

## WORLD SPACE WEEK ASSOCIATION

### Agenda Item No. 4

**Presented by: Alma Okpalefe, Executive Director**

Thank you, Distinguished Chair,

Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

It is a privilege to address this Committee on behalf of the World Space Week Association (WSWA). We commend the Chair, the Secretariat, and the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs for their continued leadership in advancing global space cooperation.

World Space Week is celebrated annually from October 4 to 10 and is the largest space outreach event in the world. It offers a powerful and inclusive platform for nations to raise awareness of the benefits of space, inspire future generations, and foster international collaboration.

In 2024, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Space Week under the theme “Space and Climate Change,” with more than 15,000 events held across 90 countries. We extend special recognition to SUPARCO of Pakistan and the Saudi Ministry of Education for their exceptional national-level coordination and support.

Looking ahead, the 2025 theme, “**Living in Space**,” focuses on the realities and possibilities of sustainable human presence beyond Earth. Under the leadership of **Robert Lightfoot**, President of Lockheed Martin Space, our Honorary Chair for 2025, WSWA convened an industry roundtable at the Space Symposium, Colorado Springs to engage commercial actors in leveraging World Space Week for outreach. We also launched the Astropreneurs Mentorship Program in conjunction with the Global Entrepreneurs Network-Space, to support emerging space entrepreneurs, reinforcing the link between public engagement and economic opportunity.

We warmly invite all Member States and Space Agencies to participate in World Space Week 2025 by organizing activities, sharing achievements, and utilising this global platform. Event registration and resources are available at [www.worldspaceweek.org](http://www.worldspaceweek.org).

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge our sponsors— **Lockheed Martin, Airbus, Viasat, Vast, Eutelsat, Kuwait Investment Company**, and others—whose continued support makes World Space Week possible and impactful.

Thank you, Distinguished Chair and esteemed delegates, for your attention and enduring support of this global celebration of space.

