

## Brazil - Item 8 – Capacity-building

Madam Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Once again, Brazil associates itself with the statement delivered by Ambassador Solano, of Costa Rica, on behalf of the G77+China and would like to add some specific remarks.

Brazil welcomes the initiatives undertaken by the Office of Outer Space Affairs, and we are happy to learn of the growing interest in the “Space Law for New Space Actors” project. This initiative represents a concrete contribution of the office in terms of capacity-building among developing nations and ultimately helps promote a more stable, sustainable, and safer space environment.

Brazil believes that the promotion of capacity-building in space law can raise awareness of the importance of regulating space activities and help garner support for multilaterally agreed legal solutions to the challenges of space activities. In addition, by encouraging international exchanges, we help create networks of specialists across the globe who are better equipped to understand the specific realities, concerns and constraints of different space actors. This, in turn, can be channeled to facilitate diplomatic dialogue and mitigate concerns.

Brazil has organized several events to raise awareness and increase interest in space law among young students. The Brazilian Space Agency has also implemented a program of in-house training to prepare its staff for the changes that our space program will experience in the future. We are also pleased to announce that we have added UNISANTOS, one of the leading academic institutions in the field of space law in Brazil, to the directory of education opportunities in space law maintained by UNOOSA. We hope this will help promote greater cooperation between space law researchers and practitioners in Brazil with their counterparts overseas. Thank you.