

## State of Kuwait

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### Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, the State of Kuwait would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Chair and the Secretariat for their continued efforts in advancing the peaceful uses of outer space.

Kuwait reaffirms its commitment to the principles of international cooperation, transparency, and responsible space activity, as embodied in the Outer Space Treaty and the work of this Committee.

Since the successful launch of KuwaitSat-1 in January 2023, Kuwait has taken important steps to strengthen its national space capabilities. In 2024 His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait—and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences—announced the establishment of the Kuwait National Space Research Center (Kuwait-NSRC), which now serves as our national hub for space research, technical training, and international partnerships—a pioneering institution dedicated to making impactful contributions to the global space industry and space economy.

As part of its forward-looking strategy, Kuwait-NSRC is currently planning the development of KuwaitSat-2, a scientific satellite that will monitor aerosols and atmospheric gases, contributing to regional and global climate and air quality studies.

In addition, Kuwait has made a long-standing contribution to space weather research through continuous monitoring using its muon detector located at Kuwait University, which was installed in 2006 as part of the Global Muon Detector Network. This detector provides valuable data that supports studies on solar-terrestrial interactions affecting satellite operations, aviation, and communication systems.

### Mr. Chair

Kuwait also emphasizes the importance of space governance, including space traffic management, debris mitigation, and sustainability of space operations. We support continued multilateral dialogue to ensure that outer space remains a peaceful and accessible environment for all.

In closing, Kuwait remains fully committed to the goals of COPUOS and to contributing constructively to the peaceful and sustainable development of outer space.

**Thank you, Mr. Chair.**