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**STATEMENT BY COLONEL NG CHIN HUAT, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA
ON AGENDA ITEM 28: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES
OF OUTER SPACE, AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE 63RD SESSION OF THE
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Mr. Chairman,

This being the first time my delegation is taking the floor, let me first of all congratulate you on your election as Chairman of this Committee and also to members of the bureau on their election.

2. My delegation wishes to align itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Thailand who spoke on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

3. In addition to the ASEAN statement, my delegation wishes to compliment it with the following two points from Malaysia's perspective:

3.1 Firstly, Malaysia welcomes and support the establishment of the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite System on a voluntary basis as a forum to promote cooperation, on matters of mutual interest to its members related to civil satellite-based positioning, navigation, timing and value-added services, as well as cooperation on the compatibility and interoperability of global navigation satellite system and to promote their use to support sustainable development, particularly in developing countries. My delegation is of the view that this will have a significant impact on the usage of global navigation in the future. We also welcome the setting up of the Providers Forum which had been established within the ICG to enhance the compatibility and interoperability of current and future regional and global navigation satellite systems. As a member of the ICG, we hope to contribute effectively to the organization: and

3.2 Second, Malaysia has all along supported the idea to strengthen international efforts and cooperation in disaster management. My delegation feels that this effort is very important as it will help to provide early warning and will subsequently prevent lost of lives from natural disasters such as tsunami, cyclones and earthquakes. As part of our

support towards this end, Malaysia will be hosting the 3rd Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction beginning 2nd till 4th December 2008 in Kuala Lumpur. This is in line with our support towards UN-SPIDER.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.