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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

1. Malaysia notes the need for legal guidance to ensure that space resource activities are carried out in accordance with international law and in a safe, sustainable, rational, transparent and peaceful manner. Malaysia emphasizes that a regulatory framework should be developed and implemented before any exploration, exploitation, or utilization of space resources is conducted. Therefore, Malaysia fully supports the work plan and coordination carried out by the Working Group to ensure the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space, the Moon and other celestial bodies, as well as the conduct of space resource activities in accordance with international law and for the benefit of all.

2. Malaysia shares the view that the basic principles set forth in the Outer Space Treaty should be applied to space resource activities. Furthermore, Malaysia is of the view that the set of preliminary principles developed by the Working Group should align with international space law and should not be unduly influenced by the conduct of such activities for commercial

purposes. Malaysia also recognizes that coordination among space actors should be strengthened and effectively governed by the States.

3. Malaysia expresses the view that emerging space-faring nations should be given fair opportunities to utilize space resources, either jointly with other countries or through international collaboration. The principle of adaptive governance should also be applied so that emerging issues can be gradually addressed based on ever-evolving technology and practices.

4. In light of the above, Malaysia encourages Member States to voluntarily adopt the regulations developed by the Working Group to guarantee the preservation of outer space from harmful activities.

5. In this regard, Malaysia reaffirms the necessity of good governance to ensure the sustainability of space resources, particularly non-renewable resources and the space environment, while safeguarding the best interests of humanity.

Mr. Chair,

6. Malaysia looks forward to contributing to the ongoing discussion and fully supports the efforts of the Working Group under this agenda item to address the issues surrounding potential legal frameworks for space resource activities, in order to maintain the peaceful use of outer space and foster future cooperation among Member States, international organizations and non-governmental entities.

With that, Mr. Chair, I thank you.