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**Statement by Australia**

**Agenda Item: 11 – Future role and method of work of the Committee**

Thank you Chair, distinguished delegates.

Australia again expresses its condolences on the sad passing of Ambassador Andrzej Misztal of Poland. Ambassador Misztal was highly respected and made a significant contribution to the peaceful uses of outer space and the work of the Committee and its subcommittees, including as Chair of the Working Group on Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities.

We are supportive of the Working Group continuing to progress its important work, consistent with its workplan, under the leadership of Mr Steven Freeland.

For the information of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, we support Mr Freeland becoming Chair of the Working Group, noting that this is for consideration by the Legal Subcommittee.

Thank you.