Mr. Chairman,

1. Malaysia associates itself with the statement by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for this cluster.

2. As a member of the Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, Malaysia is pleased with the work undertaken by this body thus far. We hope that the GGE will be able to spur inclusive dialogue in accordance
with GA Resolution 72/250. In view of the rapid technological development in this field, the GGE's work, including on the application of international law, is timely and important.

3. Moving forward, the use and exploration of outer space by the international community must be undertaken in an exclusively peaceful manner. In this connection, Malaysia reaffirms its unwavering support for multilateral collaboration undertaken through, inter alia, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). Indeed, UN-led fora remain vital in forging convergence of interests and developing common perspectives in this evolving area.

4. Malaysia will continue to support space-related initiatives, including confidence-building measures, under the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and other ASEAN sectoral bodies. Recognizing that governmental engagement alone is insufficient, we also reiterate the need for broader consultations with private entities, researchers, and civil society organizations, among others.
5. Malaysia encourages those states with advanced space capabilities to continue sharing their expertise with other members of the international community, and especially with developing States. The sustainability of outer space activities is also a key element requiring our collective attention and action.

6. Malaysia stands ready to work with all States in the interest of preserving outer space as a peaceful and secure ‘global commons’.

Thank you.