

## Norway – Item 16

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### **Statement by Norway to the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space under Agenda Item 16: “Space 2030’ Agenda”**

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Chair,

Norway applauds the agreement in COPUOS on the Space2030 Agenda and its Implementation Plan.

Norway is a member of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. The Ocean Panel has shown that we can build an ocean economy where effective protection, sustainable production and equitable prosperity go hand in hand. As a coastal state with jurisdiction over large ocean areas, Norway is particularly pleased that the Space2030 Agenda also aims to promote and strengthen the use of outer space for a sustainable ocean economy. We are currently looking into how space-based solutions can contribute to this objective.

Norway hosts the secretariat of the Blue Justice Initiative, whose objective is to combat transnational organized crime in fisheries. An “International Blue Justice Tracking Center” has been established under the Blue Justice Initiative. The Center will be supported by the joint analytical unit of the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries and the Coastal Administration and is located in the town of Vardø. The Center will work together with colleagues around the world to produce reports on the movement of fishing vessels and potential illegal fishing operations. As an important part of the Blue Justice Initiative, the Center will also work closely with other partners of the initiative, such as UNODC’s Container Control Programme, UNODC’s Global Maritime Crime Programme and the UNDP.

Norway is also satisfied that another aim of the Space2030 Agenda is to promote and support the use of space technologies to enhance worldwide access to data and broadband technologies, giving special attention to developing countries and areas with less-developed infrastructure.

A relevant project in this connection is the cooperation between the Norwegian company Space Norway, the satellite operator Inmarsat and the Norwegian Ministry of Defence. The cooperation project will offer mobile broadband coverage to civilian and military users in the Arctic, using two satellites in high elliptical orbits. This will provide full coverage from 65 degrees North. As such, broadband service will be provided in the entire area North of the Arctic Circle. The satellites are planned to be launched in late 2022.

We are currently reviewing actions described under the four overarching objectives. Some of the actions listed in the Implementation Plan complement the actions in our White Paper on Space Policy, published in late 2019. The White Paper emphasizes COPUOS’ essential role as the primary arena for normative efforts to further the peaceful uses of outer space.

Implementation of the Space 2030 Agenda is of high priority for Norway. We are considering several ways of contributing to the agenda and fulfilling its objectives in the years to come. We will report to the Committee accordingly.

Thank you Chair.