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Agenda 11: General exchange of views on the legal aspects of
space traffic management
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Mr. Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the General Statement of the G77 and China. Further, we would like to add a statement in our national capacity, as follows:

Indonesia supports the discussion of STM as an LSC Agenda Items that was first considered at the 55th session of the Legal Subcommittee in 2016.

Indonesia supports the discussion of the possibility to have an international framework on STM to promote safe, secure and sustainable access, operations in outer space and return from outer space to Earth.

In relation with the current development of our discussion, my delegation appreciates the Government of Germany for its leadership in advancing the negotiations on STM. My delegation appreciates the proposal of Germany and the co-sponsor to establish a Study Group on STM. Ideally, in our view, a Working Group would be a more appropriate forum to discuss STM. However, we understand the technical and political difficulties of establishing a Working Group at the current stage. Therefore, to negotiate a possible legal framework of STM at this early stage, we could see that the establishment of a Study Group seems more realistic.

Nevertheless, my delegation would like to express our view that the Study Group should be aimed to negotiate a possible legal framework on STM as mandated by the 2024 Pact of the Future. The work of the Study Group should be in line with Action 56 of the Pact of the Future 2024 paragraph (a) which states: “...*discuss the establishment of new frameworks for space traffic, space debris and space resources through the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.*”

Furthermore, to enrich the work of the Study Group of STM, allow us to express our view, as follows:

- a. The discussions on scientific and technical work of STM could enrich our legal discussion. The Study Group could utilize the work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, including the work of its Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and the discussions on global space situational awareness coordination.
- b. On substantive issues, the study should work on several issues, as follows:
 - (i) Collecting information and identifying the existing regional and national policies and legal systems of STM, including best practices, inter alia:
 - ➔ The definition of objects of discussion such as space traffic, space objects, debris and conjunction events; and
 - ➔ The geographical scope of STM: LEO, GEO, cislunar space and beyond.

- (ii) Identifying possible overlapping work or collaboration (cooperation) with other international organizations such as the Federal Communication Commission, International Telecommunication Union and ICAO.
- (iii) Discussing some related issues, as follows: (i) space situational awareness data sharing; (ii) mega constellation; (iii) space debris; (iv) sustainable use of outer space; (v) definition; and (vi) definition and delamination of outer space.
- (iv) Identifying possible areas to support developing countries, such as international cooperation on access of data and capacity building.

Chair,

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia is open to build a bilateral cooperation on STM with other member states. My delegation would also support the UNOOSA Secretariat to provide capacity building to member states and regional organization on the issue of STM.

Thank you.