

**Statement for
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**Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, representatives
and Madam Chair,**

It is indeed a pleasure for me to address this eminent gathering marking the celebration of 50th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE). This landmark event of UNISPACE+50 provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the achievements of more than 50 years of space exploration. Moreover, it looks towards the future course of global space cooperation and the governance of outer space. UNISPACE+50 has happened at the right time when the world has already decided for taking up the responsibility to address global challenges. The international community is determined to achieve targets of Sustainable Development as well as implementing actions contained in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

role in Climate Change negotiations. Pakistan is strongly committed towards the cause and to fulfill the objectives of the Climate Convention. Pakistan was also part of the Marrakesh Climate Change Conference, which made important decisions and dictated the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, Pakistan is also a state party to Sendai Framework on Disaster Mitigation. Recently, the Government of Pakistan and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction Priorities in the Country.

Our ratification and acceptance of these agreements is an indication of our commitment towards sustainable development. Pakistan is committed to fulfill the objectives of the SDG's, Climate Convention, and Sendai Framework on Disaster Mitigation. Pakistan attaches great importance in utilization of space based assets and their application for achieving objectives of sustainable development goals. In this regard, the Government of Pakistan has initiated the process of drafting a National Space Policy, aimed at utilizing space science, technology and applications for achieving Pakistan Vision 2025 objective and Pakistan Sustainable Development Goals.

(UNCOPUOS) and its two subcommittees, Scientific and technical subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee, in identifying cross cutting pillars and drawing out initiatives under thematic priorities. I present my felicitation to the whole team of UNOOSA for making this great event possible in the best way.

I am sure that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Legal Subcommittee, supported by the Office for Outer Space Affairs, shall work tirelessly for promoting cooperation in space activities at the international, regional, inter-regional and national levels for the benefit of all countries and the UNISPACE+50 will draw productive, prolific and prosperous outcomes taking into account the new perspectives in outer space activities for the next decades.

Thank You!