Mr. Chair,

My delegation wishes to thank you for your excellent stewardship over the past week. Without it, our discussions could have derailed out into the never-ending space and perhaps crash into the graveyard orbit, thereby failing to achieve our mission of reaching an agreement on a set of norms, rules and principles of responsible behavior pertaining to space security.

We were encouraged to affirm that there was a general agreement on the need to pursue our work in a holistic manner in light of the particular nature of the space domain and the activities conducted therein. Through reviewing the applicability of exiting international legal and voluntary regimes, we could also affirm that they are not appropriate and feasible transparency and confidence-building measures are required not only to reduce space threats but also to gravitate us towards an international legal space security regime in the future. .

As such, we should build on the good work done this week and prepare ourselves for the next rounds of the OEWG in reaching a common understanding or common grounds vis-à-vis defining space threats, and most importantly, identifying a set of responsible behaviors in the space security domain that would be distinct from those required for space safety and civilian use.

In closing, the ROK reaffirms its commitment to contribute in a constructive manner and render its full support to you, Mr. Chair, as you carry out this noble mission. We also remain open to building on the constructive proposals made including through submitting joint working papers to the next rounds and continue our dialogue in the inter-sessional with interested parties. In this regard, the ROK looks forward to the online seminar on this topic with our esteemed ASEAN friends to be held on May 23 and 24 in partnership with UNIDIR and the Secure World Foundation.

With these remarks, the ROK once again thank you Mr. Chair and all participants for their active participation in our joint pursuit for a safe, secure and sustainable space environment. Muchas gracias.   /END/