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El Salvador, as a State Member of the United Nations, believes all activities and actions that might contribute to the prevention of the use of weapons in outer space are important, consistent with its commitment to the establishment of conditions that might foster and strengthen international cooperation relating to the exploration and use of outer space for exclusively peaceful purposes, without violating the sovereignty and laws of the States concerned. In line with the above, El Salvador is undertaking the following actions:

(a) To implement transparency and confidence-building measures, the Government regularly reports to the United Nations on the actions it is undertaking to contribute to the prevention of the illegal use of weapons, including those that may be used in outer space.

(b) As a Member State, it contributes through transparency efforts to confidence-building in all activities related to the maintenance of international peace and security.

(c) In El Salvador, there are control mechanisms to prevent the entry or exit of weapons that could be launched into outer space. Such controls are implemented at land, air and maritime borders.

(d) El Salvador has no current capacity to launch space objects. However, it is committed to supporting and promoting the use of outer space for exclusively peaceful purposes, and making every effort to implement transparency and confidence-building measures in activities relating to the proper use of outer space. A/72/65 17-02098 21/25

(e) The confidence-building measures implemented by El Salvador include activities relating to the proper use of land, air, maritime and outer space as appropriate.

Accordingly, El Salvador, as a Member State, supports all activities that can enhance the transparency of the use of outer space as well as the incorporation of appropriate provisions in States’ domestic legislation, without violating their laws and sovereignty.