

**Agenda Item No. 10 “Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities”**

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Thank you, Madame Chair.

The Philippine Space Act defines an effective national legal framework for supporting the development and implementation of safe, responsible, and sustainable national space activities for the Philippines.

In our efforts to contribute to the long-term sustainability in outer space, the Philippine Space Act mandates compliance to the UN Outer Space Treaties. Our accession to the *Registration Convention* reinforces our stance as a responsible spacefaring nation and further develops cooperation together with and among space actors. Having concerted efforts to abide by and with the existing regimes in outer space prevents disruption and instabilities of the global space ecosystem. To date, the country has already ratified and/or acceded to the *Moon Agreement* and the *Registration Convention*, and we are working towards the ratification of the rest of the UN Outer Space treaties.

We firmly believe that becoming an official party to the Registration Convention aligns with the timely adoption of the Pact for the Future. We welcome the vision of the Pact—a bold and renewed global commitment to the UN and a modernized multilateral system that is responsive and action-driven in addressing the present and future challenges of our planet.

On governing outer space, Action 56 of the Pact underscores the need to strengthen existing framework and establish new mechanisms for space traffic, space debris, and space resources. As the Philippines advances its space capabilities, fosters space development, and seeks to create value within the space ecosystem, we recognize the importance of a global governance framework that is sustainable, inclusive, and aligned with the common good. We advocate for a system that remains relevant, transparent,

and accountable to future generations, ensuring responsible and equitable use of outer space.

Madam Chair and distinguished colleagues,

At the international level, the LTS Guidelines recognizes the need to identify the general context of and modalities for states to remain committed to enforce rules for space activities, covering safe space operations, international cooperation, capacity-building and awareness, and scientific and technical research and development. While the Guidelines provide a compendium of internationally recognized measures for safe space operations, the Philippines leverages bilateral exchanges and cooperation dialogues with other states. In May 2024, the inaugural United States and Philippines Space Dialogue served as a platform to promote cooperation in civil space matters. In particular, it focused on utilizing space for maritime domain awareness and space situational awareness.

The Philippines continues to have an active participation in regional platforms, such as the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (ASEAN SCOSA), and the Regional Space Applications Programme of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP). These platforms provide us with an opportunity to exchange technical, scientific, and policy know how as well as establish international cooperation. For example, in ASEAN SCOSA, we are working with Thailand and all ASEAN Member States on space situational awareness and space traffic management. We will be setting up a Steering Committee and Expert Committee and the Philippines will act as Secretariat in this regard. This initiative brings forth regional cooperation and supports the principles of the LTS Guidelines.

PhilSA also conducted book reading activities within the country and distributed copies of our children's book on outer space treaties, "Si Tala at ang Kanyang Lakbay Kalawakan!" (Tala and Her Journey into Space). We are also grateful for the support from the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Manila who partnered with PhilSA for a book reading session to students. We look forward to more activities with other countries in this regard.

Madam Chair,

In closing, the Philippines reaffirms its commitment and adherence to the LTS Guidelines. We will remain to actively continue the activities on enhancing policy and regulatory framework, ensure safety of space operations, maximize international cooperation benefits, promote intensive capacity development to reinforce domestic space workforce, and fortify our space research and development.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

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