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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [Permanent Representative of [...] to the United Nations (Vienna)] and has the honour to refer to the recommendations and decisions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Scientific and Technical Subcommittee during their sessions held in 2008 and 2009 relating to inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations system in the use of space applications.

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee at its forty-sixth session in 2009 noted that an open informal session of the United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities had been held for Member States in January 2008 and that a similar meeting would be held in the afternoon of 6 March 2009, immediately following the 29th session of the Inter-Agency Meeting, to be held at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from 4 to 6 March 2009.

Since 2004, the Inter-Agency Meeting has held open informal sessions for Member States to provide a constructive mechanism for an active dialogue between the entities of the United Nations system and Member States. This year's open informal session will address "Space-related activities of United Nations entities in Africa". Further information on the Inter-Agency Meeting and the open informal session, including the provisional agenda, will be made available at the website for the United Nations Coordination of Outer Space Activities (<http://www.uncosa.unvienna.org/uncosa/en/iamos/index.html>).

The Secretary-General would be grateful if your Government could communicate to the Office for Outer Space Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria (Fax: +43 1 26060 5830, email: [ooosa@unoosa.org](mailto:ooosa@unoosa.org)), **at its earliest convenience or by 3 March 2009**, the name(s) of its representative(s) attending the open informal session of the United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities.

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