

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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السيد الرئيس،

السيدات والسادة،

أود في البداية أن أهني أخي شريف صدقي، مدير الوكالة المصرية للفضاء، على انتخابه رئيساً للدورة السابعة والستين للجنة الاستخدام السلمي للفضاء الخارجي، وأهني أعضاء مكتبه الموقر. نؤكد دعم وفد بلادي الكامل لجهودكم المقدرة في قيادة أعمال اللجنة، ونتقدم بالتهنئة للسادة رئيس وأعضاء الدورة السادسة والستين.

ينضم السودان للبيانات التي تم تسليمها نيابة عن مجموعة ال-77 والصين والمجموعة الأفريقية. وفي إطار قدراتنا الوطنية، نود أن نضيف الملاحظات التالية: نهني السيدة آرت هولاماني على تعيينها مديراً لمكتب شؤون الفضاء الخارجي، ونعبر عن دعم وفدنا الكامل لها. نشكر سكرتارية مكتب الأمم المتحدة لشؤون الفضاء الخارجي على تحضيراتهم لهذا الاجتماع.

Mr. Chairperson,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The growing use of space applications in agriculture, health, education, climate, Communications, disaster management, and natural resources exploration confirms that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will not be achieved within the specified time frame without enabling the least developed countries (LDCs) to leverage the immense potential of space applications to enhance sustainable development. In this respect, we call for substantial support for the Office of Outer Space Affairs with additional financial and human resources to better serve the cause of space for development. This is increasingly urgent given the rise in outer space objects, the growing involvement of non-state actors in space affairs, and the exploration of deep space.

We hope that the upcoming Summit of the Future in September 2024 and the Space Summit in 2027 will provide the necessary support to the Office to address the challenges of the 21st century more effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Chairperson,

We thank Ms. Aarti and the Secretariat for preparing the Space Strategy 2024-2030 and for their appreciated initiatives such as the Space for Water Program, which is crucial in our efforts to tackle food insecurity, particularly in Africa. We appeal to the donor community to provide additional resources for UNOOSA dedicated to space applications in agriculture. We call for more capacity-building programs and technical support to the African Space Agency and the Regional Center for Space Science and Education in Morocco and Nigeria.

Mr. Chairperson,

At the national level, we look forward to enhancing our cooperation with UNOOSA, especially in rehabilitating the conflict-impacted National Space Center, building our national capacity in space affairs, and exploring the role of space applications in post-conflict rehabilitation and development.

Thank you all for your kind attention.