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STATEMENT BY COLONEL NAZARI ABD HADI, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA, ON AGENDA ITEM 51: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, AT THE FOURTH COMMITTEE OF THE 67TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NEW YORK, 18 OCTOBER 2012

Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of this Committee and also congratulate the other members of the Bureau. In addition, I would also like to congratulate the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPOUS) for the positive outcome of its 55th session. Allow me to update the committee on development of Malaysia's involvement in the peaceful uses of outer space.

Under the Tenth Malaysia Economic Plan from the year 2011 to 2015, Malaysia is planning to launch her third Earth observation satellite, RazakSAT-2. Malaysia has already embarked on to the satellite's first phase program for the duration of the year 2011 to 2012. RazakSAT-2 is expected to produce a better quality of image acquisition compared to RazakSAT. The development of this third Earth observation satellite, the RazakSAT-2, is currently and it is expected to be completed and to be launched in late 2015.

Mr Chairman,

Malaysia is poised to become the hub for satellite manufacturing service provider for the Southeast Asian region with the completion of its Assembly, Integration and Testing (AIT) facility. The 20 million USD AIT facility building has been completed and the installation of the AIT equipment is also in progress and we are expected to be fully operational by the end of 2013. With the completion of this facility, Malaysia would be able to provide the regional and global space community the following services:

- a. Vibration Test System.
- b. Thermal Vacuum Chamber.
- c. Mass Property Measurement System.

- d. Electromagnetic Compatibility Chamber.
- e. Reverberation Acoustic Test facility, and
- f. Alignment Measurement System.

On the domestic front, the Malaysia Geospatial Forum was held on 6 and 7 March, in Malacca, Malaysia this year. This is part of a series of engagements with various stakeholders, to further promote the geospatial sector in the country. Malaysia is also in the midst of finalizing its Geospatial Act, an act to regulate geospatial-related activities in Malaysia.

Mr Chairman,

The National Space Education and Awareness Program continue to be an important geospatial activity in the country. The year 2012 has been declared by the Malaysian government as the Year of Science and Innovation, as part of the government's effort to instill science, technology and innovation as an important culture amongst the population. We believe that Malaysia's Vision 2020 can substantially be accelerated through the development and use of science, technology and innovation.

The National Space Policy and the Malaysian Outer Space Act, two important documents that will provide the framework of local space development and activities, is slowly taking shape. The first draft of the Malaysian Space Policy is expected to be finalized in the last quarter of this year.

Mr Chairman,

Malaysia will be hosting the 19th Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-19) on 11-14 Dec 2012 in Kuala Lumpur. It is a platform to promote cooperation in space related programs in Asia and the Pacific. This year's forum wills emphasis on applications of space technology that will significantly benefit the public. We have planned several parallel programs, such as a Workshop on Multi-GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System), an education program such as the water rocket competitions as well as Astronauts round table discussions. I would encourage member states to attend this forum in Kuala Lumpur.

In closing, Mr. Chair, I wish to inform you that Malaysia is committed to further develop for the benefit of making international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space in the future.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.