

Agenda Item No. 3 “General Exchange of Views and Introduction of Reports Submitted on National Activities”

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

On behalf of the Philippine delegation, we would like to commend and express our appreciation for your continued leadership, Madame Chair Ulpia-Elena Botezatu of Romania, on this year's 62nd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC), truly your indispensable guidance brought success on the previous session. We also would like to express our appreciation to Director Aarti Holla-Maini for her excellent leadership. Rest assured that we are in full support of the current session's conduct. We welcome Latvia and Djibouti as new additions to the growing members of the Committee.

Madam Chair,

The Philippines remains steadfast in adhering to the rules, regulations, and commitments enshrined in the UN Outer Space treaties. We welcome the inclusion of Action 56 in the *Pact for the Future* that promises to strengthen international cooperation in outer space. The Philippines will continue to contribute to further advancement of space science and technology applications along with the collective effort to establish an efficient global space governance.

During the 61st session of the STSC, the delegation of Romania proposed for the establishment of a consultative mechanism to collectively address the increasing interest on lunar and cislunar activities in the future. Madam Chair, we wish to assure you of the Philippine's readiness to contribute to the work of the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultation (ATLAC). We have already identified four (4) representatives to impart their expertise in the work of the Action Team. We wish to congratulate Romania and Pakistan for their nomination as Co-chairs of the Action Team.

The Philippines continues to pursue the advancement of our local space sector through research and development, and international cooperation. As a nascent spacefaring nation, we are optimistic with the trajectory of our space ecosystem and development. We highlight the potential in realizing the space value chain to create socio-economic benefits.

We would like to share that we have unveiled the Copernicus Mirror Site and conducted a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue for the regionalization of Copernicus, and Copernicus for Business in October 2024 as part of the National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines (CopPhil).

The Philippines commits to continue its participation in the international space activities. We would like to share the successful convening of the Space Law Technical Advisory Mission (TAM) in the Philippines in November last year led by UNOOSA, which featured expert-led lectures and scenario-based exercises designed to enhance capacity in space law and policy, as well as in national legislation supporting outer space activities. We extend our appreciation to UNOOSA and to the Government of Japan for their full support.

Madam Chair,

The Philippines also shares that it recently has inked partnerships with the Brazilian Space Agency (AEB) and the Polish Space Agency (POLSA) in 2024 signifying strong bilateral relations and mutual interests in the promotion of peaceful uses of outer space.

In May 2024, the United States and the Philippines held the inaugural bilateral space dialogue in Washington D.C., to strengthen cooperation and advance exchanges in civil space matters, including the use of space for maritime domain awareness and space situational awareness. It represents an expansion of U.S.-Philippines cooperation into outer space, including the use of space-based Earth observation satellite data for a wide variety of socio-economic applications. As a key outcome of the dialogue, we are co-organizing the Land Cover and Land Use Changes (LCLUC) in Southeast Asia-Regional Environmental Impacts and Synthesis Meeting with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) next week in Iloilo City, Philippines.

We look forward to expanding international cooperation as we sustain the momentum and strengthen our position as a reliable partner and a key player in the Southeast Asian region.

We strongly believe that we should continue to look at regional and international cooperation as a platform in achieving the vision of the global space community. We are pleased to announce that we are hosting the 31st Session of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-31) that will be held on November 2025, in Cebu, Philippines.

We look forward to the discussions on the proposed United Nations Conference on Peaceful Exploration of Outer Space (UNISPACE IV). The objectives and agenda of UNISPACE IV should be inclusive and results-oriented, taking into account the interests and concerns of developing countries.

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

Thank you, Madam Chair.
