

STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL MALAYSIAN SPACE AGENCY (MYSA) TO THE 61st SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (LSC COPUOS), VIENNA 28 MAC - 8 APRIL 2022

AGENDA ITEM 11: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON LEGAL MECHANISMS RELATING TO SPACE DEBRIS MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION MEASURES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE WORK OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Madam Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, Malaysia aligns itself with the statement made by Ambassador of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and would like to make the following remarks in our national capacity.

Madam Chair

Malaysia recognized the significance of space debris mitigation for the protection and preservation of the outer space environment.

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We are concerned about the increasing amount of space debris orbiting the Earth, which will reach a point where space debris will be everincreasing, causing major problems for space objects and outer space users, highlighting the importance of implementing the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space's Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines.

Malaysia commits to strengthening our national mechanisms governing space debris mitigation through the establishment of a specific entity known as the Malaysian Space Board to effectively implement and enforce the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834], which reflects international principles as outlined in the UN Treaties on outer space including space debris.

With regard to the decongestion of outer space through remediation, Malaysia subscribes to the principle to adopt common but differentiated responsibilities, with the actors largely responsible for creating space debris the most involved in space debris removal activities, and that those actors should make available their scientific and legal expertise to developing countries.

In conclusion, Malaysia supports the continuation of this Agenda item to assist Malaysia in understanding the different approaches that States had taken to mitigating and preventing the increase in space debris.

Thank you.