

Agenda No.8: National Legislation relevant to peaceful exploration and use of Outer Space**Madam Chair Person and Distinguished Delegates,**

At the outset, Indian Delegation appreciates the initiatives of UNCOPUOS on this important agenda.

India is Party to the major international treaties and conventions related to outer space activities such as the Outer Space Treaty, Rescue Agreement, Liability Convention and the Registration Convention. India has been complying to the provisions as a State Party to these treaties.

Madam Chair Person,

The Government of India has announced Space Sector Reforms in June 2020. Through these reforms, the Government of India envisages greater participation of private industry in India's space journey by undertaking end to end space activities. In accordance with the provisions of Outer Space Treaty, a mechanism called Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) has been created to authorize and continuously supervise the space activities of the non-governmental entities.

In addition, the Government of India has initiated actions to frame the regulatory and policy framework for promoting, authorizing and monitoring the space activities by the private industry. The draft of sectoral policies such as Communication, Remote Sensing, Navigation, Space Transportation etc. have been prepared and the Public Consultations on the draft have been completed. The further approval process for the approval of these policies is being pursued.

Thank you Madam Chair Person.