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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Philippine delegation warmly congratulates you on your leadership and affirms our full support for a successful session.

The Philippines reaffirms its commitment to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) through space science and technology applications (SSTA), in close cooperation with the international community.

According to the 2024 Sustainable Development Report, the Philippines advanced six places in its global ranking. Guided by the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, which integrates all facets of the SDGs, we remain committed to maximizing the full potential of Earth observation (EO) satellites and remote sensing data to strengthen key sectors such as agriculture, climate change, environmental protection, and disaster risk reduction and management.

The Philippines continues to build resilience against the frequent and intensified impacts of natural disasters and takes pride in the progress of our Data Allocation and Operational Information (DALOI) project. In 2024, we distributed 21,294 satellite images and maps, with 52% of end-users coming from national government agencies involved in national security, development, hazard management, and climate studies—enhancing timely, data-driven decision making.

We launched the Space Data Dashboard to seamlessly integrate space data from multiple sources, offering an intuitive, user-friendly interface with free download capabilities for hazard and climate-related outputs. It enhances access to satellite data for decision makers, researchers, and the public, supporting evidence-based progress toward the SDGs.

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines remains committed to the responsible and sustainable use of outer space, upholding the UN Guidelines for its long-term sustainability.

We support the Conference Room Paper of the United Arab Emirates on their “Proposal for the Establishment of an Expert Group on Space Situational Awareness (SSA).” We

believe that the Expert Group will meaningfully complement the ongoing efforts of the LTS Working Group by advancing operational coordination, data standardization, and technical interoperability of space activities.

At the regional level, the Philippines will continue collaborating with partners in the ASEAN to explore mechanisms, reduce externalities, and improve information flow in enhancing the regional collaboration on SSA and Space Traffic Coordination (STC).

Mr. Chair,

The Philippines, being a megadiverse archipelago, expresses support to UNOOSA and France's Space4Ocean Alliance, reflecting a collective action and commitment to expand emergent space capabilities for long-term solutions to secure the sustainable future of marine ecosystems and coastal communities.

Looking ahead, our delegation recognizes the importance of this Committee as an effective platform for fostering new pathways of international cooperation. As a committed and responsible spacefaring nation, the Philippines reaffirms its support for the continued exchange of best practices and the advancement of safe, sustainable, and inclusive approaches to space development. Such efforts are truly indispensable as we collectively navigate the rapidly evolving space environment with accountability, foresight, and shared purpose.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.