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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege to make this statement on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO).

As newly elected Secretary-General of APSCO for the years 2020-2025 I am taking the floor for the first time in this session, I would like to congratulate Mr. Marius-Ioan Piso on his election as Chairman for the 2020-2021 period. My delegation extends full trust and confidence in your leadership in steering this Session to a successful conclusion with positive support of the Secretariat.

I also appreciate the efforts of the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo and the Secretary of the Committee and the Subcommittees, Mr. Niklas Hedman and the whole staff for planning, preparing and successfully organizing this virtual session.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO, formally established in 2008 and completed more than a decade of successful cooperation. APSCO has entered in a new decade of its activities and a New Development Plan for APSCO activities (2020-2030) is under implementation with many activities related with Cooperative Projects, Education & Training Activities, Space Law & Policy Activities.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO is contributing, as a responsible and important Inter-Governmental Organization, to building institutional capacity and space infrastructure, within its Member States in accordance with United Nations space-related treaties, principles and resolutions. APSCO is seeking to develop partnerships with other space-related inter-governmental Organizations, for the mutual benefits. APSCO has recently become a member of International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and a member of International Astronautical Federation (IAF). In addition, the Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences & Technology (ISNET) which has a membership of 17 Islamic States got the Observer Status at APSCO. ROSCOSMOS and APSCO has signed MOU for further cooperation in the possible fields of data sharing and capacity buildings.

APSCO made continuous contact and cooperate with UNOOSA on Capacity Building and this time, we are going to have an APSCO/UNOOSA joint workshop in national space legislation. Due to on-going COVID measures and to satisfy the maximum benefit of the Member States the activity might be implemented in 2022.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

As the new Secretary-General of APSCO, I'm willing to take all my efforts to serve our Member States perfectly and to make all Member States feel their benefits. In this regard, I will endeavor to:

Expand New Research Fields orderly, such as space science satellites data analysis, deep space exploration and manned space experience, promote MSs space capacity.

Establish Quick Response Mechanism to meet the Data Requirements and Hotline Services Requirements of our Member States, to meet the challenge of disaster.

Establish APSCO Supply Chain to provide convenience to the countries who want to purchase products and to enhance the communication among our Member States.

Promote space education to next generation on space museum, space training courses include e-lessons, and students' campus and competition.

The APSCO space observatory telescope project is launching and operating, we will help MSs monitor their satellites in orbit to avoid collision, these telescopes also will use to observe the major astronomical events and contribute to IAWN.

I hope APSCO's flagship cooperative projects can bring more experience to global space domain and create a sample to the developing countries, and I'm willing to share with you our achievements and experience.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO and its Members are strongly committed and support international space cooperation, and we welcome all nations to cooperate with us for exploring and exploiting peaceful uses of outer space to bring and share benefits to enhancing prosperity together.

APSCO is opening to all Countries and the space communities.

To this end, APSCO pledges our support and readiness to work cooperatively and constructively with the UNOOSA and also fellow members of the Committee. We are certain that, under your able leadership, you will guide the Committee towards a successful conclusion for this year's session.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the floor.

Thank you for your attention.