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Mr. Chairman,

Outer space is the commonwealth of mankind.

The peaceful development of outer space for sustainable science and technology and economic development offers a promising vision for the welfare of mankind.

In the DPRK, the outer space development activities are promoted based on state policy according to the unanimous will of our people.

Notwithstanding, our efforts for the development of the outer space have been complicated and difficult due to the over half of the century-long lasting special security case of the Korean peninsula.

It is well known to the whole world that for the first time in UN history, the US and other hostile elements made issue of our peaceful satellite launch in the UNSC, by transforming the subject as the ballistic missile launch trying to block our peaceful development of outer space.

Despite all types of sanctions and obstructions, we've been making strenuous efforts to develop and use the artificial satellites that were essential to push forward our economy.

Since August 1998, starting from our first launch of the experimental satellite for communication "Kwangmyongsong 1" and until successful placing of the satellite into orbit in December 2012 of "Kwangmyongsong 3" No.2, our space development capacity has reached the stage of launching all kinds of satellites for a variety of purposes.

The DPRK is a state party to the main international instruments such as the "1967 Outer Space Treaty".

Our latest satellite "Kwangmyongsong 3" No2 is officially registered to the Committee for Peaceful Use of Outer Space as required by 1975 Registration Convention and therefore the Registrar for our satellites is also established.

Last year, we've adopted the Law on the Development of the Outer Space and established the National Aerospace Development Administration which is to plan, implement, supervise and control the agency on outer space development projects.

While increasing the government's funding on the education and training of our outer space scientists and technicians, and with the objective to satisfy the demands in the field of science and technology on researching, designing, manufacturing, applying and controlling of the outer space, the DPRK government is raising our young and promising experts.

Such efforts of the DPRK for the peaceful development of the outer space will greatly contribute to the rapid development of outer space science and technology, advancing the economic construction and improving our people's living standards.

Mr. Chairman,

It is imperative to strengthen international exchange and cooperation so that the scientific and technological successes achieved in the field of outer space development serves the common prosperity of mankind.

This is essential in elevating the capacity of science and technology in worldwide thus making the outer space projects to really serve to achieve the sustainable development goals.

My delegation avails of this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Committee on the Peaceful Use of the Outer Space and the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs for their committed devotion to the international cooperation.

The DPRK will, in future too, further promote the peaceful development of the outer space, at the same time making contribution to strengthening the international cooperation in the areas of satellite launch and outer space scientific research.

My delegation underscores that any country and under any circumstances, the outer space, a commonwealth of mankind, must only be explored only for peaceful purposes.

Recently, the US-led militarization of the outer space such as the establishment of Missile Defense System, which is centering on Eastern Europe and the Korean peninsula, is entering the operational phase stirring up arms race in the outer space. Such moves must be condemned, as this is an outrageous challenge to the international law and common desire of mankind towards peaceful use of the outer space.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman,

My delegation takes this opportunity to call upon all UN member states to join the efforts towards building confidence and ensuring transparency in the activities of exploring the outer space.

Thank you