

Statement Kingdom of the Netherlands Item 13 – Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its sixty-fifth session

Mr Chair, thank you for giving me the floor.

Mr Chair, distinguished delegations,

As to the agenda, I would like to recall three issues.

First, we maintain our position that no items should be added to the agenda unless we create space for such an item. And we need more space on the agenda, in particular to have sufficient time for the working groups, in particular the one on space resources, and hopefully also the study group as per the proposal of the German delegation. So for my delegation, adopting a new item to the agenda would not be preferable.

As to creating more space, I repeat, as already mentioned in my statement under agenda-item seven, that we support the removal of agenda-item 6(b) from the agenda, as it belongs to the ITU, and also support the proposal by Canada, to remove item 6(a) or, alternatively suspend item 6(a) until 2028, after UNISPACE IV.

Finally, we would also support the proposal by Canada to merge our discussion on small satellites to the items on space debris and space traffic respectively. Small satellites are important to consider under both items, and the discussions will be more relevant if combined. The item on small satellites itself may then be removed from the list.

Thank you Mr. Chair