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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STATEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. "STATUS AND APPLICATION OF THE FIVE UNITED NATIONS TREATIES ON OUTER SPACE AND WAYS AND MEANS INCLUDING CAPACITY-BUILDING TO PROMOTE THEIR IMPLEMENTATION"

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Thank you Mr. Chair.

We are pleased to report that since our session last year, we have worked tirelessly to complete our ratification process of the Registration Convention.

And in May of last year, the Philippines formally acceded to the Registration Convention.

To mark this milestone, the Philippines hosted a forum during Philippine Space Week in August of last year, focusing on the domestic implementation of the Convention in a whole-of-society approach.

The event brought together key government and private stakeholders to deepen understanding of international legal frameworks and their impact on national space policy and industry.

In line with Article II of the Convention, the Philippines will also be launching the official Philippine registry of space objects in August 2025.

We will also be sending a formal communication to the United Nations in this regard.

We note that even prior to accession, the Philippines has been submitting updates on Philippine space objects—and we will continue to do so in the spirit of transparency and cooperation.

In addition, the Philippines is also in the midst of domestic processes toward the ratification of the *Outer Space Treaty* and the *Rescue Agreement*.

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines has also taken active measures in building domestic capacities for implementation and compliance with our treaty commitments, as well as fostering domestic constituencies for the peaceful uses of outer space.

As part of these efforts, the Philippines hosted the Space Law Technical Advisory Mission in November 2024, aimed to strengthen our legal and regulatory infrastructure for space activities.

This initiative was in partnership with UNOOSA and the Government of Japan, and we extend our sincere appreciation to them for their support.

As mentioned by Director Holla-Maini in her remarks yesterday, the Philippines has also published a bilingual children's book on space law, "Si Tala at ang Kanyang Lakbay Kalawakan" (entitled in English: "Tala and Her Journey Through Space").

Mr Chair, "TALA" is the Filipino word for 'star.'

We will launch this book at a side event on 14 May 2025, from 1:00 to 1:45 PM, at Conference Room M5. We warmly invite all delegates to attend and receive a copy.

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In closing, allow us to reaffirm that the Philippines continues to pursue ratification of the UN space treaties and to build international partnerships, as part of our sincere commitment to becoming a responsible, space-faring nation.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.