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**Statement by Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, Permanent Representative of the Republic
of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations,
at the Thematic Discussion on Outer Space of the First Committee
at the Eightieth Session of the UN General Assembly
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Mr. Chair,

Myanmar aligns itself with the statements of ASEAN and NAM.

Mr. Chair,

Peaceful uses of outer space and space systems, including space technology, satellites and space-based communications, are indispensable to humanity.

Our collective objective of its peaceful use is threatened by rising geopolitical tensions, possible weaponization of outer space, and increasing risks of transforming outer space into a domain for warfare and arms race.

In this regard, Myanmar welcomes the adoption by consensus of the report of the GGE on the substantive elements of a legally binding instrument on the prevention of arms race in outer space (PAROS), established pursuant to the GA resolution 77/250, with a view to advance further practical measures for PAROS.

Mr. Chair,

Myanmar reaffirms our view that access to outer space is an inalienable right of all States and its use, for exclusively peaceful purposes. In this context, we underscore the importance of strengthening international cooperation in capacity building to assist

developing countries with their equitable access to outer space for peaceful use and sustainable development.

As part of our initiation of its peaceful use, Myanmar collaborated with Japan on our first satellite development program under the elected civilian government. Jointly developed by Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University and Hokkaido University, the first micro-satellite of Myanmar, MMSAT-1, was designed to provide real-time images for disaster risk management and monitor agriculture, forestry and fisheries.

Unfortunately, the deployment was put on hold after the illegal military coup due to growing concerns over its military applications by the junta. In this regard, Myanmar commends the preemptive approach taken by the Government of Japan to prevent any misuse and appropriation of space technology by the military junta against civilians.

Mr. Chair,

We have witnessed, time after time, that the military junta blurs the line between the duality of any good, from space technology, jet fuel to even recreational paramotors, at the expense of civilians. For the military junta, the military aspect of dual-use items and technologies always eclipses the civilian aspect as long as they can be utilized for their widespread terror campaigns and systematic subjugation of the civilian population.

Against this backdrop, we are seriously concerned that some Member States with major space-faring capabilities have enhanced their space technology cooperation with the military junta, including a satellite imagery analysis center, under the guise of peaceful purposes.

It is reported that the said Member State had offered to share information captured by its reconnaissance satellites with the junta for military purposes.

Therefore, I appeal to all Member States to cut the flow of arms, weapons, jet fuel, other dual-use items and related technologies to the military junta to save the lives of the people of Myanmar.

On this note, the planned sham election by the junta will only provide the military with an open license to commit more atrocities and killings by exploiting the dual-use nature of outer space, its associated technologies and data. I urge the international community to categorically reject this deceitful process.

I thank you.
