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Ambassador Gabriela SELLNER**

Chair,

Excellencies – Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The **World Space Forum event series** on “space as a driver for socioeconomic sustainable development” strengthens **partnerships and ongoing dialogue** among the global community on a wide range of space issues. It promotes the **implementation of the “Space2030” Agenda**: Space as a driver of sustainable development and its implementation plan” adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 76/3 through the broad involvement of all relevant space actors.

Last year we discussed **“Sustainability in Space for sustainability on Earth”** to highlight the contribution of space solutions to the monitoring and implementation of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. We thank the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, Ambassador Facetti, for the text he proposed and Member States agreed upon to be included in the Declaration of the SDG Summit 2023.

This year the **World Space Forum 2023** will highlight the **contribution of space solutions to the themes covered by the Summit of the Future** planned from 22-23 September 2024. To this end, we will analyse the **Policy Briefs** preparing the Summit of the Future like

Emergency Platforms, Global Digital Compact and Future Generations. The aim is to provide a **set of practical recommendations** to maximize the opportunities space solutions offer for coping with these important challenges. We believe that it is of utmost importance that the benefits of space solutions are acknowledged in the post-2030 agendas and hope that the World Space Forum contributes to this objective. In this regard, we also welcome the CRP A/AC.105/2023/CRP.21 from Portugal and the proposal to organize a Conference on Management and Sustainability of Outer Space Activities in May 2024, providing contributions that can form an input to the Summit of the Future.

As in the last years, you will soon find **information and registration details** for this year's World Space Forum on the website of the UNOOSA. We are looking forward to seeing you in-person - here in Vienna.

Thank you!