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Agenda 10. General Exchange of Views on Potential Legal Models for Activities in the Exploration, Exploitation and Utilization of Space Resources

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Madam Chair,

Indonesia takes note that there is no internationally agreed definition of space resources yet. The international space treaty (OST 1967) does not prohibit the exploitation but it does not regulate the exploration of space resources either.

Indonesia is of the view that space resources are common heritage of mankind which benefit of utilization must be distributed fairly to member states regardless the level of development.

Indonesia believes that there should be legal certainty and clarity in the exploration activities. Thus, an international arrangement is absolutely necessary.

Furthermore, Indonesia attaches the importance to have an equal access to space resources which can be in the form of material and non-material, which are arranged separately based on the principle of space activities to make it easier to reach regulatory agreements by all countries.

Equality of access in this case means, inter alia, fairness of opportunity to utilize space resources jointly with other countries or through international collaboration.

Indonesia supports the five-year work plan and methods of work of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities agreed in 2023, including the collation and dissemination mandate and purpose of the Working Group.

Indonesia believes that the regulatory framework related to the exploration, use, and exploitation of space resources must be in the context multilateral and conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner, including inter-alia, regulates the activities of private entities.

Regulatory framework should be based on the principles of the existing space law regime. We concern that the regulatory framework should also be able to guarantee the utilization of space resources in a sustainable manner. We believe that the agreed regulatory framework should be completed before the actual exploration, utilization, and exploitation of space resources are carried out.

Thank you