLI) dialogue together with member countries of Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), that stresses practices of TCBMs and contribute to the LTS.*

Mr. Chair,

Finally, Indonesia recommends that this agenda could continue to be discussed in the next COPUOS meeting in 2025.

Thank you.