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Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to report on Austria's activities in support of the "Space2030" Agenda and its implementation plan, adopted by resolution 76/3 of the General Assembly. We will describe Austria's work according to the respective paragraphs in the resolution.

Under § 24 (b) <u>UNSPIDER</u>, in 2022, the Austrian Development Agency initiated the three-year project "Drought Early Warning in Mozambique via Satellite Soil Moisture Data" to support UNSPIDER's objectives in the region.

For § 24 (i) <u>Space Mission Planning Advisory Group (SMPAG)</u>, Austria continues to support the Group through the active participation of our experts. Additionally, we back the initiative for a <u>UN-designated international year of asteroid awareness and planetary defense</u> in 2029.

In reference to § 25 (c), Austrian Earth Observation (EO) Projects have been included in the ESA "Space Solutions Supporting SDGs - Space Solutions Compendium". A joint side event co-organized by Austria, Canada, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA) on 27 June 2024 will highlight this tool to assist Member States in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Regarding § 25 (d), Austria supports the <u>Space for Women project</u>. An Austrian expert participated in the United Nations/Canada Space for Women Expert Meeting "Building Capacity to Promote and Advance Gender Equality in the Space Sector" from 30 October

to 3 November 2023 in Montreal. We contributed to the recent **UNOOSA Space4Women Landmark Study** and look forward to its results and further activities. Additionally, Austria supports the **Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit for the Space Sector**, aiming to expand opportunities for women in space-related education and careers.

Under § 25 (i), the <u>World Space Forum (WSF) series</u> aims to strengthen partnerships and dialogue among the global community to support the "Space2030" Agenda. Since its inception in 2019, the series has been co-organized with various countries, including the UAE in 2020 and Austria in 2021 and 2022 as online versions. The 2023 edition in Vienna included a member states session expressing support for the space track in the Summit of the Future. We look forward to the 2024 edition organized by Germany and UNOOSA.

Furthermore, Austria contributes to the objectives of the "Space2030" Agenda as follows:

For <u>Overarching Objective 1</u> (economic benefits), <u>Objective 2</u> (benefits for everyday <u>challenges</u>), and <u>Objective 3</u> (access to space for all), the <u>UN/Austria Symposium in Graz</u> is a key activity of the Programme of Space Applications of UNOOSA. Since 2020, our miniseries have focused on **space solutions for climate action**. We reported under item 12 on this year's symposium.

In regards to Overarching Objective 4 (partnerships and international cooperation), Austria actively supports the work of the Committees and Subcommittees with statements, technical presentations, side events, and participation in Working and Expert Groups. This includes work on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, Legal Aspects of Space Resource Activities, Dark and Quiet Skies for Science and Society, and the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.

In conclusion, we encourage Member States to report on the implementation of the "Space2030" Agenda in preparation for the mid-term review in 2025 and the final review of the agenda's implementation.

Thank you!