

WORLD SPACE WEEK ASSOCIATION

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Every year, the Board of Directors of WSWA chooses a theme through which World Space Week is celebrated globally. This year the theme is “Space and Sustainability”. This theme does not only perfectly embody the values of our Association, it also perfectly showcases the invaluable contributions that outer space technologies and applications are giving to all humankind. I would like to bring your attention to the “AND” in the theme. We have selected the theme Space AND Sustainability on purpose – we intended to communicate that we want to raise awareness on how space technology and space applications lead to the betterment and sustainable development of Earth. We also wanted to emphasize that it is crucial to be aware of the existing man-made and environmental hazards affecting space activities and be mindful of protecting the space environment. Protecting space is an investment in our common future.



An International Non-Governmental Organization, World Space Week Association, takes no policy positions, in order to remain open to all. We are using the annual World Space Week as a forum for exchange of ideas, and strongly encourage all Member States of the Committee, to use the leverage a dedicated week has for promotion of space activities in their respective countries.

Among our key objectives this year is collaboration with Member States, wishing to increase the general understanding of the benefits of outer space activities. Furthermore, we wish to collaborate on encouraging the public to choose studies in the STEM fields, and pursue careers in the space sector. This is especially important for us as a continuation of our WSW2021 theme “Women in Space”, through which and provided female role models for the next generation, and aimed to encourage more young women around the world to engage in STEM fields.

We believe that World Space Week 2022 is the perfect opportunity to conduct education and awareness raising campaigns. We strongly encourage delegations to connect with us, in order to discuss ways in which we can collaborate, as well as promote their activities.

I thank you, Mr. Chair, and distinguished delegates, for your kind attention

