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**AGENDA ITEM 9: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON LEGAL
MECHANISMS RELATING TO SPACE DEBRIS MITIGATION AND REMEDIATION
MEASURES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. Malaysia continues to advocate for transparency among Member States by encouraging the sharing of knowledge and information pertaining to space activities that could potentially cause harm and compromise the security and safety of other States. Therefore, efficient and effective governance is crucial as a mechanism to monitor and regulate space activities.
2. In light of the above, Malaysia would like to acknowledge the role and work of COPUOS in promoting and encouraging cooperation among all Member States to continuously work together for the sustainability of outer space.

Mr. Chair,

3. Malaysia recognizes the importance of developing legal mechanisms related to space debris mitigation and remediation. Hence, Malaysia acknowledges the significance of non-legally

binding and voluntary measures, such as the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines and the Guidelines for the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities.

4. Underscoring the importance of enhancing the legal capacity of emerging space-faring nations, Malaysia would like to encourage other Member States to adopt and implement the above-mentioned Guidelines on a voluntary basis. In support of the implementation of these Guidelines, Malaysia has incorporated them into our national legislation, the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [Act 834] and its related regulations.

Mr. Chair,

5. Malaysia further reiterates that cooperation in sharing accurate data, knowledge and experiences, as well as enhancing capabilities including the development of technical resources, modified prediction models, and advanced facilities is essential. Therefore, in addition to the collaborative efforts facilitated by COPUOS, Member States can collaborate on other international or regional platforms.

6. Malaysia reaffirms that proactive and responsible measures must be taken to prevent accidents and incidents resulting from space activities. Understanding that the number of space objects is increasing over time, continuous efforts are needed to mitigate pollution in Earth's orbit to ensure the long-term sustainability of space for the benefit of future generations.

7. Development of space traffic management protocol under the auspices of international bodies, such as the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) or through regional initiatives, is essential in effectively addressing the growing issue of space debris. With the increasing number of satellites and space activities, it is crucial to establish a unified and coordinated framework for managing space traffic to prevent collisions and the generation of additional debris.

8. International cooperation through recognized bodies can help set global standards, ensure data sharing, and develop binding regulations to mitigate the risks of space debris. Such efforts would promote the sustainable use of outer space, enhance the safety of satellite

operations, and safeguard space-based infrastructure critical to global communication, navigation, and scientific progress. Such cooperation can foster transparency, promote responsible space activities, and reduce the risks of catastrophic events that could threaten both space infrastructure and life on Earth.

9. In conclusion, Malaysia consistently supports and recognizes COPUOS as the appropriate forum to address issues regarding legal mechanisms related to space debris mitigation and remediation measures. Malaysia looks forward to further engagement in the discussions of this session.

With that, Mr. Chair, I thank you.