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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, allow me to extend our sincere appreciation to you, the Office for Outer Space Affairs, and the Secretariat for the preparation of this session and for the continued support provided during the intersessional period.

The Czech Republic fully aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and would like to add some additional remarks in its national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

As a nation with a seven-decade legacy in advancing space law and one of the founding members of COPUOS, the Czech Republic remains committed to consensus-driven multilateralism as the cornerstone of cosmic governance. COPUOS, as the primary intergovernmental platform mandated to address legal challenges in outer space, retains unparalleled legitimacy. We emphasize that the evolution of normative frameworks for space activities should occur principally within this inclusive forum, ensuring equitable participation by all States.

While recognizing complementary initiatives emerging beyond COPUOS, we stress that such efforts must adhere to established treaty obligations and align with the collectively agreed principles codified through this Committee's work. The Czech Republic views fragmentation of legal regimes as a risk to the predictability and stability essential for peaceful space exploration.

In this context we welcome the initiative to organize UNISPACE IV Conference in 2027 and we thank UNOOSA for submitting the comprehensive non-paper containing several options, which will help our discussions.

Mr. Chair,

Regarding the agenda item 8, the Czech Republic commends the continued progress of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, including the consultations held in the intersessional period and wishes to thank the Vice-chair of the group for preparing an initial draft set of recommended principles for space resource activities.

We see this as an important step towards fostering a common understanding and ensuring that future activities in the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources are conducted in accordance with international law and in full compliance with the existing legal framework for the exploration and use of outer space, in a safe, sustainable, and peaceful manner.

The Czech Republic supports the Working Group's efforts to build consensus on principles that reflect the interests of all States and the broader international community.

Mr. Chair,

Turning to agenda item 9 on space debris mitigation, the Czech Republic reiterates its longstanding commitment to advancing responsible practices in this area. As a co-initiator of the Compendium of Space Debris Mitigation Standards, we appreciate the recent contributions and updates from Member States and international organizations, which have further enriched this valuable resource. We encourage all Member States and relevant international stakeholders to share their standards and best practices in this field, including those related to emerging challenges such as the proliferation of large satellite constellations.

We also welcome the growing focus on the long-term sustainability of outer space activities, as reflected in the Lisbon Declaration and the ongoing work of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation. These initiatives underscore the importance of transparency, information sharing, and the proper registration of all space objects, as well as the need to address the legal implications of new technologies, including artificial intelligence and autonomous systems for space traffic management.

In this context, we strongly support the closer collaboration between the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee. Such cooperation is essential to achieving consensus on globally acceptable frameworks for space traffic management, debris mitigation, and the responsible use of new technologies.

Mr. Chair,

In closing, let me reiterate the Czech Republic's strong support for the ongoing work and overarching goals of the Legal Subcommittee. We remain fully committed to actively engaging in the development of international space law and the establishment of clear, transparent, and sustainable standards for the peaceful use and responsible management of outer space.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.