

Agenda Item 8: Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its Sixty-Third Session

Republic of Korea National Statement

Sixty-Seventh Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

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Thank you, Chair,

The Republic of Korea would like to first appreciate the Chair of the Subcommittee and the Secretariat for the successful organization of the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee.

We also wish to take this opportunity to join several States in expressing our support for the proposal from Germany, Japan and Argentina to establish a Study Group on space traffic management. This Group aligns with the purpose of this Committee, which stands for international cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful use. As our Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA) was officially launched in May, we will actively participate in detailed discussions and activities within the group and other international forums.

Chair,

Regarding potential legal models for the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, the Republic of Korea believes that space

resource activities must be conducted for peaceful purposes and in a safe, sustainable, and transparent manner. This necessitates the establishment of internationally agreed norms and principles governing space resource activities.

We believe that such principles should be based on the existing international legal framework, including the Outer Space Treaty. However, as there is no international consensus on space resource activities under the current framework, further discussions are necessary to develop universally acceptable norms for these activities. In this context, the Republic of Korea fully supports the discussion of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, and has submitted its views on the mandate and purpose of the Group. We are also committed to engaging constructively throughout the entire process.

In closing, the Republic of Korea would like to emphasize that the Legal Subcommittee is a unique and valuable platform for discussions on legal aspect of the peaceful use of outer space. We look forward to constructive discussions to ensure a collaborative and successful outcome in the future.

Thank you.