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**Request for observer status with the United Nations
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: application
of the Association of Remote Sensing Centers in the Arab
World**

Note by the Secretariat

The present document contains official correspondence provided to the Secretariat by the Association of Remote Sensing Center in the Arab World in addition to the documents already contained in conference room papers A/AC.105/2010/CRP.5 and A/AC.105/C.1/2011/CRP.18.

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The Secretariat General of the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils presents its compliments to the office for Outer space Peaceful Purposes, and would like to inform the honorable body that Federation is one of the Arab States League Organizations that is concerned with Scientific Research and Technology Development. As such, the Federation is composed of Membership of all the Arab World Countries. The Federation is dependant in its programs on the mechanism of many Specialized Scientific Associations, including the Association of Arab Remote Sensing Centers, which been founded under Federation Council Decision No (6) 25/2002, which provides for the Great Jamahiriya to be its focal point.

In view of the application submitted by the Association to obtain permanent observer status with the UN Committee on the Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes and both its technical and legal subcommittees, we would like to point out that the Association of Arab Remote Sensing Centers enjoys an independent legal and financial personality. The Association is under the auspices and reporting directly to the Federation.

The Association Supreme Body is the (Authority) consists of all member states in the Association. This is expressly provided for in Article III of the Statutes of the Association, which states that “The Body of the Association consists of Directors of Centers or Officials responsible for Remote Sensing in the Arab States members of the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils’ Representatives of States, or their representative in attendance” .Each State has one vote regardless of the number of centers present for the meetings of the body. And if a tie occurs then the secretary’s side would be nominated.

At the same time we hope that we highlighted the nature of some aspects of the work of the Association, we look forward to seeing the Association has received a Permanent Observer seat in the Committee of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes to enhance its position and role in activating of the Arab Scientific work between the Association and the relevant International Organizations and bodies, also, looking forward to a more fruitful cooperation between your Committee and the Federation.

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تهدي الامانة العامة لاتحاد مجالس البحث العلمي العربية اطيب تحياتها الى مكتب شئون الفضاء الخارجي في الاغراض السلمية بالامم المتحدة وتود اعلامكم بان الاتحاد منظمة من منظمات الجامعة العربية تعنى بالبحث العلمي والتطوير التكنولوجي في الوطن العربي ويضم في عضويته جميع الدول العربية .

ويعتمد في تنفيذ برامجه على عدد من الاليات منها الروابط العلمية المتخصصة والتي من ضمنها رابطة مراكز الاستشعار عن بعد في الوطن العربي والتي تأسست بموجب قرار مجلس الاتحاد رقم (6) ج 25/2002 والذي نص على ان تكون الجماهيرية العظمى كنقطة ارتكاز لها .

وبالنظر الى الطلب الذي تقدمت به الرابطة المشار اليها اعلاه للحصول على صفة مراقب دائم بلجنة الامم المتحدة لاستخدام الفضاء الخارجي في الاغراض السلمية ولجنتيها الفرعيتين الفنية والقانونية نود ان نبين ان رابطة مراكز الاستشعار عن بعد في الوطن العربي تتمتع بالشخصية الاعتبارية والذمة المالية المستقلة وتتبع للاتحاد مباشرة .

كما ان هيئة الرابطة هي السلطة العليا بالرابطة وتتكون وفق ما ورد في المادة الثالثة من النظام الاساسي للرابطة والتي تنص على " تتكون هيئة الرابطة من مدراء المراكز او المسؤولين عن الاستشعار عن بعد بالدول العربية الاعضاء في اتحاد مجالس البحث العلمي العربية "ممثلو الدول " او من ينوب عنهم في الحضور ويكون لكل دولة صوت واحد مهما كان عدد المراكز الحاضرة لاجتماعات الهيئة واذا تساوت الاصوات يرجح الجانب الذي منه امين الرابطة "

وفي الوقت الذي نأمل فيه ان نكون قد وضحنا بعض الجوانب الخاصة بطبيعة عمل الرابطة نتطلع الى رؤية الرابطة وقد حظيت بمقعد دائم في لجنة استخدام الفضاء الخارجي في الاغراض السلمية تعزيزاً لمكانتها ودرورها في تفعيل العمل العلمي العربي بينها وبين المنظمات والهيئات الدولية ذات العلاقة بنشاطها متطلعين الى المزيد من التعاون المثمر بين لجننتكم الموقرة والاتحاد .

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير

With reference to the application made by Arab Association to acquire the status of Permanent Observer in the Committee on Use of Outer Space for peaceful purposes, and to the conclusion reached by the Committee during its 53rd session held from 9 to 18/6/2010. The Committee took note of the application of the Association of Remote Sensing Centers in the Arab world and agreed to invite the Association to participate in its fifty-fourth session, as well as in the sessions of the Subcommittees in 2011, with a view to the Association's provision of additional written information, and that a decision on its application would be made by the Committee at that session. We also refer to your kind letter addressed to the Association Secretary on 30/12/2010 explaining specific information that the Association has to provide as a response to the conclusion of the 53rd session of the International Committee for using Outer Space for peaceful purposes. According to your kind communication, the required information is divided into three main topics.

***The first** is related to the legal status of the Association including its relation with the Arab Scientific Councils Union. **The second** focuses on the activities which have recently been undertaken by the Association in the framework of assuring its governmental international activity. **The third** relates to the contacts and means of communications with the Association.*

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The secretary

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