

Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia

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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

1. We attach the utmost importance to the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) as a significant international forum. This session marks an important milestone in the global governance of the space sector. In this regard, we assure you of our commitment to ensuring the successful outcome of this session. Malaysia fully aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China. Hence, please allow me to update the Committee on the most recent developments in the Malaysian space sector.

Mr. Chair,

2. Underscoring the importance of enhancing the capacity and capability of emerging space-faring nations, Malaysia has continued to develop a complete space ecosystem in line with the implementation of

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the National Space Policy 2030, the Malaysia Space Exploration 2030, and the Space Industry Strategic Plan 2030. A study has shown that our space industry is positively growing, with more than 70 local companies generating a total revenue of RM6.12 billion from 2017 until 2024.

3. Following the full enforcement of the Malaysia Space Board Act 2022 on 1st January 2025, Malaysia is committed to fulfilling our international obligations and ratifying relevant international space treaties. Malaysia is in the process of ratifying two of the five international space treaties, specifically the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space. In addition to this, Malaysia has been actively involved in regional space initiatives, such as the National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI) under the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF).

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4. As one of the activities under the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Government of Malaysia through the Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA) and the Government of Japan through the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the TechnoMart Malaysia-Japan Program was held on 15th May 2025 in conjunction with World Expo Osaka 2025. The program which was held in partnership with the Malaysian Space Industry Consortium (MASIC) has successfully achieved its objectives of promoting partnerships and fostering technological collaboration between both countries toward the new space economy.

- 5. Recognising the importance of talent development and expert enhancement in the space sector, Malaysia fully supports any initiatives by UNOOSA in capacity building. In line with this commitment, Malaysia participated in the UN/UNU Regional Space Law Technical Advisory Mission for Asia and the Pacific Countries held from 16 to 18 January 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. Additionally, Malaysia successfully hosted the 2nd Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) under the UN Space Law for New Space Actors Projects and the Space Law Executive Course from 14 to 16 May 2024.
- 6. Malaysia has joined the annual observance of World Space Week, with our own Malaysia Chapter celebrated throughout the month of October. Furthermore, Malaysia has also successfully organised the Conference on Space Economy Revolution Trends, Technology and Strategies on 22nd May 2025, in conjunction with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA'25). The conference served as a strategic platform, bringing together experts from the space sector to address challenges at the national, regional, and international levels, facilitate the exchange of insights on key priorities and actions, and expand collaborative networks within the field of space science and technology.
- 7. Malaysia wishes to express its full support for the proposal to establish an expert group on Space Situational Awareness by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to develop best practices within the framework of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC) of COPOUS. Malaysia reaffirms our commitment to contribute to the sustainability of outer space activities through the Space2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development

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Goals (SDGs), and the implementation of the Long-term Sustainability Guidelines (LTS Guidelines).

Mr. Chair,

8. In conclusion, Malaysia offers our assurance that we will continuously invest and develop our space capabilities and cultivate a flourishing space economy. We recognise the current demands and challenges of the global community in space that are causing space to become more complex. Therefore, the role of governance through COPUOS and its Subcommittees and international cooperation among all Member States without discrimination will lead the way towards sustainable development and the peaceful uses of outer space for the benefit and the interest of all humankind.

With that, Mr. Chair, I thank you.