

Item 13: General exchange of views on the legal aspects of space traffic management

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Thank You Madam Chair,

Indonesia is concerned about the increasing number of space environment congestion that brings huge risks of collision and interference, also the lack of information and interpretation of Space Situational Awareness (SSA). We should discuss this matter seriously taking into account the mega-constellation trend and the continued growth of space actors. Therefore, Indonesia supports the discussion of this agenda as an essential matter.

Indonesia recalls the resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly 1962 (XVIII) Declaration of Legal Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space. Indonesia strongly believes this instrument is an important basis to discuss any efforts to increase compliance with the currently existing international legally binding and non-legally binding elements for the STM framework, especially the implementation of the guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities and space debris mitigation guidelines as norms of responsible behavior.

Indonesia is also of the view that the operationalization of the STM framework requires increasing a strong capacity, especially for developing countries, to monitor space traffic and to predict and be alert about collision risks or SSA. Therefore, international cooperation, especially the transfer of knowledge and know-how, in addition to data transparency and information from spacefaring countries, are absolutely required. This is also in line with the spirit of the Space2030 Agenda.

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