



Statement

**Delegation of the Republic of Indonesia
on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement**

Thematic debate “Outer space (disarmament aspects)”

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Mr. Chairman,

1. I am privileged to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. NAM remains concerned over the developments related to 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. In this regard, NAM reaffirms that the outer space, as the common heritage of all mankind, must be explored and utilized for exclusively peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all States, irrespective of the degree of their social, economic or scientific development.
3. NAM reaffirms its 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.
4. NAM continues to reaffirm the need 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, Mr. Chairman.