REFERENCE: ODA/2023-00013/TCBMs in outer space activities

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 77/251 “Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities” adopted by the General Assembly on 30 December 2022.

By operative paragraph 11 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views and proposals of Member States about the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities of 2013, and to submit a substantive report, with an annex containing those views, to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session, for further discussion by Member States”

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to refer to resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 entitled “Pattern of Conferences”, adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998 respectively.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, all intergovernmental bodies are kindly requested to restrict the length of their submissions without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content. The word limit for this report issued by the Secretariat, including all submissions provided by Member States, is 21,000 words.

In order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above by Member States, the deadline for submission is 1 April 2023. Submissions by Member States will be accepted on a rolling basis and published, in the original language received, on the Office for Disarmament Affairs’ Meetings Place website (meetings.unoda.org), pending the issuance of the report. The early submission of views is encouraged.

All submissions should be sent electronically, in Microsoft Word format. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Mr. René Holbach (holbach@un.org) and Ms. Giulia Marrone (marrone@un.org).

Any views received after 1 April 2023 will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received. No addenda will be issued.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

4 January 2023