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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Italy reaffirms its strong commitment to the peaceful use of outer space and to the preservation of space as a safe, secure, and sustainable environment for all.

We are pleased to report significant progress at the national level. The recent adoption of the law on *“Measures relevant to the space economy”* represents a comprehensive reform of Italy’s space governance framework. This legislation, grounded in the principles of safety, security, resilience, and sustainability, introduces robust mechanisms for the **authorization and supervision of space activities**, while actively promoting innovation and international cooperation. It is a tangible demonstration of our commitment to the peaceful and responsible conduct of space activities.

Italy also recognizes the growing urgency of addressing space security challenges. The exponential increase in satellite launches—especially in low Earth orbit—combined with the proliferation of space debris, calls for strengthened efforts in **space traffic management** and the **protection of critical space infrastructure**. In this regard, Italy actively contributes to the **EU Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST)** initiative and is investing in advanced technologies to mitigate and remove orbital debris.

We believe that effective global governance, grounded in transparency and confidence-building, is essential to prevent conflict and preserve outer space as a domain for cooperation. Italy supports the reinforcement of the UN Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space and the development of international norms and guidelines, including those related to dual-use systems.

In parallel, Italy continues to invest in **capacity-building initiatives** that enable all countries to benefit from the peaceful uses of outer space. In this spirit:

- Under the **Mattei Plan for Africa**, Italy is developing new partnerships with African nations to support the use of space technologies for sustainable development, disaster management, and environmental monitoring.
- In Latin America, Italy—through the **Istituto Italo-Latino Americano (IILA)**—will deliver a series of education and training programs in 2026 focused on Earth observation, space applications, and regulatory best practices.

Mr. Chair,

Italy remains convinced that only through inclusive multilateral cooperation and concrete action can we safeguard outer space as a global commons, and ensure that its benefits are preserved for future generations.

Thank you.