

**Statement
By Chairman of LAPAN
Head of the Indonesian Delegation
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Madame Chair,
Director of the Office of Outer Space Affairs,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon to all of you.

Let me begin by extending our congratulations to Ms. Rosa María Ramírez from Mexico and Mr. André João Rypl from Brazil on their election as Chairpersons for 2018 and 2019 respectively, as well as to other officers of this Committee.

My delegation believes that under the Chair's able guidance the UNISPACE+50 High Level Segment will achieve its objectives.

Our appreciation goes to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and UNISPACE+50 Steering Committee for their dedication and hard work in organizing the UNISPACE+50.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the Committee's previous Chair, Mr. David Kendall from Canada and his team, for their contributions in advancing the works of the Committee.

Madame Chair,

Indonesia associates itself with the statement made by the G77 and China and wishes to add the following in its national capacity.

Indonesia is proud to be part of the UNISPACE+50 High Level Segment, which marks the 50th anniversary of the first UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The UNISPACE+50 provides a momentum to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of the peaceful uses of outer space, which includes equal access for all states, the use for the benefit and in the interest of all countries, non-appropriation of outer space, non-militarization of outer space, and international cooperation with consideration to the particular needs of developing countries.

Indonesia actively participated in the previous UNISPACE conferences, namely the UNISPACE I (1968), UNISPACE II (1982), and UNISPACE III (1999), and acted as the Regional Office of the UN Platform for Space-Based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UNSPIDER), which shows our relentless support to advancing the work of the Committee.

Indonesia welcomes the endorsement of the UNISPACE+50 resolution entitled *“Fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: space as a driver of sustainable development.”* This resolution provides a framework for the development of a “Space2030” agenda and its implementation plan, in which space is seen as a major driver of and contributor to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the benefit of all countries.

To that end, our delegation highlights the importance of enhancing equitable access to space resources including the Geo-Stationary Orbit (GSO), addressing the particular needs of developing countries, strengthening international cooperation and capacity building through education and training, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

Indonesia is committed and actively contributes to promote international cooperation at bilateral, regional, and multilateral levels to enhance the contribution of space science, technology and their applications in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the betterment of humankind.

In this regard, Indonesia has issued the Presidential Regulation No.59 year 2017 on SDGs, and has benefited from the use of outer space in achieving the Goals in many areas, such as disaster management, health, education, maritime, and economic.

Finally, we fully support the Committee and its Subcommittees to continue their role as unique platforms to promote international cooperation in space activities at all levels, to foster dialogue among spacefaring and emerging space nations, to increase capacity-building efforts for developing countries, and to shape the global governance of outer space activities to benefit people and the planet.

Thank you Madame Chair.