

Item Agenda 11: Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

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Chair,

Indonesia supports the discussion on the implementation of guidelines regarding Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities (LTS) in new multi-year work plan 2022-2026. Allow me to express our commitment to the voluntary implementation of the Guidelines in accordance with Indonesian national space policy and also Law Number 21 Year 2013.

Indonesia is of the view that the LTS Guidelines together with Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines should have the ability to guide the conduct of space activities in peaceful manner with an objectives to provide equitable access of benefits of exploration and utilization of space to meet the needs of present generations while preserving the space environment for future generations.

Therefore, Indonesia is of the opinion that the issue of the safety of space operations should be a current priority given the evolving threat of space militarization, space commercialization, and space environmental density exacerbated by mega-constellations.

Chair, distinguished delegates,

Indonesia takes note and appreciates the work of Chair of the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities in preparing the Working Paper on Implementation Experiences, Opportunities for Capacity-Building and Challenges in document A/AC.105/C.1/L.410.

Through the document, member countries can obtain information regarding each other's experiences in implementing LTS Guidelines. Indonesia attaches the importance of enhancing capacity-building on the implementation of LTS Guidelines and overarching themes of challenges in the long-term sustainability of outer space activities. Furthermore, Indonesia encourages more cooperation to overcome existing challenges to implement the LTS Guidelines in inclusive and open manner, taking the views of developing countries.

Indonesia also welcomes the workshop of the Working Group on LTS which discussed three main topics, namely Regulatory and policy aspects, Safety of space operations, and Scientific and technical research. We look forward to the best outcome of its discussions.

My delegation looks further to engaging on the discussion of how to enhance the LTS Guidelines. We will engage on the discussion of any proposals of LTS guidelines.

Thank You