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Dear Ms. Holla-Maini,

As you are aware, Space Renaissance International (SRI) recently submitted a formal application for the status of Permanent Observer Organization of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space (COPUOS).

SRI is interested in attending the upcoming General Assembly 67th session (June 19-28), as an ad hoc observer, pending the final decision of the Committee on observer status and, if successful, would like to have the opportunity to make a presentation on the role that space could play for a sustainable and peaceful development of the civilization, and how SRI could contribute to such an epochal challenge.

SRI will be represented by:

- Adriano V. Autino, SRI, CEO, Vice President, and Founder, in presence
- Bernard Foing, SRI, President, in presence
- Werner Grandl, SRI, Board of Directors, in presence
- Marie-Luise Heuser, SRI, Board of Directors, Head of the Space Philosophy Laboratory at Space Renaissance Academy, in presence

As per our application, SRI was founded in 2010 as a philosophical, cultural, and scientific association, to re-establish the general philosophy (still pre-Copernican), and to accelerate the expansion of civilization into outer space.

SRI has held 3 world congresses so far, in 2011, 2016, and 2021, each time discussing several papers and a thesis on the status of civilization and the perspectives to start the settlement in the geo-lunar space and beyond.

The 3rd and last congress, in 2021, approved the following Final Resolution:

We, the Space Renaissance International, during the 3rd World Congress of our association, discussed the status of civilization, the perspectives of expansion into outer space, and the best strategy to kick-off the civilian space development during next years, towards 2025. After our five days of discussion, we are proposing the following recommendations to the good willing people of Planet Earth. The most relevant fact, since our 2nd World Congress, held in 2016, is the



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development and consolidation of reusable rockets, now leading to fully reusable space vehicles, like Starship. Such an epochal development will reduce the cost of a seat to orbit under \$1 million, opening the way to industrial space settlement, and civilian space development. Besides continuing to support and promote in all means this effort, we are focusing the next key milestones on such an evolutionary road. As our association maintained since its beginning, in the Space Renaissance Manifesto, the expansion of civilization into outer space is the only way to overcome the current global multiple crises in the so far philosophically closed world, and to restart a vigorous growth, in the realm of the Solar System. Such a glorious future is not automatic nor guaranteed. Evolution works by trial and error. And we don't know, yet, whether our species will be a success or a failure, on the history of life in the Universe. The stake is to evolve into a solar system civilization, or to be thrown back to a stone age, should we remain closed within the boundaries of our mother planet. The above situation delivers to our association – Space Renaissance International, the sole

philosophical space advocacy, working in all continents – a huge responsibility: to clearly indicate the priorities, to support the evolutionary effort of humanity, that shall absolutely move the first essential steps before 2030, in order to open the high frontier to civilians, and to keep the door well open for next centuries to come. To allow a smooth transition from the space exploration to the space settlement paradigm, there are scientific works to be done with more energy and investments, technologies to be consolidated and enhanced, collaborations to be agreed and pursued, in a spirit of a global support to the greatest enterprise of all times: the sustainable renaissance of our civilization in the outer space. These are our priorities for the next five years, that we recommend to all the people of Planet Earth. We call all space advocacy organizations to join with us and speak with a louder voice.

- **Not going back, but going forward to the Moon:** develop proper industrial infrastructure to produce fuel in space, from lunar and asteroidal materials, also mining resources such as water, rare earths, precious metals, and Helium-3.
- **Space debris recovery and reuse.** It is not only a necessary and overdue cleaning action. Starting the reuse of space debris is a bootstrapping point for the Earth orbit industry, signaling the transition from a worthy public environmental initiative to the first orbital industrial business.
- **Enhance life protection in space.** Radiation from our sun and deep galactic cosmic rays represent a big threat to health and reproduction. Humans cannot travel and live in space for long time and distances without proper protection.
- **Start experimenting with simulated gravity.** It can be done by rotating connected modules, as an initial method: we need to learn a great deal about the effects of different diameters and rotation speeds on human perception, psychology, and physical conditions.
- **Target younger generations** to empower their growth and inspire them on their path to space.
- **Keep on supporting the development of 100% reusable space vehicles.** Low-cost, safe, and reliable passenger space transportation vehicles.
- **Produce food in space.** Boost exo-agriculture study and experimentation. Start experimenting with large space habitats and lunar habitats, cultivating food and producing oxygen.
- **Space Safety.** Protection from asteroid impacts and strong solar storms. Develop radiation protection shields for space vehicles and habitats, in space, on the Moon and Mars. The same concept could apply to Earth protection.
- **Support the space tourism industries** and their effort to develop civilian space travel and accommodations (hotels), turning the aeronautic experience into profit.
- **Space-Based Solar Power.** Inexhaustible energy, collected in space, to feed the space industrial infrastructures and to study how to supply energy to Earth's surface, as a contribution to clean energy.
- **Support space-related art** and bring art into space. We want to develop cooperation and call for competitions and to promote dialog between artists, scientists and all interested people.
- **To add an 18th SDG,** bootstrap the civilian space development, to UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals. In order to make the 17 SDGs feasible and sustainable.



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In 2023 SRI launched, together with the National Space Society and [79 \(so far\) space advocacy organizations](#), an initiative to achieve the last goal of the above Final Resolution: to add an 18th SDG focused on space development, to the U.N. 2030 Agenda.

SRI aims to work, together with our partners, to create a COPUOS Working Team dedicated to the Space 18th SDG, to develop all of the many aspects related to civilian space development, to act as a clearing house among state parties, to harmonize the efforts, for 100% inclusivity of all the public and private stakeholders, systematization of the best practices, and heuristic learning from past mistakes.

We remain at your disposal to provide any further information you may require.

We hope that our request for an ad hoc observer pass at the upcoming SLC session will be considered favorably, and we look forward to hearing back at the earliest opportunity.

With warmest regards, Ad Astra!

Adriano V. Autino
CEO, Founder & Former President
Space Renaissance International