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Thank you, Honourable Chair,

Distinguished Delegates, as SGAC's newly appointed Executive Director, it is an honour for me to present an overview of our organisation's recent endeavours. SGAC is, and always has been, a dynamic hub for students and young space professionals aged 18 to 35, to actively engage with the United Nations, space agencies, industry partners, and academia. Due to the dedication of our members, staff, partners and sponsors, we are thrilled to report a successful 2023 and a promising start to 2024. Our organisation's growth remains steadfast, now boasting a membership of over 29,000 individuals spanning over 165 countries. SGAC's reach continues to grow exponentially and our mission and goals remain steadfast.

We are proud to report that in 2023, SGAC successfully hosted 3 Global events, 17 Regional and Local events in all parts of the world, and numerous online activities, including webinars, workshops, and research projects. In addition to this, thanks to the fantastic support of our partners and sponsors SGAC was able to award over 160 scholarships to our members to participate in key space events worldwide. We are pleased to announce that we have successfully concluded two of our global events for 2024. SGx, held in conjunction with Satellite, achieved a record-breaking milestone with 300 registrations. This event featured innovative programming, including an art competition and a "shark tank" style pitch competition. Additionally, our Fusion Forum saw significant success, with over 105 delegates participating both in person and virtually. Notably, 80% of these delegates were new to the event, with 50% being new to SGAC, highlighting the event's growing reach and impact. We were also delighted to conduct our annual Heads of Agencies panel, which hosted the directors from the European, Canadian, Australian, UK, and Singaporean space agencies. We were particularly honoured to have Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of UNOOSA, kindly moderating this esteemed panel.

These initiatives demonstrate SGAC's global reach and our drive to promote diversity and inclusivity within the space community. As we continue into 2024, we are already immersed in planning of SGC in conjunction with IAC and eagerly anticipate another year of impactful contributions to the space sector. We thank the IAF, AIDAA, Leonardo and the Italian Space Agency for their invaluable support and look forward to a successful SGC in Milan.

Looking ahead, we thank our outgoing Chair Mr. Hamza Hameed (Pakistan) for his leadership of our network from 2022-2024. As his term ends, we are honoured to announce that we have



elected Mr Joshua Critchey-Morrows (Australia) as new Co-Chair to support Dr. Antonino Salmeri (Italy) taking over the leadership of the organisation as our incoming Chair.

Distinguished delegates, in pursuit of our strategic objectives, SGAC is proud to announce the establishment of two new permanent staff positions within our team: a Business Development Officer, and a Continuous Improvement. Through these new positions we will increase our engagement with developing space communities, enhance our internal processes, and forge new partnerships and collaborations.

In conjunction with our 25th anniversary, at SGAC we continue to enhance our internal processes and governance to enable further growth of our network in a sustainable manner. SGAC will continue its internally funded Global Rising Star Awards program, which has been ongoing since 2021, to award students and young professionals from different parts of the world to participate in global space-industry activities.

With the unwavering support of our Space Generation Advocacy and Policy Platform, we continue to annually develop impactful reports outlining the united policy position of the space youth on key issues for our shared future in space. In connection with the upcoming Summit of the Future, we have proposed an “Intergenerational Pact for Space Sustainability” to foster unity within the global space community for a safe and sustainable space environment.

In conclusion, Honourable Chair and distinguished Delegates, SGAC has experienced notable growth in the past year, a testament to the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and the unwavering support from our esteemed international partners and sponsors, which include Northrop Grumman, AIDAA, the International Astronautical Federation, Space Foundation, Lockheed Martin, NASA, Blue Origin and Club for the Future, Leonardo, Stoke, Planet, Euroconsult, Airbus as well as the European, UK, Canadian, Australian, French and Italian Space Agencies.

We are grateful for the opportunity to address this Honourable Subcommittee and stand ready to work together with all Member States and Observers to foster the peaceful, sustainable and cooperative uses of space for the benefit of all humanity, present and future.

I thank you for your kind attention!