

Statement of the G-77 and China during the sixty-third session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 15-26 April 2024, delivered by H.E. Laura Gil, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia

AGENDA ITEM 6: STATUS AND APPLICATION OF THE FIVE UNITED NATIONS TREATIES ON OUTER SPACE, AND WAYS AND MEANS, INCLUDING CAPACITY-BUILDING, TO PROMOTE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

Thank you Chair,

- 1. The Group of 77 and China is of the view that a wide adherence and membership to the United Nations treaties contributes to creating a safe, secure and sustainable atmosphere for the development of outer space activities and enhancing the effectiveness of COPUOS as the main body for discussing and negotiating international space law. We therefore note with appreciation the growing number of parties to the UN treaties on outer space and encourage those States that have not yet become parties to them to consider doing so.
- 2. Considering the growing number of space actors and entities, and the benefits derived from space science, technology and their applications, including the economic relevance of space tools, the conduct of such activities by States and intergovernmental and non-governmental entities, continues to expand. In this regard, the Group is of the view that any action by space actors and entities should conform to applicable international space law.

I thank you.