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Agenda Item 5: Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, and ways and means, including capacity-building, to promote their implementation

Mr. Chair,

1. Ghana aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador and Permanent Representative on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. We thank you for the opportunity to share our national perspective on this important agenda item.
2. Ghana reaffirms the enduring relevance of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, which form the foundation of the international legal regime governing outer space activities. We acknowledge the importance of broad adherence to these treaties, especially in an era where the number of State and non-State space actors continues to expand.
3. We view universal adherence as key to fostering a predictable, rules-based order that promotes peaceful cooperation and responsible behaviour in outer space and commend the growing interest in these treaties
4. We welcome the ongoing work of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five UN Treaties and support efforts to advance the implementation of treaty obligations, including through capacity-building and legal assistance to developing countries.
5. Ghana places strong emphasis on practical measures that facilitate treaty implementation, especially in areas such as registration of space objects, transparency and confidence-building measures, and information-sharing under Article XI of the Outer Space Treaty. We believe tools such as model reporting templates and voluntary guidelines must be adaptable to the technical realities of emerging space nations.
6. Ghana appreciates the support extended by UNOOSA in developing our national space law and encourages continued technical assistance that enables developing countries to enact effective domestic legislation aligned with the UN treaties. This is vital to ensuring coherence between international obligations and national capabilities.
7. We also note the need for increased financial and technical support to facilitate the implementation of treaty obligations by countries with emerging space programs. In this regard, Ghana supports the call by the Group of 77 and China for adequate and sustainable funding of UNOOSA's capacity-building mandate. These efforts are instrumental in helping developing countries leverage space law to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure), SDG 13 (climate action) and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals).
8. Finally, Ghana reiterates the importance of inclusive and constructive dialogue under this agenda item. We encourage member States to share best practices and continue to work collectively to ensure that the international legal framework remains robust, inclusive, and fit for the evolving dynamics of outer space activities.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.