

Statement of the United Arab Emirates

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Mr. Chair,

With the growing number of objects orbiting Earth, space situational awareness has become a priority to ensure the safety and long-term sustainability of space activities.

In this context, during the 62nd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the United Arab Emirates submitted a proposal for the Establishment of an Expert Group on Space Situational Awareness with the ultimate objective of creating a technical basis of understanding aimed at:

- (a) Promoting and fostering greater awareness and cooperation on exchange of relevant information on space objects and events
- (b) Review existing and/or propose new measures, and best practices to achieve consistency of data formats and in understanding and use of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) information-sharing practices to aid operational coordination.

The UAE organized informal consultations on the sidelines of the STSC meeting, during the intersessional period, and on the sidelines of LSC to allow comprehensive discussions of the proposal and to consider diverse perspectives, aimed at reaching consensus.

Its establishment under the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC) ensures focused outcomes that complement existing frameworks. Regular reporting to the STSC under the LTS WG will ensure transparency, alignment, and continuous progress monitoring.

The UAE emphasizes the importance and urgency to reach consensus during the current session of COPUOS for the establishment of the Expert Group. We look forward to your valuable support.

A revised version of the proposal, reflecting feedback received during informal consultations, has been uploaded to the session's web page for member states' consideration.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.