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to the United Nations in New York**

on Outer space (disarmament aspects)

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Mr. Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by Indonesia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

We would like to thank the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and the Chair of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space Activities for their insightful presentations at the joint ad hoc meeting yesterday.

Mr. Chair,

Myanmar, like other fellow Member States of the United Nations, considers outer space as the common heritage of mankind. We strongly share the view that outer space must be explored and utilized solely for peaceful purposes, in the best interests of all humankind. Transparency and confidence-building measures are a prerequisite for preventing the misuse of outer space and should, therefore, be vigorously encouraged.

My delegation sincerely hold the view that States with major space-related expertise and capabilities bear the primary responsibility to realize the objective of the peaceful uses as well as the prevention of an arms race in outer space. All space-faring nations should refrain from actions that are contrary to the above objective.

My delegation, together with other like-minded delegations, shares the view that the Conference on Disarmament should assume the primary role in the negotiation of an agreement on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects.

Mr. Chair,

Myanmar welcomes the adoption of resolution 69/32 by the UN General Assembly on 11 December 2014. Since then, we have been one of the cosponsors of the two space-related resolutions, namely, "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" and "No first placement of weapons in outer space".

My delegation will continue to support these two important draft resolutions when the First Committee takes action on them next month.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.
