

to the United Nations in Vienna

AUSTRIA, ITEM 15 "Space2030" Agenda 68th COPUOS (25 June – 2 July 2025) Mr. Georg OBERREITER, Minister Counsellor

Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Austria welcomes the progress made under the "Space2030" Agenda, which we see as an important bridge between space policy and sustainable development. It is essential to ensure that outer space remains a global common that is accessible and beneficial to all of humanity.

Austria actively participated in the **mid-term review** of the "Space2030" Agenda. In our report, we have highlighted the following key activities:

The World Space Forum – Initiated by OOSA and Austria in 2019 – was conceived as a platform to strengthen global partnerships and dialogue around the use of space as a driver for sustainable development. Together, we have organized four Forums with the thematic focus on Access to Space for All, Space for Climate Action, and Sustainability in Space and on Earth. The last Forum focused on "Space for Our Common Future" and served as a preparatory event for the 2024 Summit of the Future. The Forum took place not only in Vienna but also in the UAE in 2020 and in Germany in 2024.

We welcome the **strategic review that UNOOSA** is undertaking regarding the **Forum's format and future direction**. Austria welcomes the **continuation and evolution of this important event**. We believe that a **rotating host model**, especially one that includes **developing countries as co-hosts**, would strengthen its global relevance.

Austria's commitment to inclusive and evidence-based development through space is also reflected in our long-standing cooperation with UNOOSA on the **UN/Austria Symposium series.** Over the past three decades, we have co-organized 30 symposia exploring space-based solutions to global challenges such as climate change.

The **2024 Symposium** focused on how to make the transition from research to sustainable services based on local realities. All too often, innovative projects face the challenge of moving from technical feasibility to long-term impact. Our goal was to bridge this gap by bringing together different stakeholders to share experiences and explore feasible solutions.

In conclusion, Austria remains strongly committed to **promoting a comprehensive**, **action-oriented and forward-looking dialogue** on the peaceful and sustainable use of outer space. We believe that **bringing together different actors**, sharing knowledge and learning from each other is essential for our common success.