

Statement by Thailand
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Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

I wish to express my sincere congratulations to the Chair of the 68th Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. You can rest assured of the Thai delegation's full support.

Mr. Chair, Thailand is well aware and places high value on collaboration on implementing space technology to tackle transboundary problems. Regardless of whether the challenges would be air or water pollution, or disaster risk reduction, space technology and applications allow us to have capability to monitor near real-time situation, understand causes and underlying parameters, leading to coping the issue in sustainable way. These insights uniquely provided by satellites marks the importance of having strong space cooperation. The mutual interest of the region is the direction in which we are harnessing and enhancing our capability and infrastructure.

One of the effective mechanisms we can trust and work together to cope with regional common issues is UNESCAP. Thailand through Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency or GISTDA has been working closely with UNESCAP on the integration of geospatial information and leveraging AI and digital innovations for flood and hotspot mapping. We are also enhancing the capacity of the lower Mekong River basin countries on using satellite-derived data and tools for crop monitoring and resilient agriculture. The Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018-2030) is progressively implemented and currently in phase II, under the overarching theme "Space+ for our Earth and future."

Thailand also would like to draw attention of member states to the topic of Dark and quiet skies, since 2021 National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand or NARIT, collaborated with Tourism Authority of Thailand, has conducted the project on "Amazing Dark Sky in Thailand", aimed at promoting awareness on light pollution's effects and jointly preserving night sky, through efficient use of light and reduce impact on wildlife. Currently, more than 64 areas in Thailand have been registered as Dark sky reserve areas. These initiatives for promoting Dark and quiet Skies greatly facilitate astronomy research and outreach in the country. Thailand is assured to contribute moving forward the item of Dark and Quiet skies.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.
