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Mr. Chair,

The Philippines firmly believes in the crucial role of space tools in attaining the global development agenda and is committed to achieve the Space2030 Agenda as a driver for sustainable development.

The Philippines continues to contribute to the Space2030 Agenda through national initiatives, including capacity building in space data utilization, educational opportunities in space science and technology applications (SSTA), use of remote sensing for agriculture and climate resilience, and international cooperation to advance space activities.

The Philippines would also like to report its contribution to the existing international and regional mechanisms, programs, projects, and platforms to implement the said Agenda. To date, we have:

- 1. Continued to work with members of the Space for Climate Observatory (SCO) in utilizing SSTA for climate action and disaster risk reduction and management. Particularly, through our accredited projects under SCO, we were able to contribute to SDG 3: Zero Hunger, SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 13: Climate Action. These accredited projects include the Drought Early Warning in the Philippines (DEW-PH), the Project NOAH (Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards), and the National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme (CopPhil-BLUEHAB) between the Philippines and the European Union;
- In April 2024, the Philippines, in collaboration with UNOOSA, jointly organized a Workshop on the Applications of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) to strengthen national capacities and promote knowledge exchange in GNSS technologies; and
- 3. In February 2025, a workshop titled Land Cover and Land Use Changes in Southeast Asia: Regional Environmental Impacts and Synthesis was held in Iloilo City, Philippines, in collaboration with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines highlights the value gained from the "Space Law for New Space Actors" project, particularly the successful Technical Advisory Mission held in Manila in November 2024. We express our sincere appreciation to UNOOSA and the Government of Japan, and underscore the importance of such initiatives in advancing the Space2030 Agenda.

Overall, the Philippines reiterates its commitment in pursuing the Space2030 Agenda by further contributing to the four (4) overarching objectives and implementation plan. We underscore the importance of international cooperation in this pursuit.

We would like to advocate and call for continued inclusivity of these UNOOSA initiatives to all countries, regardless of their economic status and space capabilities. We also call for other Members States, particularly those with major space capabilities, to conscientiously implement the Space2030 Agenda.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.