

**Madame/Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,**

the State of Israel supports and promotes international research collaborations and educational activities dedicated to space and global health.

In September 2020, Israel launched the DIDO-3 satellite together with the Italian Space Agency. The satellite carried a miniaturized laboratory that enables performing autonomous and remotely controlled experiments. The satellite carried medical research projects of four Israeli-Italian research groups. The results of these researches are now under evaluation.

On January 2022 an Israeli Privet Astronaut is expected to be launched to the International Space Station. He will carry with him scientific and technological experiments which are currently under evaluation. It is estimated that approximately 70% of the submitted experiments will be in the field of medicine and health.

In addition, the two-year high school student program "Mars Colony", recently opened and will focus on space and global health and allow the students to conduct hands-on research in simulated microgravity.

Israel intends to continue promoting health-related projects in the upcoming years.