STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 3: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE 64th SESSION OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 5 MAY 2025

Chair,

- 1. Singapore extends our appreciation to you for your leadership of the Subcommittee, and to the Secretariat for its excellent support.
- 2. Singapore is a steadfast supporter of COPUOS and UNOOSA, as entities underpinning global space development and a multilateral rules-based system. We were delighted to welcome UNOOSA's Director, Ms Holla-Maini, to Singapore this February for Singapore's annual week of space activities. Her visit facilitated in-depth engagements with diverse stakeholders from the Asia Pacific region on regional and global developments in the peaceful uses of outer space, and underscored the importance of ensuring that space remains safe, sustainable, and accessible to all.
- 3. Following the publication of our national guidelines on space safety and sustainability, as well as forming our national registry of space objects in 2024, Singapore is taking a step further on our path towards developing a comprehensive domestic space law framework. UNOOSA's assistance will be critical in that regard. We are therefore pleased to announce that the Office for Space Technology & Industry (OSTIn), Singapore's national space office, is partnering with UNOOSA through the Space Law for New Space Actors programme to ensure that our domestic framework is robust and fit for purpose.
- 4. As the Legal Subcommittee embarks on its programme of work, Singapore looks forward to discussions on the legal aspects of space resource activities and the application of international law to small satellite activities. We support the continued application of existing international treaties and non-binding frameworks to guide such activities, and look forward to hearing other delegations' views on the same.
- 5. Beyond COPUOS, Singapore will participate actively at the national, regional, and international levels to exchange best practices and to support initiatives

that advance the peaceful uses of outer space. For example, Singapore hosted an Air and Space Law conference in August 2024, to discuss emerging legal and policy issues around air and space navigation. Co-organised by the National University of Singapore's Faculty of Law and McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law, the conference brought together government representatives, academics, legal experts, and students for rich discussions on a range of topics that included perspectives on new ways to regulate space activities, space resources and salvage rights and commercial space exploration. At the regional level, we are pleased to continue our work with the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum's National Space Legislation Initiative (APRSAF-NSLI), which is now in its third phase and addressing new topics such as mechanisms to accelerate the space economy.

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- 6. We reaffirm our commitment to the objectives and purpose of COPUOS. Singapore supports an open, inclusive, and rules-based approach to the peaceful, responsible, and sustainable use of space for all.
- 7. Thank you.

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