

Mr. Chairperson,

Before proceeding with our substantive contributions, I would like to express, on behalf of the Brazilian delegation, our deepest condolences and regret for the passing of Ambassador Andrzej Misztal of Poland, Chairman of the Working Group on Space Resources. His contributions to the Legal Subcommittee and his dedication to the advancement of space law will be greatly missed.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Ms. Takemi Chiku on her appointment as the Chief of the Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section (CPLA) of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), last year. We look forward to working closely with her and her team.

Mr. Chairperson,

The international principles and rules governing the activities of States in the exploration and use of outer space, as developed by the United Nations, have helped promote collaboration and stave off conflict in outer space since the inception of the space age. The importance of a robust legal framework for space activities has been reinforced in the past 10 years, with the ICT revolution, the surge in satellite numbers and the growth of the space economy. As the New Space revolution is not slowing down, rather it is accelerating, there is a renewed sense of responsibility for strictly observing those rules and principles, building upon them with practical measures, and eventually complementing them, where necessary.

In order to uphold these principles, it is necessary to implement national laws, applicable to both governmental and non-governmental actors. This serves the interest of both the space actors themselves and that of the general population given the importance of space activities for everyday life; the complex nature of space activities and the high risks involved. In 2024, Brazil has passed Federal Law 14.946, the Law on Space Activities, which consolidates and complements, in a single legal document, Brazil`s legal framework on space affairs, in accordance with international law.

Mr. Chairperson,

Taking into account the interlinkages between space activities and climate action, I take this opportunity to remind delegations of the upcoming 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30), which will be held in Belém, Brazil.

Additionally, we are pleased to invite all delegations to attend the SpaceBR Show, the largest space fair in Latin America, which will take place in early June in São Paulo,

Brazil. This event will provide a valuable platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and exploring the latest developments in the space sector. We believe that participation in this event will foster international cooperation and strengthen our collective efforts in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

Thank you.