EGYPT Statement

Outer Space Thematic Debate (UNGA 1st Committee)

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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to express my delegation’s gratitude and appreciation to you for the effective organization of yesterday’s joint meeting (involving 1st & 4th UNGA Committees) on outer space security.

Mr. Chair,

Egypt definitely believes that it is a given that outer space is equally owned by humankind, which means that outer space is a common asset for humanity as a whole. Accordingly, all sorts of outer space activities have to be addressed and managed under the auspices of the United Nations in order to be inclusive, universal, and consensus-based.

We reiterate that any regulation of outer space should aim at improving the outer space environment for the use of all states and should not, in any way, aim to limit the full utilization of outer space activities and applications by any other state.

We also reaffirm that outer space must remain free of any potential conflict, and should be recognized as a non-conflict zone. Therefore, we believe that weaponization of outer space for any purpose — whether offensive or defensive by any state — must be prevented
globally. This is precisely why Egypt and Sri Lanka table their traditional resolution titled “Prevention of Arms Race in the Outer Space” within the General Assembly First Committee on annual basis.

Mr. Chair,

   Egypt, as an evolving spacefaring nation and a member of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), urges the international community to make relevant technical assistance and technological exchange available and fully accessible to all countries of the world irrespective to their scientific and economic advancement.

   In conclusion, Egypt works in full collaboration with the African Union and the League of Arab States in order to achieve all the aforementioned objectives of securing outer space and utilizing it for peaceful purposes.

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