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Statement by Germany

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a roadmap for the future, and Germany committed itself early on to its ambitious implementation. It was therefore a logical consequence that Germany also played a supporting role in the adoption of the "Space2030" Agenda.

In this spirit, we look forward to the upcoming SDG Summit and appreciate the consensus reached during the STSC on a COPUOS contribution to the SDG Summit, highlighting the crucial role of space in achieving all 17 SDGs as expressed.

The success of the Space2030 agenda and implementation plan depends crucially on effective implementation at the national level. Therefore, Germany can proudly report that it is translating this important political document into concrete action utilizing the partnerships and tools outlined in the implementation plan of the Agenda.

Allow me to mention a few specific examples:

- The "INNOspace@Space2Agriculture Network" bundles the strategic key technologies of the space and agriculture sectors within the national "Programme for Space and Innovation" of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action and is part of the Federal Government's new High-Tech Strategy. The Network implements SDGs 2, 3, 9, 13 and 15. It is explained in more detail in a technical presentation and our national expert remains available for questions in this regard.
- Germany actively supports the "Space Law for New Space Actors" project and initiatives such as the ECSL/SGAC Model UNCOPUOS in the context of capacity building and advisory services.

- As additional means to encourage the younger generation to consider a career in the space sector, the German Space Agency (DLR) and the Luxembourg Space Agency (LSA) funded research activities of four winning projects from the Universities of Munich, Stuttgart, Hanover and Esch-Belval (Luxembourg). Their experiments embarked to the ISS in spring to conduct research on nerve cells, plant symbiosis and new space technologies.
- Another priority is to promote equal opportunities in the space sector by encouraging women to consider careers in STEM. We are pleased that two German women, Nicola Winter and Amelie Schoenenwald, have made it into the ESA astronaut reserve.
- Finally, we welcome the plans for an LTS workshop and an International Conference on Space Resources in 2024. These are a contribution to implementing the Space2030 agenda by strengthening global partnerships and cooperation among Member States, UN entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, academia and private sector entities. The purpose of which is to ensure that, by taking advantage of the practical experiences and contributions of different stakeholders, the benefits of space will be brought to everyone, everywhere.

Honourable Chair, distinguished delegates,

We continue to implement the Space2030 Agenda through existing and new projects. Germany looks forward to further exchanges on implementation practices within the international community.

Thank you for your kind attention.