

Statement – Australia

60th Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

Agenda item 10– Space Weather

Thank you, Chair, distinguished delegates.

At the outset, I would like to extend Australia’s deepest condolences to the people affected by the devastating earthquakes and aftershocks in Türkiye and Syria.

Chair,

Australia acknowledges the collaboration between the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and the International Space Environment Service (ISES) on space weather, as formalised in the Coimbra Declaration, and outlined in this morning’s technical presentation. This collaboration represents actions taken in response to the recommendations in A/AC.105/C.1/122 – the Final Report of the Expert Group of Space Weather, as endorsed by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its 59th session.

Australia is pleased to learn of these actions as they demonstrate steps towards improved international coordination for space weather services. It demonstrates progress in implementation of the *Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities*, specifically Guidelines B.6 and B.7.

Australia was pleased to contribute to, and support, the work of the Expert Group on Space Weather. This included hosting the Member State survey, which helped form the basis of the Final Report of the Expert Group and recommendations contained therein. The Member State survey dataset was acquired with the endorsement of the Member States of the Subcommittee, and serves as a valuable resource going forward.

Chair,

With the completion of the Expert Group's mandate and the signing of the Coimbra Declaration, Australia asks that Member States consider in-principle support for the sharing of survey data to the WMO, consistent with Recommendation 4 of the Final Report of the Expert Group. This would enable further use of this resource in the important collaboration between COSPAR,



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the WMO and ISES to improve international coordination for space weather services.

Chair, distinguished delegates,

Australia looks forward to hearing further updates on this topic at future sessions of this Subcommittee.

Thank you.