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Thank you, Mister Chair.

The Philippines would like to take this opportunity to express our support to your Chairmanship and commend the excellent work in the planning and preparations for this 64th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

We recognize the Subcommittee's role in fostering frameworks that ensure the responsible and sustainable use of outer space, and we look forward to the discussions during this session.

We also express our deep appreciation to the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) under the leadership of Director Aarti Holla-Maini, for their continued efforts in holding these activities.

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines remains steadfast in our commitment to upholding treaties and principles promulgated by the United Nations. We emphasize that outer space activities must be conducted exclusively for peaceful purposes and in accordance with international law.

In May 2024, the Philippines reinforced this commitment by acceding to the Registration Convention. Following this accession, we conducted a forum on the Philippine Accession and Implementation of the Registration Convention, engaging stakeholders from relevant industries to ensure its effective implementation. We are complying with national procedures to accede to the Liability Convention, Outer Space Treaty and Rescue Agreement.

In this regard, we would like to highlight the capacity-building activities by the Philippines. We place great importance on building national capacity in space science and technology. Thus, we are committed to developing a highly capable cadre of professionals, researchers, and policymakers who can contribute to advancing our national space initiatives.

On November 04 to 06, 2024, a Space Law Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) to the Philippines was conducted. We extend our gratitude to UNOOSA, the government of Japan, and all the experts who participated in person and online. These country-specific missions are crucial in advancing our understanding and implementation of international space law at the national level.

In regional cooperation, we are pleased to announce that the 31st Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) will be held in Cebu, Philippines, from November 18 to 21, 2025 with the theme of “Empowering the Region through Space Ecosystems in Action”. We look forward to welcoming regional delegates for discussions on space cooperation, capacity-building, and technological advancements. Further, the 7th International Space Forum – Southeast Asian Chapter, co-organized by the International Astronautical Federation and the Italian Space Agency, will be hosted by the Philippines later this year, providing another important venue for regional cooperation on space.

Our involvement in these forums underscores our commitment to regional collaboration and promoting inclusive participation in space activities. In addition, we are proud to share that we are currently in the process of crafting our National Space Industry Development Plan, which will guide capacity-building initiatives, infrastructure development, and space industrialization policy formulation to foster a safe, robust, and competitive domestic space industry.

Once again, we invite everyone to the launching of our book “Si Tala at ang Kanyang Lakbay Kalawakan” translated in English as “Tala and Her Journey Through Space” at a side event on **May 14, 2025**, from **1:00 to 1:45 pm**, at the **UN M5 Conference Room**. We encourage you to join us, engage with fellow attendees, and obtain your own copy of the book.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.