



## **Permanent Mission of the Federative Republic of Brazil**

Item 7(a): *Matters relating to: (a) The definition and delimitation of outer space;*

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Mr. Chairperson,

Since this is the first time that I take the floor, I would like to congratulate you on the chairmanship of this meeting.

The topic under consideration -the definition and delimitation of outer space- is of fundamental importance for the future of space exploration. The growing space activity, both by States and private companies, makes this topic even more complex.

Brazil has a long history of commitment to the peaceful use of outer space and the development of international space law. Therefore, I feel honored in having been appointed to the presidency of the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space. I am grateful for the trust placed in myself and in my country by member states.

Brazil believes that the Working Group has a crucial role to play in the search for a consensus-based solution to this complex issue. Brazil is confident that with the hard and dedicated work of all members, we can achieve a positive outcome that benefits the entire international space community.

Over the next few years, the Working Group will dedicate itself to examining the different existing proposals for the definition and delimitation of outdoor space. We will seek to identify points of convergence between different positions and build bridges for dialogue and cooperation. We are aware that this is a significant challenge, but we are confident that, with the spirit of collaboration that has always characterized COPUOS' work, we can achieve a historic result that will pave the way for safe, sustainable and equitable space exploration.

Thank you.