

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ZIMBABWE AT THE 80TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST COMMITTEE THEMATIC DISCUSSION ON CLUSTER 3: OUTER SPACE: 24 OCTOBER 2025

Mr. Chair,

My delegation aligns itself with the statements delivered by the Non-Aligned Movement, and the African Group. We add the following in our national capacity.

Chair,

The peaceful uses of outer space inherently demand that no weapon of any kind should be placed in outer space. In this regard, and consistent with General Assembly resolution 65/68, we applaud all efforts aimed at pursuing political commitments to ensure the peaceful uses of outer space. We commend initiatives undertaken through unilateral declarations, bilateral commitments or multilateral codes of conduct that reinforce transparency and responsible behaviour in this shared frontier.

We look forward to the recommendations on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects, in line with General Assembly resolution 79/512. We also note the progress achieved to date by the Open-ended Working Group on Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS) which has convened two sessions in Geneva in 2025.

Chair, we welcomed the final report of the GGE on PAROS (A/79/364), adopted by consensus in 2024. This report marked an important step towards the development of an international legally binding instrument on PAROS. We anticipate that the OEWG will build on this work and elaborate substantial elements of the international legally binding instrument. We further call for transparency and confidence-building measures which contribute to the security of outer space activities.

In this context, we remain concerned about dual use technologies in outer space, and non-kinetic attacks on space infrastructure.

Zimbabwe reiterates the fundamental international legal position, in line with the peaceful uses of outer space, that no Member State should use outer space objects to destroy any targets on Earth, in the airspace or in outer space. And neither should any weapons testing of any kind be undertaken in outer space.

Zimbabwe reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that outer space remains a province of peace and an accessible global commons.

In conclusion, Chair, we call for capacity building and support to enable all States to access outer space for peaceful purposes.

I thank you.