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AGENDA ITEM 3: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

- 1. To begin with, Malaysia would like to express our appreciation for your leadership and commitment, as well as to the Secretariat for the excellent preparations made for this session. I assure you of our full support and cooperation in ensuring the successful outcome of this session.
- 2. On another note, Malaysia wishes to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Ambassador Andrzej Misztal of Poland, Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities under the Legal Subcommittee. His Excellency's contributions and guidance in the work of the Working Group are highly appreciated and will be remembered.

Mr. Chair,

3. Following the full enforcement of the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022 [*Act 834*] and the Malaysian Space Board Regulations 2024 on 1st January 2025, Malaysia is

committed to fulfilling our international obligations and catalysing the country's progress towards developing a new space economy.

- 4. In this regard, Malaysia is currently in the process towards ratifying the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies and acceding to the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space.
- 5. Malaysia recognizes the importance of capacity-building initiatives to develop talent and expertise in space law and policy. Therefore, Malaysia's full support for UNOOSA's capacity-building efforts is demonstrated through our involvement in the United Nations Space Law for New Space Actors projects since 2021. Malaysia has successfully hosted the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs Space Law Technical Advisory Mission to Malaysia (TAM2024) for the second consecutive year, from 14th to 16th May 2024, as well as the Space Law Executive Course held from 7th to 10th October 2024.
- 6. In addition to the above, Malaysia has also been actively involved in regional and international space initiatives, such as the National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI) under the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF). In this regard, Malaysia has contributed to the joint submission of the "Report on the Status of the National Space Legislation Initiative (NSLI) in the Countries of the Asia-Pacific Region, Third Phase."

Mr. Chair,

- 7. Malaysia reaffirms its vision of working together with other Member States of COPUOS in the future and plans to host additional Expert Exchange Seminars on Space Policy for Southeast Asian Countries (ASEAN).
- 8. Malaysia strongly supports space sustainability as a key pillar of its space policy and development activities, both through active participation in international platforms and through the implementation of national legislation. At the global level, Malaysia engages

with various space agencies and international organizations to promote the responsible use of space and the mitigation of space debris. In line with these efforts, Malaysia's national framework, as outlined in the Malaysian Space Board Act 2022, provides a comprehensive regulatory approach to space activities, ensuring that space operations are conducted in a safe, sustainable, and transparent manner.

- 9. This Act underscores Malaysia's commitment to align with global space governance standards, particularly in relation to space sustainability and safety concerns. Additionally, Malaysia expresses its intention to ratify key space treaties under the auspices of the United Nations, further solidifying its commitment to fostering international cooperation, peace, and security in outer space, while ensuring that the benefits of space exploration are accessible to all. Through these measures, Malaysia is dedicated to contributing to a global framework that prioritizes space sustainability for future generations.
- 10. To conclude, Malaysia would like to reiterate our commitment to support the Subcommittee's efforts in promoting cooperation and mutual understanding of the peaceful uses of outer space. Malaysia recognizes that the norms, guidelines, standards, or other measures discussed or proposed by the Subcommittee must consider the capabilities and address the concerns of all State members, including emerging spacefaring nations.

With that, Mr. Chair, I thank you.