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Mr. Chairman,

Malaysia congratulates you on your appointment as Chair of the Fourth Committee and other members for their elections to the bureau.

2. Malaysia reiterates its full commitment to enhance international cooperation on the peaceful uses of outer space. With the increasing number of actors participating in space programmes, both by states and private entities, the role of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in ensuring that the use of outer space be carried out for the benefit of all mankind has become more vital than ever.

3. Malaysia looks forward to working closely with the Working Group on the “Space2030” Agenda in realising our aspiration to be one of the aerospace nations by 2030.

Mr. Chairman,

4. The space sector is considered as an important frontier to the Malaysian economy. Realising its huge potential to the development of the country, Malaysia adopted its National Space Policy 2030 in 2017 and launched the Malaysia Space Exploration 2030 Programme (Malaysia Space-X 2030).

5. In December 2019, the Government established the Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA) through the merging of the National Space Agency (ANGKASA) and the Malaysian Remote Sensing Agency (MRSA), to further enhance the efficiency of delivering government services in the space sector. MYSA's main mission is to strengthen the country's capabilities in the space sector as a contributor to economic growth, knowledge development and sustainable development.

6. It is our hope that by 2030, the country's space sector could contribute at least 0.3% to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country and create 500 knowledge workers (k-workers). Among the key initiatives of the Malaysia Space-X 2030 are as follows:

6.1 Developing home-grown satellites under the National Remote Sensing Satellite Programme;

6.2 Strengthening the Assembly, Integration and Test (AIT) Facility at the Malaysian Space Agency (MYSA), with a view towards becoming a regional hub for measurement and testing services for both space and commercial industries;

- 6.3 Enhancing the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) signal monitoring and testing system;
- 6.4 Creating platforms for local firms and industries to participate in the global space industry value chain; and
- 6.5 Promoting international partnerships in developing space science technologies with a vision of sending an unmanned space probe and contribute to the growth of space economy in Malaysia.

Mr. Chairman,

7. To further consolidate a good ecosystem in our country, Malaysia is currently in the process of enacting a national space legislation to regulate space activities in the country. This is in line with the General Assembly Resolution 68/74 on Recommendations on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, and Thrust Five of our National Space Policy 2030. It is our hope that the Space Bill would be passed by the Malaysian Parliament by the end of 2020.

8. Once the legislation is passed, Malaysia would undertake efforts to ratify and accede to space-related international instruments, such as the 1967 Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, and the 1968 Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

Mr. Chairman,

9. Malaysia fully recognises that space science and technology and their application play a significant role towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As we face the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Malaysia looks forward to working closely with all stakeholders in solidifying international solidarity to realise the potential of space sector for the benefit of humanity including in the area of global health.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.