

## **Agenda Item 5: Ways and Means of Maintaining Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes**

### **Republic of Korea National Statement**

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Thank you, Chair.

The rapid increase in space objects and the growing complexity of space activities over a decade have posed significant challenges for all nations. COPUOS plays a vital role in ensuring the space domain remain safe and sustainable. The voluntary mechanisms proposed and established in this Committee, including the Guidelines for the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines are very useful tools to manage space threats.

Discussions in other UN fora also contribute to this goal. The work of UN General Assembly First Committee and Open-ended Working Group on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space in all its aspects (PAROS OEWG) plays a complement and crucial role in ensuring space security and peaceful uses of outer space. We recognize that the various space-related processes within the United Nations are mutually reinforcing, each operating within its distinct mandate. It is essential to continue fostering

effective collaborations among the UN offices in Vienna, Geneva, and New York, within their respective mandates, to ensure a coordinated approach to maintain space for peaceful purposes.

Chair,

Maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes fundamentally depends on State's compliance with their obligation under international law. Article IV of the Outer Space Treaty prohibits the placement of nuclear weapons or any kinds of weapons of mass destruction in outer space. In this regard, we commend the successful adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution on Weapons of Mass Destruction in Outer Space, led by the United States, Japan, and Argentina, at 79th UN General Assembly last year.

The Republic of Korea reaffirms its full commitment to support international efforts to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes.

Thank you.