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Statement by Germany

Honourable Chair,

On behalf of the German delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your election. We wish you, your team and all of us a constructive session and stand ready to support you wherever we can. you wherever we can.

Furthermore, we take this opportunity to echo the EU's condemnation of Russia's illegal, unjustifiable and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine which is still costing lives at this very moment.

Distinguished delegates,

On Space for Earth: The Space2030 Agenda strengthens the contribution of space activities to sustainable development for everyone. We are delighted to contribute to both the ESA SDG Catalogue and the UNOOSA/ESA Space Solution Compendium. Our delegation has also provided initial input for the mid-term review of the Space2030 Agenda, and we look forward to sharing more implementation examples along the way. You are all warmly invited to join us for a side event on Overarching Objective 3 of the Space2030 Agenda, featuring panellists from all regional groups and our reserve astronaut Amelie Schoenenwald, on Friday 27 June at 13:10 CEST in room M2 and via MS Teams.

We believe that international cooperation is essential to ensuring that space activities benefit all humanity now and in the future. Germany continues to support international programmes and to engage in various forms of cooperation with organizations such as the UN, ESA, EU, EUMETSAT and CEOS. Two examples of this are:

First, the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) and ESA are offering a pioneering facility that will be used to prepare future robotic and human lunar missions. LUNA can carry out highly complex simulations involving both astronauts and robots, adding a vital component to existing global capabilities. The facility will be made available to national

and international research institutions, space agencies, industry and start-ups for conducting experiments and test campaigns.

Secondly, in June 2024, experts from all over the world met in Neustrelitz for an International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI) workshop organised by UNOOSA. The programme promotes international cooperation in space weather research and aims to create a global framework for the free access of space weather data for research, teaching, and services.

On Sustainable Space: There is consensus among all of us that we can only benefit from space activities if we ensure a safe, sustainable and peaceful space environment. Therefore, Germany together with more than 20 Co-Sponsors, proposes establishing a Study Group on the Legal and Policy Aspects of Space Traffic under the Agenda Item General Exchange of views on legal aspects of space traffic management in the LSC.

We warmly invite Member States to consult our joint non-paper with the United Arab Emirates on our two proposals, and to join us at the informal meetings on 26 and 30 June. Please contact us bilaterally at your earliest convenience with any questions you may have. At this session, Germany invites the Committee to decide on the establishment of the Study Group on Space Traffic in the LSC and an Expert Group on Space Situational Awareness with an independent structure within the remit of the LTS Working Group under the STSC. This will enable both mechanisms to build-up the expertise of the Committee on the important matter of space traffic and provide tangible outcomes for UNISPACE IV.

In addition, Germany welcomes the progress made at the LTS working group and wants to see this important mechanism continue. We also support the idea to enhance the role of technical experts in the LTS working group. At the present session, we aim for substantial progress towards finalizing the LTS report with a view to delivering it to STSC in 2026.

Honorable Chair, distinguished delegates,

We look forward to constructive exchanges based on the Vienna-spirit and hope to reach consensus on the important decisions to be made at the current session and express our gratitude to all contributing to this common endeavour.

Thank you for your kind attention.