

## **Agenda Item 16: Space2030 Agenda**

### **Statement by the Representative of the Republic of Korea**

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Mr. Chair and distinguished delegates,

The Republic of Korea would like to express its appreciation for the efforts of the working group as well as member states in establishing the Space2030 agenda. Without their patience and will to find a field that embraces compromise, this process would have been even more difficult.

The Republic of Korea looks forward to continuously engaging in this agenda with the international community. In this vein, we are conducting policy study to review and improve our implementation of Space 2030 agenda.

In particular, the Republic of Korea believes that women should play a more active role in space science and technology, innovation, and exploration. As part of our contribution to objective 3.7(gender equality) of Space2030, we are supporting space projects for women nationally and globally.

On a national level, the Republic of Korea initiated a program dedicated to the capacity building of female students and professionals. This program includes activities such as hands-on remote sensing application research for high school students, internship program for college students, international networking opportunities for professionals.

On a global level, we are supporting the “Space for Women” project of the UN. As its first step, the Republic of Korea will host this year’s

“Space4Women expert meeting” from August 16th to 19th in Daejeon. In this workshop, topics such as (1) support advocates, mentors and teachers to bring girls closer to STEM and space, (2) ways to promote female entrepreneurship in space, (3) the stocktaking and mapping exercise of women participation in the space sector, and (4) measuring and communicating the impact of gender empowerment activities in space will be discussed.

Based on the results of the last year’s Space4Women expert meeting, hosted by Brazil and UAE, the Republic of Korea, together with UNOOSA, will conduct a survey to take stock of the current female representation in space agencies and institutions around the world. The questionnaires will be sent to all member states within a few weeks, and we would appreciate if distinguished delegates can encourage their space agencies and institutions to participate in this survey. The early results of this survey will be presented at the expert meeting in August.

More information regarding this meeting is available on the UNOOSA website and Space for Women Project website.

The Republic of Korea reaffirms its commitment to fully implementing this agenda in cooperation with the international community.

Thank you, Mr. Chair. /END/