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Mr. chairperson,

- 1- Let me start Egypt's statement by highlighting our concern on how the increasing militarization of outer space has transformed it into a contentious arena, instead of a platform for peaceful cooperation and scientific exploration.
- 2- Nations are deploying anti-satellite weapons, developing space-based missile defense systems, and competing for strategic dominance, raising the risk of conflict that could hinder global communications, and destabilize international security.
- 3- It's with that in mind, that Egypt in cooperation with a group of core countries has led efforts within the 79th session of the 1c to establish a single inclusive platform for discussions under the auspices of the UN on how to contain the growing arms race, which culminated by the adoption of UNGA resolution 79/512 that paved the way for the convening of the formal sessions of the newly established OEWG on PAROS, and the adoption of an agenda and an indicative POW, under the able chairmanship of ambassador Carlos Foradori, whom we welcome and appreciate his presence with us today.



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Mr. Chair,

4- Egypt believes that discussions within this nascent OEWG should be based on the following 2 pillars:

- First: the need for reviewing our international legal framework on outer space, in a way that, recognizeS the need for the formulation of a legally binding instrument, on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects, including through building on the consensual outcome document of the Governmental Experts (GGE) in this regard, WITHOUT prejudice to the value of “TCBMs” and “the set of norms and principles of a responsible state behavior” as an interim measure in this regard.
- Second: The centrality of the 1967 outer space treaty and the imperative to carry out activities in the exploration and use of outer space, in accordance with international law, and in a way that serves the cause of maintaining international peace and security and promotes international co-operation for the benefit of all nations irrespective of their level of development.

Mr. Chairman,

Egypt will continue its efforts to push forward discussions in this domain and has as such once more joined Sri Lanka in tabling our traditional joint annual omnibus draft resolution entitled “Prevention of an Arms Race in the Outer Space”, and we look forward to the support and co-sponsorship of Member States to this draft resolution.

Thank you.