

WORLD SPACE WEEK ASSOCIATION

Agenda Item No. 4

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Thank you, Distinguished Chair. Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

It is an honor to speak today on behalf of the World Space Week Association, and I join other member states in thanking the Secretariat and the Director for their excellent work in organizing this session.

World Space Week was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 to be held annually from October 4-10. This year, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Space Week, recognized as the largest annual space event worldwide. As a non-governmental organization, our aim is to see this initiative continue to expand globally.

Our mission is to enhance the connection between space and society through outreach, awareness-raising, and capacity-building activities. We leverage World Space Week as a platform to foster dialogue and encourage participation around the future of space activities, guided by an annual theme.

For 2024, our theme is 'Space and Climate Change.' We are excited to announce that Peter Platzer, CEO of Spire Global, a leader in satellite-powered climate data solutions, will serve as our Honorary Chair. With his guidance, we aim to exceed last year's record of more than 16,000 events across over 80 countries.

Our year-round activities are designed to introduce the public to our themes and inspire discussions across various sectors. We also run a targeted communications campaign and provide a toolkit on our website at www.worldspaceweek.org to support the event holders around the globe.

As we mark the 25th anniversary of World Space Week, we are dedicated to promoting the initiatives of stakeholders focused on space and climate-related issues. On behalf of the association, I invite this Committee and all its members to embrace World Space on Week not just as a celebration of space, but as a platform to highlight your own achievements, plans, and initiatives. The impact and visibility of a week dedicated to a unified global celebration of space are immense—our collective voices resonate more powerfully when raised together.

We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, Spire, Lockheed Martin, Viasat, Vast, SES and everyone involved in making World Space Week a success year after year.

Thank you, Distinguished Chair and distinguished delegates, for your attention and for supporting the continuous growth of World Space Week.