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Mr. Chairman,

First and foremost, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of this Committee. I would also like to congratulate the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) for the positive outcome of its 53rd Session.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Thailand, who spoke on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) members. However, Malaysia would like to further add a few additional points in our national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

3. In our effort to strengthen the peaceful uses of outer space, Malaysia is continuously seeking opportunities to collaborate globally which would benefit mankind as a whole. Presently, Malaysia is actively collaborating with Japan in microgravity experiment and has been sending protein samples to the ISS since 2008 and will continue till 2012. Besides that, Malaysia is also collaborating with Japan in parabolic flight experiments, the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) in the STAR Development Programme as well as in the International Space Weather Initiatives (ISWI). At the same time, Malaysia is also participating in the MARS 500 programme hosted by the Russian Federation with the view of benefitting all in our endeavour to explore the planet Mars.

4. Meanwhile, Malaysia will continue to contribute towards the development of space science and technology emphasizing on technological innovation and is looking forward to collaborate with any interested international partners in fulfilling the mission of the Malaysian Space Sector Development Programme. In this regard, Malaysia is preparing for the first expert meeting on the Human Space Technology Initiative which will be held in Putrajaya around the second quarter of 2011.

5. In addition, Malaysia will continue to participate actively in activities of the UNCOPUOS, specifically in the implementation of recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration of Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), together with any global initiatives or celebrations related to the field of space science and technology.

Mr. Chairman,

6. In closing, Malaysia is certainly proud of the continuing role played by our fellow Malaysian, Prof. Dr Mazlan Othman, who is the Deputy Director-General of UN Office in Vienna, in addition to her current position as Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs. Malaysia appreciates her role and will always support her future planning in the advancement of global space science and technology development and collaborations.

Thank you.