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Statement by the United Arab Emirates

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

Distinguished Delegates,

We remain committed to actively contribute to the work of the Committee and support its efforts toward the sustainability of outer space activities.

The United Arab Emirates believes that there are many ways to ensure the safety and sustainability of space activities. In fact, one of the main venues is developing national legislations, which considers as an important instrument to implement international law and monitor space activities.

Under the United Nations treaties on outer space, states are committed to organize their space activities through their national legal frameworks and ensure their compliance with such treaties.

In line with that, the UAE developed a comprehensive regulatory framework to regulate its space sector, taking into account its obligations under international Law. In 2019, the UAE issued its first national space law with the aim of enabling innovation, promoting investment, transparency and conformity with the international conventions in addition to supporting safety, security, and environment protection.

The UAE space law sets forth the general principles and rules for regulating the space sector in the UAE, and recently (9) separate regulations were issued, with more detailed terms, conditions and controls for various subjects covered in the law, to enhance the long-term stability and sustainability of the space activities. For example, Authorization Regulation, Regulation on the Compensation for Damage Caused to Third Party during the Space Activity, Space Debris Mitigation Guideline and Space Resources Exploration and Use Activities Regulation.

Mr. Chair,

The UAE recognizes the importance of collaboration and exchanging knowledge between nations on establishing national space legislation in alignment with International Law, which will support the development of space activities.

Thank you Mr. Chair.