Intervention made by

the Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia

on the Agenda Item 14 : General exchange of views on potential legal models for activities in exploration, exploitation and utilization of space resources

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Thank you Madam Chair,

Indonesia welcomes the discussion on this agenda item to explore and examine several alternative models of regulations and approaches to govern the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources. Indonesia also supports a new regulatory framework that guarantees the security and sustainability of space resources. In order to guarantee space economy and space security, it is necessary to have a regulatory system that has a distinction between material and non-material space resources.

Since space resources are located beyond national jurisdiction, the existing international space law and principles shall apply in their exploration, exploitation, and utilization, including but not limited to: non-appropriation, common heritage of mankind, exclusive use for peaceful purposes, and for the benefits and interests of all countries.

Indonesia encourages principles of equitable access and collaboration on the issue of space resources so that developing countries are not left behind by spacefaring countries, also consider such arrangements must include the regulation of potential conflicts between space actors.

Indonesia take note working paper submitted by Luxembourg and the Netherlands on building blocks for the development of an international framework on space resource activities, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.315. We hope this sub-committee may consider an inclusive exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources.

Thank you, Madam Chair.