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Thank you, Madame Chair.

Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour to address you today and share highlights from the recent activities of the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC). SGAC continues to serve as a vibrant and inclusive platform for students and young professionals aged 18 to 35 to actively engage with the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia on matters critical to the future of outer space.

Thanks to the continued dedication of our members, volunteers, staff, partners, and sponsors, we are proud to report a successful 2024 and a strong beginning to 2025. Our network now includes over 34,000 members representing more than 165 countries, reflecting our truly global reach and commitment to diversity and accessibility in the space sector.

In this context, we extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Antonino Salmeri for his leadership as Chair during the 2023-2025 term. As his tenure concludes, we are proud to announce the election of Mrs. Sapna Rao as a Co-Chair to support Dr. Joshua Critchley-Marrows, who has assumed the role of Chair.

We are pleased to share that we have just concluded two of our flagship global events: SGx2025 and the Space Generation Fusion Forum (SGFF). These events are key to SGAC's mission of empowering the next generation of space leaders and fostering cross-sector dialogue.

SGx2025, held in Washington, D.C., brought together a diverse community of commercial and civil space professionals, students, and young experts to discuss emerging challenges and



opportunities in the space domain. Attendees engaged in thought-provoking keynotes, participated in a business pitch competition, and took part in popular activities such as speed networking with representatives from over 20 leading government and commercial space entities. Prominent speakers included Debra Facktor of Airbus U.S. and former NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. The event successfully deepened existing relationships while welcoming new members to SGAC.

Shortly thereafter, SGFF took place in Colorado Springs ahead of the Space Symposium, convening 75 competitively selected delegates from 24 countries—approximately 60% young professionals and 40% students. Over two and a half days, participants explored themes including in-space technologies, astronaut training, policy and law, space economics, and NASA's Moon to Mars initiative. SGFF's Heads of Agencies panel—featuring leaders from CSA, ESA, JAXA, and UKSA—offered valuable insights into global cooperation, workforce development, and long-term visions for sustainable space activity.

Delegates also participated in industry-sponsored working groups aimed at producing actionable recommendations on pressing topics. Sessions covered reusable space systems, space entrepreneurship in emerging markets, on-orbit servicing policy, Moon to Mars mission simulations, conflict prevention in space, and public-private collaboration in exploration. These outcomes will help guide SGAC's future focus and support evidence-informed contributions to the international dialogue on space.

Looking ahead, we are now preparing for our flagship Space Generation Congress, which will be held in conjunction with the International Astronautical Congress later this year in Sydney, Australia. We are also planning regional workshops across all SGAC regions as well as a wide



range of local events in countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Japan, Cyprus, Turkey, and many more.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all our partners and sponsors who continue to make these events possible, and we encourage all Member States to deepen their cooperation with SGAC in our shared mission to ensure that space remains peaceful, innovative, and inclusive for generations to come.

We are grateful for the opportunity to address this Honourable Subcommittee and stand ready to work together with all Member States and Observers to foster the peaceful, sustainable, and cooperative uses of space for the benefit of all humanity, present and future.

Thank you for your kind attention.