

Agenda Item No. 05: Space Technology for Sustainable Socioeconomic Development

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Madam Chair and Distinguished Delegates

Thank you for the opportunity to make a statement to this important agenda item pertaining to space technology for sustainable socioeconomic development.

Madam Chair

The developing countries specially situated in Asia Pacific region are facing a number of common socioeconomic challenges, in which water resource management, food security, clean energy generation, education facilities, health care, environment monitoring, deforestation, urbanization & land use planning, and natural hazards are the most prominent. However, with the integration of space technology & applications combined with education & awareness programs, strategies can be devised to resolve these issues in an efficient manner.

Space technology and its applications have a massive impact on modern society. Its awareness and use also assists in national economic growth in the form of new markets, jobs, improved competitiveness and efficiency. Pakistan

is utilizing space technology in all important areas of national development such as health and medicine, transportation, public safety, environment monitoring, agriculture, education and disaster management.

Madam Chair

Pakistan is currently operating two Geo Communication satellites and two LEO Remote Sensing satellites. These satellites are playing a vital role in the socio-economic development of the country.

Pakistan National Space Agency, SUPARCO is applying continuous efforts to increase the indigenous capabilities in space technology and its applications to assist in socioeconomic development of the country. In the recent past, remote sensing satellites have been effectively utilized to combat the national energy crisis, to develop the regional and sub-regional infrastructure, for the planning and management of water resources, for monitoring of crops status and for the forecasting and management of natural disasters. Moreover, communication satellite applications have been exploited to broadcast various informative and awareness programs throughout the region in order to educate people and industries from every walk of life.

Madam Chair

In view of the importance of space technology for sustainable development it is recommended that the developed countries may share the

fruits of space technology at a faster pace with developing nations to ensure the optimum utilization of the technology for the benefit of all mankind.

Thank you Madam Chair

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