

**STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 5: WAYS AND MEANS OF MAINTAINING
OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AT THE 68TH SESSION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE VIENNA,
AUSTRIA, 25 JUNE – 2 JULY 2025**

Chair,

1. Outer space is essential for humankind's advancement. Access to outer space, and the associated benefits of space science and technology, should therefore be available to all countries. With the growing demands for space-based technology and infrastructure, it is our collective obligation to preserve outer space as a peaceful environment for the conduct of space activities.
2. Singapore supports practical approaches towards a common framework for outer space security, such as the development of norms of responsible behaviours in outer space. Singapore is also open to the possibility of a legally-binding instrument in the future to strengthen the application of international law in outer space. In this regard, we fully support the mandate of the Open-Ended Working Group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space (PAROS) in all its aspects as set out by UNGA decision 79/512. It is in this spirit that Singapore co-drafted a joint statement calling for the commencement of substantive discussions at the Open-Ended Working Group without further delay.

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3. Singapore continues to be concerned with the issue of space debris, a major cause of which has been destructive anti-satellite activities conducted by States since the 1950s. It is for this reason that Singapore co-sponsored UN General Assembly resolution 77/41 in 2022, in support of a moratorium on destructive Direct-Ascent Anti-Satellite missile tests. Singapore supports the cessation of *all* destructive anti-satellite activities, whether direct-ascent or co-orbital. The cessation of destructive anti-satellite activities will support the sustainability of

Earth's orbital space environment, and complements the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities adopted by this committee in 2019.

4. Singapore recognises the importance of inclusivity in the ongoing conversation on the peaceful uses of outer space. In this regard, Singapore, together with Australia and the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRC PD), organised two virtual regional workshops on outer space security in February and March 2025. Such regional capacity-building initiatives are a practical way to support more Asia-Pacific nations to engage in international discussions on outer space issues.

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5. Discussions at COPUOS on the peaceful uses of outer space complement the substantive work on space security being undertaken in the Open-Ended Working Group. Singapore will continue to work closely with other UN member states in all the relevant UN bodies to advance the peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you, Chair.

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