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Mr. Chair,

Fiji is honoured to address this Committee on the critical issue in relation to the outer space disarmament.

We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the peaceful use of outer space and the prevention of an arms race in this domain.

Peace is central to Fiji's national and foreign policy priorities, consistent with its UN peacekeeping obligation and the Pacific's Declaration of the Ocean of Peace adopted in the Solomon Islands in September this year.

Outer space must remain a global common, free from weaponization and conflict. We acknowledge the respective resolutions in this cluster that address these core objectives.

The increasing militarization of space poses grave risks to international peace and security, and undermines the principles of transparency, trust, and cooperation that underpin the United Nations Charter.

Fiji calls for strengthened multilateral frameworks to ensure that outer space is used solely for peaceful purposes as urgent.

We support the universalization and full implementation of the Outer Space Treaty and related instruments, and we welcome efforts to develop legally binding norms that prohibit the placement of weapons in outer space and the use of force against space assets.

The deployment of weapons in space would not only violate the spirit of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, but it would also endanger satellites that support climate monitoring, early warning system, disaster response, and global communications, those of which are essential to small island developing states like Fiji. The weaponization of space threatens these lifelines and deepens global inequalities.

Fiji welcomes the outcome of the OEWG as a step in the right direction. Additionally, AI in outer space becomes a strategic domain. The rise of AI in space raises questions about accountability, transparency, and multilateral cooperation.

In closing, Fiji wishes to reiterate the need to ensure that we preserve outer space as a realm of peace, science, and cooperation—for present and future generations.

Thank you.

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