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Statement of the Delegation of Romania

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Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

We note with appreciation the organization by the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the first United Nations Conference on Sustainable Lunar Activities, which took place in Vienna on June 18th, 2024, at the margins of COPUOS. During the Conference, representatives from international lunar programs and missions exchanged views about goals, priorities and approaches for safe and sustainable lunar exploration, with a view to identify common ground between all parties. Guided by the foundational principles of the Outer Space Treaty, the Conference promoted constructive, insightful, and inclusive exchanges, identifying the existence of common ground in the critical areas of international cooperation, information sharing, capacity building, consultation, interoperability, environmental consideration, due regard, and scientific investigation.

We are delighted about the positive support for the Action Team on Lunar Activities Consultations (ATLAC), which we hope will be established at this session, and will serve as a platform for advancing much needed work on lunar activities.

Thank you.