

## STATEMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### AGENDA ITEM 9: Space and Sustainable Development

1. Thank you Mr. Chairman,
2. Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
3. Space utilization and discoveries play significant role in enriching the knowledge about the universe.
4. They improve the quality of daily life in several distinct aspects and support the number of vital services and sectors.
5. Weather and environment monitoring, natural resources management, disaster management and humanitarian aid programs are just a few examples where space utilization plays a pivotal role.
6. Even more importantly, a range of technologies initially developed for space utilization found their use in the areas such as manufacturing and energy. Therefore, it can be deduced that space sector has become important source of innovation and inspiration for upcoming generations.
7. As such, the United Arab Emirates encourages the actions taken by states and international intergovernmental organizations in voluntary implementation of the guidelines to the greatest extent feasible and practicable.
8. In 2019, at its sixty-second session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space adopted the preamble and 21 guidelines for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.
9. The United Arab Emirates acknowledges the significance of supporting international cooperation for achieving space sustainability objectives.

10. We also acknowledge the significance of supporting international cooperation in the field of exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, in addition to the importance of a strategic conversation and discussions on an international level to ensure aligned directions towards achieving the common goals.
11. In support with the Committee's decision, the UAE maintains a national registry tracking the implementation status through a voluntary reporting methodology.
12. As part of the awareness raising effort, in February of 2022, the UAE participated in UNOOSA interview in support for the international LTS Guidelines Implementation Report.
13. Regarding Space role in achieving the sustainable development goals, on the sidelines of Dubai Expo 2020, the UAE hosted Space for Women Expert Meeting on Initiatives, challenges and opportunities for women in space.
14. The meeting highlighted the role of space in achieving SDG goal 4 on Quality Education and SDG goal 5 on Gender Equality.
15. Finally, we have announced the downstream program for utilizing space assists to create scientific studies and value-added services, a competition under the umbrella of the Space Analytics and Solutions (SAS) programme which was announced in partnership between the UAE Space Agency with the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment during Expo 2020.
16. The program aims at finding technically feasible, scalable and innovative ideas using data gathered from outer space to create services that support agricultural or environmental practices.
17. Thank you Mr. Chairman,