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MODELS FOR ACTIVITIES IN THE EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION AND  
UTILISATION OF SPACE RESOURCES**

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Mr. Chair,

Malaysia is supportive of the ongoing endeavours to develop suitable legal frameworks and mechanisms concerning the exploration, exploitation, and utilisation of space resources.

My delegation affirms that all States should have equal rights to engage in the exploration, exploitation, and utilisation of space resources while upholding the principle of non-appropriation, as stipulated under the Outer Space Treaty. Therefore, the discussions under these matters should be inclusive, transparent, and take into consideration the needs of all member states.

My delegation is of the view that any future legal framework should adhere to international laws and embody the principles of equity, collaboration, and consensus-building, ensuring that no nation is unfairly disadvantaged or left behind. Such a framework should align with existing international legal principles and prioritise the sustainability of space and its resources.

Furthermore, Malaysia believes that nations intending to partake in space-related activities must establish comprehensive national regulatory frameworks

before carrying out such activities. Therefore, the establishment of a legal model to guide States engaging in such activities is imperative.

Mr. Chair,

In addressing the issue related to the principles of non-appropriation of outer space exploration, Malaysia emphasises the importance of inviting all nations to participate in space-related activities in a peaceful, equitable, secure, and sustainable manner, regardless of their scientific and technological capabilities, without discrimination.

In this regard, Malaysia emphasises the necessity of good governance to ensure the sustainability of space resources, particularly non-renewable resources and the space environment, while safeguarding the best interests of humanity.

Malaysia commends and fully supports the ongoing efforts of the working group under this agenda item to address the issues surrounding potential legal frameworks for activities related to space resources. These efforts are essential for maintaining the peaceful use of outer space and fostering future cooperation among Member States, international organisations, and non-governmental entities.

Thank you.