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**National Statement of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on General
Exchange of Views**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

My delegation and I bring you warm greetings from the good people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We wish to congratulate Prof. Rafiq Akram of Morocco, the new Chair of COPUOS. We commend the exemplary leadership of Ms. Arti Holla-Maini, Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), and express our appreciation for the continued cooperation and mutual understanding and guidance that have propelled the progress of this esteemed Committee. In line with the objectives and principles of COPUOS, Nigeria has continued to advance its space programmes, focusing on peaceful uses of outer space, capacity building, and sustainable development. I am honoured to present this statement highlighting some of the achievements of the Nigerian Space Programme.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, I am delighted to inform you that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has approved space regulations and spectrum

management in Nigeria by the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA). As a result, the department of space regulation and spectrum management has been established in the National Space Research and Development Agency. The regulatory framework has also been developed and was launched on April 8, 20225 by the Agency.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to inform you and distinguished delegates, that Nigeria successfully hosted the second edition of African Space Economy Conference (June 17 – 19, 2025) with participants from around the world. I want to specially thank Kenya for sending delegates (4) to the conference. UNOOSA also participated actively through Mrs. Harti as well as many scholars from universities, including MIT USA, companies, and investors. Nigeria, will like to propose to UN-COPOUS the establishment of a platform for SPACE ECONOMY as a FRAMWORK for sustainability and to advance proper management of this emerging trend in the space ecosystem.

Mr. Chairman, Nigeria continues to play a leading role in the development of astronomy and space science in Africa. The Centre for Basic Space Science and Astronomy (CBSS) in Nsukka, Enugu State under the auspices of the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) hosted the West African Regional Office of Astronomy for Development (WAROAD). Also, in October 2024, the Centre for Basic Space Science (CBSS) took delivery of a fully automated 25-cm optical telescope, awarded under the ISONscope programme of UNOOSA and the Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics. This facility, currently undergoing scientific commissioning, will enhance Nigeria's capacity for space debris monitoring and near-Earth object detection. In addition, the Centre has commissioned a 3.7-metre radio telescope.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates, capacity building in all aspects of Space Science and Technology Education is an integral part of the successful implementation of space programmes. In this regard, the African Regional

Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in English (ARCSSTE-E), affiliated to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) located in Nigeria has sustainably remained a regional hub for space science education. Since inception, the Centre has graduated 673 participants from nineteen (19) English Speaking African Countries through its Postgraduate Diploma programmes, and One hundred and eighty-one (181) graduates from its Master of Technology programmes.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, Nigeria remains steadfast in its commitment to the peaceful uses of outer space, guided by the principles of multilateralism, international cooperation, mutual respect, and equitable benefit sharing as enshrined in the Outer Space Treaty.

Thank you.