



## Statement by the Delegation of Malaysia

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Mr. Chair,

1. As we continue to increase our reliance on space technology in all aspects of our lives nowadays, the exploration and use of outer space enter an exciting phase involving new frontiers and activities. The exploration and use of outer space should be carried out in a peaceful manner for the benefit of all humankind, irrespective of the degree of their economic or scientific development. Therefore, Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to **contributing to and supporting the efforts and the work of the COPUOS and its Subcommittees towards maintaining the peaceful purposes of outer space** as mandated by UN General Assembly Resolution 78/72.

2. Malaysia recognises the important roles mandated to COPUOS as a global space governance body and as a platform for information sharing

to discuss all matters related to the peaceful uses of outer space. The steady growth of COPUOS recently is a sign of the international recognition of its unique role. In this regard, **Malaysia welcomes the applications submitted by Honduras, The Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Malta, Myanmar, Zimbabwe and Gambia to join the membership of the COPUOS.** Malaysia believes COPUOS can promote and enhance transparency and build confidence in space activities among member States.

Mr. Chair,

3. Malaysia acknowledges the importance of a legal framework and guidelines in ensuring that space activities are carried out in a responsible manner and in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations and the Outer Space Treaty. **The enforcement of the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 in January 2025** underscores Malaysia's commitment to align with global space governance standards, particularly in relation to space sustainability and safety concerns. In this regard, Malaysia expresses its intention to ratify key space treaties under the auspices of the United Nations, further solidifying its commitment to fostering international cooperation, peace, and security in outer space while ensuring that the benefits of space exploration are accessible to all States without discrimination.

4. Malaysia recognises that the commitment and cooperation from all Member States are required to preserve space for peaceful purposes and the benefit of humankind and future generations. Article 4 of the Outer Space Treaty prohibits the placement of any object carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction in outer

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space. Thus, it is essential that all Member States shoulder their international responsibilities in conducting space activities. This includes the commitment to **prevent any arms race activities in outer space**.

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5. Malaysia continues to devote its efforts to ensuring long-term sustainability and preserving outer space for peaceful purposes. Malaysia is also committed to fostering international cooperation, transparency, and confidence-building measures to promote responsible behaviour in outer space for all countries. Through these measures, Malaysia is dedicated to contributing to a global framework that prioritises the sustainability of outer space for future generations.

With that, Mr. Chair, I thank you.