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General Statement
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Juan Francisco Facetti of Paraguay for Chair of this 59th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) for the period 2022–2023. I believe in your wise and able leadership, so this Session will successfully manage to address numerous issues before us within the framework of cooperation for peaceful purposes.

Our sincere appreciation goes also to Ms. Natália Archinard of Switzerland as Chair of the 58th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) and the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo, and the Secretariat for their dedication and hard work in organizing this important meeting.

Rest assured of the full support and cooperation of my delegation for the fruitful deliberations of the meeting.

The Indonesian delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane, Permanent Representative of Marrocco on behalf of Group of 77 and China. We would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

In this opportunity I would like to inform you regarding the new space agency organization structure in Indonesia. Based on Presidential Decree No.78/2021, the mandate for space agency (under Law No.21/2013 on Space Activities) is currently held by National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN). Space technology development, application, and few roles in space authority is delegated to Aeronautics and Space Research Organization (that still used abbreviation of LAPAN). Indonesian participation in international space communities will be coordinated by Executive Director Indonesia Space Agency, which is under Primary Secretary of BRIN.

Allow me to extend our appreciation and thank for mitigation impact and assistance provided by governments, international organizations, and global community in handling several natural disasters that occurred in Indonesia during 2021, including an earthquake in West Sulawesi in January, flooding and landslides triggered by the Seroja Cyclone in East Nusa Tenggara in April, and volcanic activity at Semeru in December 2021.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those governments, members of the global community, also international organizations and institutions that assisted Indonesia in emergency response efforts, including UNOOSA, UNSPIDER, the International Charter, the European Commission's Copernicus Emergency Mapping Service (EMS), and Sentinel Asia, which have been activated to provide information to authorities.

We also would like to express our sincere appreciation to UNITAR/UNOSAT and the remote sensing data providers (CNES and USGS) for providing data and analysis to aid in the response to the Semeru Volcano eruption.

Indonesia restates that outer space should be used and explored entirely for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all humanity. Therefore, Indonesia emphasizes the important of enhancing international cooperation in space activities, including for capacity building and transfer of technology. The international cooperation should be inclusive, taking into account various technological levels of development, especially of the non-spacefaring nations, as well as increasing the role of developing countries in international collaboration.

Indonesia recalls the stabilization of a secure, safe, sustainable space environment and refuses any inappropriate action in anti-satellite practice that often in this decade by spacefaring nations.

Indonesia welcomes the adoption of UNGA resolution 76/3 The "Space2030" Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development. Indonesia hopes to implement it together with all countries so the global sustainable development agenda can be achieved.

Our delegation has followed very closely the development of the work of the Committee since last year, as well as the outcome of the 58th Session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee meeting.

Regarding the activities of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications for 2021, my delegation would like to express our appreciation to OOSA and other countries as well as international agencies for their assistance by allowing developing countries to participate in the events. Indonesia is of the view that space-based technology plays a major role in organizing various online activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Regarding the long-term sustainability of outer space activities (LTS), Indonesia supports the implementation and the five-year workplan of working group. Indonesia is of the view that the UNCOPUOS should continue its deliberation issues regarding LTS as well as the implementation of the LTS Guidelines in the new Working Group on LTS. Therefore, Indonesia follows the promoting space sustainability project as interviewee to reflect on the experiences, challenges, and potential capacity building.

Regarding space and global health, Indonesia took note the key role of telehealth, particularly telemedicine and teleconsultation in enhancing appropriate access on health issues in remote areas and pandemic situation.

Furthermore, we would like to reiterate our position on Geostationary Orbit as a limited natural resource having specific characteristics and conditions, possessing strategic and economic value for the countries that use it.

The GSO should therefore be utilized in a rational, balanced, efficient, and equitable manner, in accordance with the principles of outer space law and avoid the saturation risk. Considering such risk, we should consider specific technical governance of GSO.

Indonesia is of the view that UNCOPUOS has the authority to discuss various aspects of GSO utilization. It is our hope that the discussion of this issue within the subcommittee will allow us to reach a decision assuring guaranteed and equitable access to GSO for all nations, taking into account the needs and interests of developing countries, as well as the geographical position of certain countries.

We also would like to inform you our activities during 2021. In celebrating World Space Week, 4-10 October 2021, Indonesia organized some events such as training, space start up, and inviting space technology expert to inspire young generation.

With regard the activities related to international cooperation in the field of outer space, Indonesia also participated in several meetings beside UNCOPUOS, among others:

- The 25th session of the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (ICC) on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development (RESAP) virtually held on 24-27 August 2021 in connection with the 7th session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (CDRR-7).
- G20 space economy leaders meeting (Space20) in Rome on 20-21 September 2021.
- APRSAF Online 2021 Annual Meeting on 30 November-3 December 2021.

I would like to inform that this year, Indonesia will be the host of the 3rd Space Economy Leaders Meeting (Space20) theme Space for Digital, Blue, and Green Economy which will be held in June 2022, and the 4th Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, UNESCAP which will be held in October 2022.

I hope that our cooperation in the field of outer space, in particular which supports sustainable development, will continue growing in the coming years. I would also like to reiterate our firm commitment to and support for the efforts of this Subcommittee for the benefit of all of mankind in the sphere of space cooperation.

I thank you.