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Statement of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)

Agenda item 13: Future role and method of work of the Committee

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Distinguished delegates,

Mr. Chair, as mentioned in our previous statement the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) was founded in 1960. Acting under the principle of electing the world's foremost eminent experts in Astronautics for the good of humanity, the IAA is an organization of personalities. Its members are from all over the world, i.e., approximately 1100 member and corresponding members from 90 countries.

Mr. Chair, by its mechanism, since six decades, the IAA has brought together most of the world's eminent experts in the disciplines of astronautics, on a regular basis:

Mr. Chair, the International Academy of Astronautics developed excellent cooperation with UN-COPUOS and I will mention here as the most recent example the co-organization of important conferences as the series of Planetary Defense Conferences and Space Traffic Management, but also symposia and studies of the Academy directed to most of the subjects of the Committee agendas.

Mr. Chair, as mentioned in the document A/AC.105/C.1/L.408 regarding governance and methods of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, as it regards interaction with the non-governmental entities, it was recommended "To increase engagement with non-governmental entities in view of the value of their contribution to the work of the Committee and its subcommittees".

It is important to mention the the IAA is committed to further provide support to the Committee and the Subcommittees, by its six Scientific Commissions and more than 45 running Study groups. The scientific areas together with the competences of its distinguished members are covering practically all areas of competence in space.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates for your attention.