

## Agenda Item 3: General Exchange of Views

Republic of Korea

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Firstly, I would like extend my gratitude to UN OOSA Director, Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, and the Secretariat for their efforts in preparing for this meeting.

The United Nations space treaties have long been a cornerstone of the international legal framework for outer space, enabling all nations to conduct space activities in a free, peaceful, and safe manner. As space activities grow in scale and complexity, and more States become space actors, the importance of these foundational instruments continues to increase.

In this context, the Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS plays a vital role in addressing emerging legal challenges through collective international efforts.

As space faring nation engaged in satellites and launch vehicles development as well as space exploration, the Republic of Korea is committed to actively participate in discussions within the Legal Subcommittee.

As humanity prepares for the exploration, exploitation, and utilization of space resources, the Republic of Korea acknowledges the importance of securing international governance of space resources activities. We are actively engaging in discussions and contributing to the Space Resources Working Group on this matter.

In line with the COPUOS Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines, Korea enacted the Governmental Recommendation on Space Debris Mitigation in developing and operating space objects which is to minimize debris across all phases of space missions. We also adopted the Second master plan for preparing against dangers in space(2024–2033), which outlines a comprehensive strategy to manage and mitigate the risks posed by space debris.

Space Traffic Management(STM) is also a core component of this plan. We intend to improve relevant legal and institutional frameworks, including the development of standardized procedures

and manuals for responding to space object reentry and collision risks. By proactively establishing a comprehensive STM framework, Korea aims to contribute to the development of a globally harmonized space governance regime and promote responsible behavior in space.

In satellite navigation field, we will host the 19th annual meeting of the United Nations International Committee on Global navigation satellite systems (UN ICG) in Busan this year to discuss the development and utilization of satellite navigation.

We recognize the crucial role of the Legal Subcommittee in strengthening the international legal framework for space activities, and we are committed to contributing to the Subcommittee to achieve this goal. Our delegation stands ready to offer full support, and we look forward to active and productive discussions that will benefit us all.

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