

**Statement by the Delegation of Viet Nam at
the UNISPACE+50 High-Level Segment**

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Madam Chair, distinguished delegates;

On behalf of the Viet Nam delegation, I am pleased to see you chairing the 61th meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, UNISPACE+50 High-Level Segment as well. With your leadership and the excellent cooperation of delegations, we strongly believe that the meeting will deliver on remarkable outcomes. We also thank the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs for the efforts to organize these important meetings.

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates;

We are here to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The UNISPACE+50 High-level Segment is an opportunity for United Nations Member States and Permanent Observers to present the outcomes of the three UNISPACE conferences and consider the future of international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, as well as the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

We do believe that space technology in the last 50 years has been very useful for socio-economic development of all Member States. Outer space resources have been playing a key role in the activities and well-being of all nations, supporting applications from global communications to financial operations, farming to weather forecasting, and environmental monitoring to navigation, surveillance, and treaty monitoring.

As you may know, on 23rd July 1980, Mr. Pham Tuan became the first Vietnamese citizen and the first Asian in space when he flew aboard the Soyuz 37 mission as an Intercosmos Research Cosmonaut. Also, Vietnam became Member of COPUOS in 1980.

Even though, the development of space technology in Vietnam has begun since 2006. In order to foster the activities of research and applications of space technology, to strengthen the significant contribution of space technology to the socio-economic development of Viet Nam, the Prime Minister of Vietnam approved the National

Strategy for Research and Application of Space Technology up to the Year 2020 on June 14th, 2006. Since space technology does not have any border, otherwise it is world-wide issue, so that the international cooperation, in particular regional cooperation, is very important.

Recently, Vietnam has been playing active role in the surrounding region for the development of space technology and its applications. Up to now, Viet Nam has two telecommunication satellites (VINASAT-1 and 2) and one Earth observation satellite (VNREDSat-1) on the orbits.

Up to now, at different levels, Vietnamese Government signed agreement for cooperation on the development of space technology and its applications with different Member States, including Russia (in 2012), Belgium, (in 2012), India (2016), and recently has been on the road to have such agreement with United States.

Madam Chair, distinguished delegates;

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development creates a framework for new approaches, both in terms of governance tools and of roadmaps for the implementation of technological innovations, geared towards the creation of better living conditions on this planet, with emphasis on the development of solutions that will have positive impacts on local economies and on society while preserving the environment. Among many technological innovations that may significantly contribute to Sustainable Development, space science and technology and their applications will have a significant role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

So that, Viet Nam totally supports the text of the resolution entitled “Fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: Space as a Driver of Sustainable Development” that was endorsed yesterday.

To conclude, on behalf of the delegation, I would like to express Viet Nam’s commitment to and support of the work of the COPUOS and UNOOSA. We hope at this Session of the Committee, including the High-Level Segment, there will be remarkable outcomes.

Thank you for your kind attention.