

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

### **Republic of Korea National Statement**

#### **Sixty-Seventh Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

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Chair,

As discussed in previous agendas, it is clear that the space domain plays a critical role and contributes significantly to achieving sustainable development. In this regard, the Republic of Korea fully supports the Space2030 Agenda and has been reflecting Agenda's key principles into our space development plans and activities.

Our 4th Space Development Promotion Basic Plan is closely aligned with the Space2030 Agenda, particularly in areas such as international cooperation, climate change mitigation, and disaster management. We already have introduced several cases of international cooperation through our statements in other agendas, such as using advanced satellites to monitor environmental changes and enhance disaster response capabilities.

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 the Agenda, we fully support the space projects for women (Space4Women) both nationally and globally.

On a national level, in 2023, the Republic of Korea conducted the survey "Perception of Gender Barriers in the Space Sector" to assess and evaluate the awareness of gender barriers experienced by women scientists and engineers in the space domain. The survey used the Gender Perception in Science & Engineering (GISE) Index, which was jointly developed by the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES) and the Korean Federation of Women's Science and Technology Associations (KWSE) with the support of the Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA). We will share the results through an upcoming technical presentation.

On a global level, we are supporting the "Space for Women (Space4Women)" project of the United Nations. Particularly, we have strengthened our partnership with the UNOOSA on Space for Women through a three-year project dedicated to studying the participation of women in the space sector. This research project has been implemented by UNOOSA, and we are pleased to see the initial results.

Before closing, we would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for Canada, a major contributor to the Space4Women. Canada's commitment to gender equality and its proactive approach in developing the Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit to support women's participation in the space domain are commendable. We fully support Canada's efforts and look forward to continued collaboration to achieve our shared goals of inclusivity and equality in space activities.

Thank you.