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at

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Challenges to Space Security and Sustainability**

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Chairpersons,

1. I am pleased to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement in this important joint ad hoc meeting.
2. NAM shares the desire of the international community to strengthen the safety, security and the long-term sustainability of outer space activities, as well as to ensure that outer space is used for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all States, irrespective of the degree of their social, economic or scientific development;
3. NAM recognizes the common interest of all mankind and the sovereign rights of all State in the exploration and use of outer space for exclusively peaceful purposes, and emphasizes that prevention of an arms race in outer space, including a ban to deploy or use weapons therein, would avert a grave danger for international peace and security. NAM further emphasizes the paramount importance of strict compliance with existing arms limitation and disarmament agreements relevant to outer space, including bilateral agreements, and with the existing legal regime concerning the use of outer space.¹
4. The Movement recognizes the relevance of the idea to elaborate a multilateral code of a voluntary nature, which would contain rules of behavior in outer space that are acceptable to all States, without prejudice to the necessity of negotiating a legally-binding instrument in the Conference on Disarmament on Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space, which must remain a priority;

¹ Para 177 of the Final Document of the 17th NAM Ministerial Conference.

5. NAM reaffirms its position that the elaboration of such a code should be consistent with the respective mandate of all relevant UN bodies and should be held in the format of inclusive, transparent and consensus-based multilateral negotiations within the framework of the United Nations, based on a proper and unequivocal mandate, without specific deadlines and taking into account the interests of all States, irrespective of their level of development, in order to reach a balanced outcome that addresses the needs and reflects the concerns of all participants.
6. NAM underlines that such a code should actively promote international cooperation in the uses of outer space for peaceful purposes and should not be discriminatory by including provisions that would in fact set up thresholds that would limit the equal right of exploration and use of outer space by developing countries and emerging space-faring nations.
7. As such, the Movement calls upon all States to adhere to these principles while elaborating a multilateral code on outer space activities.

I thank you.