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**SGAC Statement at the
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Thank you, Honourable Chair.

The Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, would like to thank you for your leadership and support for this Committee. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for the preparation of the 60th Session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to report on the recent activities of SGAC.

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, SGAC has been a Permanent Observer to COPUOS and its Subcommittees since 2001. Consistent with previous years, SGAC is proud to report a successful 2022, and a promising start to 2023. In 2022, SGAC continued to prove to be an invaluable platform for students and young professionals in the space sector to funnel their passion and talent. As an inherently global organisation with volunteers working online together across the world, SGAC has continued growing, now representing more than 24,000 students and young space professionals between the ages of 18 to 35, from more than 165 countries to the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia.

We will continue our work in 2023, which will be an important year for us. We are grateful for our Chair, Dr. Anthony Yuen's work in leading SGAC since 2021, first as Co-Chair, and now as the Chair of the organisation.. As Anthony's 2-year term finishes, we have already started the process to elect a new Co-Chair, to ensure the best support for Mr. Hamza Hameed, as he moves to become SGAC's next Chair on April 1st, 2023.

Throughout the year, SGAC plans to be more engaged with the global space community, as well as improving our internal processes through different key goals, such as continuing to enhance our engagement with key new or emerging global space agencies, partners and sponsors, as well as building capacity to engage and maintain key regional partners across different multilateral platforms.

Moreover, thanks to the generous 1M\$ donation received from Blue Origin's Club for the Future, SGAC will continue its activities in 2023 to monitor and increase our visionary endowment fund, as well as expand SGAC's presence and impact in emerging space regions and countries, through the SGAC Rising Star Awards, and by continuing to update our internal infrastructure and governance.



2023 will also be an important year for SGAC as our three major global events (SGx which takes place alongside the Satellite Show in Washington D.C, the Space Generation Fusion Forum which takes places alongside the Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, and the Space Generation Congress which takes place alongside the International Astronautical Congress, this year in Baku) are already in preparation for March, April, and September, respectively. We will be working on three key fronts for the 2023 Global Events:

- 1) Growing SGAC's presence in emerging space economies, including an emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and space for all;
- 2) Transforming the digital know-how accumulated into a platform for SGAC members to keep organising hybrid activities sustainably; and
- 3) Preparing to continue in-person events, in compliance with country regulations with hybrid options to make sure our activities will be balanced and inclusive.

Honourable Chair, in 2022, SGAC hosted 3 Global events, 10 Regional and Local events as well as many online activities, including webinars, workshops, and research projects through which we kept our community connected. In addition, SGAC is also proud to report that a total of 144 scholarships were awarded to our members for key space events that happened around the world. In 2023, we intend to do even better.

In 2023, SGAC plans to be even more engaged with the UN ecosystem. Last year, we further developed our dedicated Advocacy and Policy Platform - SGAPP - to prepare and convey the policy positions of the space youth with a united voice. After its first year of activities, SGAC, through SGAPP produced an extensive report on the role and responsibilities of the space sector in the global fight against climate change. The report is available online and we look forward to working with all interested delegations and partners towards its implementation. In 2023, we will work on the development of a united policy position on the sustainable uses of space, a crucial topic for the young generations all over the world.

With the experience acquired from the past year, SGAC is gearing up with optimism and encouragement towards a better 2023 with even stronger engagement and connection with our members and partners.

In summary, Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates, SGAC has shown positive growth over the past year, which would not have been possible without the tireless effort of our volunteers,



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as well as the support of our international partners and sponsors, including Lockheed Martin, NASA, the Space Foundation, Blue Origin's Club for the Future, Northrop Grumman, the UK Space Agency, the European Space Agency, the German Aerospace Centre (DLR), the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the French Space Agency (CNES), the International Astronautical Federation, Planet, Euroconsult, Airbus, and many others.

As we plan our activities for 2023, we want to reflect on the hard work and outstanding efforts from SGAC members, as well as our mission as the leading international space youth organisation.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that being an Observer Organisation at the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is invaluable to SGAC; the organisation is grateful and honoured to be able to report to you, and remains available to support you in your work.

I thank you for your attention.

Thank you, Honourable Chair.