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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to deliver an update on recent developments related to UN-Space, the inter-agency mechanism that brings together entities across the United Nations system to align and strengthen space-related activities.

UN-Space continues to play a vital role in promoting the use of space technologies in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, and in ensuring coherence and efficiency by avoiding duplication of efforts. At its 43rd session, held at UN Headquarters in New York in October 2024, UN-Space focussed on enhancing coordination—particularly in areas where demand is growing, such as access to space-derived data.

Improving access to high-resolution satellite imagery both for UN entities and for developing countries has emerged as a key priority. In this context, and in response to General Assembly resolution 78/72, a proposal has been tabled - as outlined in document A/AC.105/1341 - to explore the feasibility of establishing a UN Inter-Agency Imagery Procurement Secretariat. This initiative, referred to as the Imagery Procurement for Earth Observation (IPEO) proposal, aims to streamline data-sharing, reduce procurement redundancies, drive cost-savings across the UN system, and ultimately promote more equitable and affordable access to critical satellite information for Member States. Accordingly, I would like to draw attention to the Secretary-General's latest report on "Ensuring access to space data for the United Nations and developing nations." The report outlines a conceptual model for a centralized procurement mechanism, reinforcing the urgent need for a system-wide approach. It highlights how such a model could enhance operational efficiency, lower costs, and improve access to essential data—especially for crisis response, peacekeeping, and development work in the field.

Distinguished Delegates,

The 2024 session of UN-Space also showcased growing inter-agency momentum around training on the use of satellite data. In this context, I would like to thank NASA for supporting a full-day training for UN staff, particularly in collaboration with the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS). The session was well received and represents a meaningful step toward building internal capacity across the system. We intend to build on this success in future meetings.

I am also pleased to share that a new publication has been released by UN-Space in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization, has just been released under the title: “Leveraging Space Technology for Agricultural Development and Food Security.”

This publication underscores the tangible benefits of satellite applications in areas such as crop monitoring, food system resilience, and early warning—particularly in regions most affected by climate change and food insecurity. This initiative has also provided an important bridge to connect with the recently established, Vienna-based Group of Friends of Food Security, supporting greater understanding of the relevance of space data for such critical topics and underscoring once more, the value of UN-SPACE as an inter-agency coordination mechanism.

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These efforts reflect our shared commitment to ensuring that the benefits of space technologies are accessible to all—especially those most in need. UN-Space remains a vital platform for inter-agency collaboration, and we will continue working to expand data access, foster innovation, and promote the responsible and inclusive use of space across the United Nations system. In addition, we will elevate the UN-Space dialogue across UN offices and organisations to a higher level to ensure that the relevance of space data and solutions is fully appreciated and harnessed to accelerate achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

We look forward to building on this momentum at the next UN-Space session and we welcome the continued engagement and guidance of Member States as we advance this important work.

Thank you for your attention.

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