

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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Thank you Madame Chair.

In recent years, the space area has been developing rapidly and the states are becoming increasingly reliant on space-based activities for the well-being and sustainable socio-economic development of our societies. In this regard, capacity-building in space activities has become a significant issue for our countries. Capacity-building in space law and policy constitutes an important dimension in this context.

We appreciate the efforts of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in the field of capacity-building.

Madame Chair,

Turkey believes that cooperation at all levels is important in developing capacity-building programmes in space activities. In that sense, we attach importance and take steps for strengthening cooperation in this field.

One example in this regard is our fruitful cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO) and the United Nations/Turkey/APSCO Conference on Space Law and Policy which was held on 23-26 September 2019.

Turkish Space Agency and TUBITAK Space Technologies Research Institute took part in the organization of the conference.

The Conference was attended by over 200 participants from 43 countries and 6 international organizations.

The government of Turkey is glad to have contributed to capacity-building in space law and policy. We will continue to contribute to the efforts in this field.

Thank you Madame Chair.