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Madam Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, allow me to extend our congratulations to you and the Scientific and Technical subcommittee for the achievements under your leadership during the past year.

For Thailand, the year 2024 is one of the most vibrant and active times of our nation on international space activities. Let me begin with our success in leveraging the space economy ecosystem through the most anticipated annual space technology event in Southeast Asia, the "Thailand Space Week 2024". This prestigious event was organized last November, Bangkok, Thailand, with more than 4,500 participants, 121 exhibition booths, and 67 renowned speakers from across the globe have joined the event. Most importantly, the Thailand Space Week 2024 significantly contributed values worth over 100 million Euro to the Thai society and economy. The event, in this respect, is one of our successful efforts in promoting space economy and also positions Thailand as a destination for key players in the global space industry. The Thai government is also committed to making the Thailand Space Week a super high-profile space technology event that all relevant stakeholders are eager to be part of the event every year.

Furthermore, pursuing expertise in space is a priority of Thailand, the Space Law Technical Advisory Mission to Thailand was held during 15-17 January 2025. Thailand is thankful to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for sponsoring the event and appreciated UNOOSA for co-organizing this amazing workshop. This event not only enhanced knowledge and understanding of space law for Thai space actors but also raised the awareness to the high-level policy makers in the country on the necessity of space law. We expect to see the National Space Act of Thailand be completely legislated very soon. In this regard, we would like to encourage States members to support/participate in this program of UNOOSA. More expertise in space law in many countries could enlarge the domain of space activities and ensure transparency in space affairs.

Madam Chair,

Right now, Thailand is speeding up our capacity for space technology development. We truly realize that we are still an emerging country in the space community. The cooperation with other States members, both space-faring and emerging space nations, would be the key to elevate Thailand to succeed in this arena. 2024 was a remarkable year for Thailand, since we officially joined the International Lunar Research Station and the Artemis Accords/Program. We also tirelessly put our contributions and efforts in the critical regional issues, for example, transboundary haze pollution, food security, and disaster risk reductions, through international projects in particular, Airborne and Satellite Investigation of Asian-Air Quality or ASIA-AQ, the Pan-Asia Partnership for Geospatial Air Pollution information or PAPGAPi, and the Lancang-Mekong Satellite Remote Sensing Data Center. These activities provided us the unique opportunities to leverage our knowledge and experiences, as well as, placing Thailand as one of the significant actors, who contribute more to the global space community.

Madam Chair and Distinguished delegates,

Thailand is committed to working closely with COPUOS States members as well as international organizations towards the peaceful uses of outer space.

Thank you.
