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**Mr. Johann SPITZER, Minister-Counsellor**

Chair,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Space solutions are essential for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. Studies suggest that, 65 out of the 169 targets of the 2030 Agenda are highly dependent on space activities. Austria actively supports concrete actions, including in the framework of the European Space Agency and its Space Solutions Compendium to promote these solutions in the field of sustainable development.

To ensure that in these efforts no one is left behind, Austria also participated in the Space4Women Expert meeting in Montreal in autumn last year, and thanks Canada and UNOOSA for co-hosting it. Austria supports the outcome of this meeting, the first ever Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit for the space sector. We view this toolkit as an effective instrument for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. We anticipate the publication of the toolkit, which will enhance visibility and advance gender equality in the space sector. We are looking forward to the next Space4Women Expert meeting in November 2024 in Nairobi and would like to thank Kenya for co-organising it.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to invite you to the joint side event "Space Solutions Supporting SDGs - Space Solutions Compendium", co-organised by Austria, Canada, the European Space Agency and the Office for Outer Space Affairs, which will take place on Thursday, 27 June 2024, at 1:10 p.m. in room M2.

Thank you!