

Mr. Chairman,

1. I am greatly privileged to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. NAM shares the desire of the international community to strengthen the safety, security and long-term sustainability of outer space activities, as well as to ensure that outer space is used exclusively 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 inalienable, legitimate 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.
4. NAM remains concerned over the developments related to the anti-ballistic missile systems and the threat of weaponization and militarization of outer space and reiterates its call for the commencement of negotiations in the CD on a universal legally binding instrument on the prevention of an arms race in outer space, which remains a priority.
5. Recalling NAM's position that the elaboration of any code of conduct for outer space activities 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 States.

6. NAM continues to call for a universal, comprehensive, and non-discriminatory multilateral approach toward the issue of missiles in all its aspects, negotiated multilaterally within the UN. Any initiative on this subject should take into account the security concerns of all States and their inherent right to peaceful uses of space technologies.

Thank you.