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By the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

**Proposed Draft Contribution to the SDG Summit in 2023**

**A. Background**

1. The report of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee contains the following (A/AC.105/1258, para. 26):

*”The Subcommittee agreed on the following text and noted that Paraguay, in its capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, would seek its inclusion in the ministerial declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be held in July 2022: “The ‘Space2030’ Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development and its implementation plan, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 76/3, is a forward-looking strategy for reaffirming and strengthening the contribution of space activities of States members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in the use of space tools for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”*

2. The Chair of the Subcommittee, in his opening statement to the present 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Subcommittee, states as follows:

*”At our last session of the Subcommittee in February 2022 we developed a contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in July 2022. On the basis of the corresponding submission by Paraguay, the HLPF Ministerial Declaration of 2022, in its paragraph 112 reads: We support emerging avenues in support of acceleration of the 2030 Agenda, such as the “Space2030” Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development and its implementation plan, as a forward-looking strategy for reaffirming and strengthening the contribution of space activities and space tools for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals while recognizing that the benefits of space will be brought to everyone, everywhere. Distinguished Delegates, It is my desire to explore whether the Subcommittee at this present session may develop a contribution to the High-Level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly, namely the Sustainable Development Goals Summit, which will be held at the level of Heads of State and Government during the high-level week in September 2023. The General Assembly in its resolution 70/299 decided that the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) shall have only one negotiated Political Declaration, covering the different and complementary functions of both sessions of the forum under the auspices of the General Assembly - the SDG Summit, and the forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) when the forum is convened twice in*



*the same year. The Political Declaration of the SDG Summit is presently being negotiated under the leadership of the co-facilitators of Ireland and Qatar during the ongoing 77th session of the General Assembly. The President of the General Assembly, in a letter to Permanent Missions in New York, dated 20 October 2022, emphasized his vision for the SDG Summit in 2023 to serve in accelerating implementation at all levels and that such a transformative agenda must be based on scientific evidence and data. It is my intention to get back to this effort in the course of our present session.”*

## **B. Draft Contribution to the SDG Summit 2023**

3. The Chair of the Subcommittee presents the following initial draft proposed text for consideration by delegations at the present 60<sup>th</sup> session of the Subcommittee with a view of constituting a contribution to the SDG Summit 2023 to be submitted by Paraguay to the co-facilitators:

**We express our firm conviction that space science and technology and their applications, such as satellite communications, Earth observation systems and satellite navigation technologies, provide indispensable tools for viable long-term solutions for sustainable development and can contribute more effectively to efforts to promote the development of all countries and regions of the world, to improve people’s lives, to conserve natural resources in a world with a growing population that places an increasing strain on all ecosystems, and to enhance the preparedness for and mitigation of the consequences of disasters. Space technology and applications have become ubiquitous and improve the daily lives of people worldwide through their contributions to environmental monitoring, management of natural resources, meteorological forecasting, climate modelling, satellite navigation, communications, and early warning systems. We therefore support emerging avenues in support of acceleration of the 2030 Agenda, such as the “Space2030” Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development and its implementation plan, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 76/3, as a forward-looking strategy for reaffirming and strengthening the contribution of space activities and space tools for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. To meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is crucial to provide access to space and its benefits to everyone everywhere. Space activities are essential to realize the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals for future generations.**

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