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Statement

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Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

on

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application of international law to small satellite activities**

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“In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful”

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Madam Chairperson,

Small satellites are serving as a cornerstone of many developing States' space programmes with limited funds to join in exploration and peaceful uses of outer space. They have a wide range of applications and provide the potential to meet the needs of developing societies in various areas, such as education, telecommunications and disaster mitigation. Therefore, these countries are involved in small satellites activities such as designing, manufacturing, launching and operating them. My delegation is of the view that no restrictions should be imposed on these countries in using these kinds of satellites for peaceful purposes.

Furthermore, the Islamic Republic of Iran is firmly of the view that there is no need to seek new provisions for small satellites since all international rights and obligations of States with respect to big satellites could be equally applicable to the use of small satellites; thus, the existing international space legal regime will sufficiently serve us well and we should continue to operate under the current frameworks.