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#### Statement of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Honorable Chair,  
Distinguished Delegates,

It is a great honor for me to address the sixtieth session of the COPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee in my capacity as Vice President for International Relations of the International Astronautical Federation.

Distinguished delegates,

For over 70 years the International Astronautical Federation has provided a valued forum for all space actors to confront and debate the challenges facing our collective future in the reaches far above planet Earth. Following its mission of *Connecting @ll Space People*, the IAF continuously seeks to deepen international cooperation worldwide by encouraging the advancement of knowledge about space and fostering dialogue between scientists, engineers, policy makers and all other space actors for the benefit of humanity. Through its manifold activities, the Federation continues to provide a platform to the space community to engage, and in this past year, several important milestones were achieved. Please allow me to report on some of them and also give you an outlook on some upcoming events:

The 73<sup>rd</sup> International Astronautical Congress held in Paris, France, in September, was an outstanding success with a record number of more than 9300 participants from 110 countries. Organized by the IAF and hosted by CNES, this edition of the IAC brought back the IAC to Paris after 72 years from the first ever IAC that took place in the city of lights in 1950. This edition also saw the largest ever attendance by the next generation with more than 45% and it was also the first ever environmentally sustainable IAC.

At IAC 2023, the IAF and UNOOSA jointly organized the 29<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Space Technology for Socio-Economic Benefits under the theme "*Access to Space for All: Bridging the Space Divide*".

The IAF also had the pleasure to host a Global Networking Forum Session in cooperation with UNOOSA on the important topic of "Sustainability Actions for Emerging Countries using satellite data".

Distinguished delegates,



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The International Astronautical Federation attaches great importance to the topic of sustainability, and this aspect is amongst the core elements of the new IAF Agenda for 2022 – 2025. Based on three pillars: Sustainability, Investment and Security, the “SIS Agenda” aims at building a future that is more conscious, empowered by a diverse community of space leaders. It is in fact our goal to foster a future where space-based applications and services help improve life for all on planet Earth. Capabilities in space allow us to better understand our climate, adapt to changing environmental realities, and discover new pathways to living in balance with our home.

In this optic, the IAF, together with its member organization, the Norwegian Space Agency - NOSA, decided to organize the first ever IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change (GLOC 2023) that is set to take place in Oslo from 23 – 25 May 2023.

GLOC 2023 will focus on the theme "*Fire and Ice – Space for Climate Action*" and will address various topics of interest in relation to space and climate change and will demonstrate that space is an efficient toolbox for climate action.

The conference programme is designed to bring together the international community, including senior representatives of the space community, politicians and also representatives of non-space sectors involved in the climate change debate.

Distinguished delegates,

Looking ahead now, the IAF invites you to Save the Date for the upcoming 74<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress, that will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan from 2-6 October 2023, under the theme "*Global Challenges and Opportunities: Give Space a Chance*".

The IAC 2023 to be held in Azerbaijan’s capital will extend unparalleled prospects for establishing strong collaborations and will serve as a perfect occasion to reach a diverse international audience through one-of-a-kind exposure both within the region and internationally. Delving into the most recent developments in the sphere of space at the Congress, the participants will also have a chance to experience the authentic culture and hospitality of Azerbaijan.

As per tradition, the IAF, together with UNOOSA and Azercosmos are currently working on preparing for the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the UN/IAF Workshop on Space Technology for Socio-Economic Benefits that will be held in conjunction with, and as an associated event of the 74<sup>th</sup> IAC from Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

Honorable Chair, Distinguished delegates,

On behalf of the International Astronautical Federation, let me thank you for your attention. We hope to welcome you to GLOC 2023 in Oslo, and at IAC 2023 in Baku in October.