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Mr. Chair,

distinguished delegates,

Slovenia is pleased to take the floor on the vital topic of space and water—an issue of great national importance and one that enjoys strong support at the highest levels of our political leadership.

Given our geographical position, Slovenia is especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change, including increasingly frequent and severe floods and droughts. This makes the effective monitoring and sustainable management of water resources not only a priority, but a necessity. In fact, access to clean and safe drinking water is enshrined as a constitutional right for all Slovenian citizens.

I am also pleased to share that Slovenia took over the Presidency to the Bureau of the Water Convention for the

period of 2024–2027 and hosted the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in October 2024.

To meet these challenges, we have embraced advanced Earth Observation technologies to monitor water bodies, track weather patterns, and sustainably manage natural resources. These tools are central to our national strategy for climate resilience and environmental protection.

In practice, Slovenia has developed digital twins and integrated water management systems. These innovative tools allow us to monitor the stability of water reservoirs and predict and mitigate the impacts of floods, droughts, and other natural disasters. Our rich biodiversity is closely tied to healthy water ecosystems, and through these technologies, we are ensuring their preservation. We firmly believe in the power of international collaboration and knowledge-sharing. Slovenia is committed to contributing to global efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals—particularly those related to water. Our companies are already active in successful water-related projects in India and across the African continent, applying innovative solutions that address real-world challenges.

However, we cannot face these challenges alone. A coordinated and cooperative international approach is essential. We must work together to ensure water remains a source of life.

Slovenia is committed to working closely with its neighbours, regional partners, and the broader international community to promote water diplomacy, resilience, and innovation.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for your kind attention. Slovenia looks forward to working with all of you to advance sustainable water management and ensure a water-secure future for all.