

### **Portugal Statement**

**Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses  
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#### **Agenda Item 10, Long-term sustainability of outer space activities**

Madame Chair,

Sustainability and congestion of space is one pressing and on-going topic within this Subcommittee.

Indeed, the increasing number of space actors and space objects and the growing complexity of space operations bring significant and pressing challenges that the international community must address, not only to secure the safeguard of current space missions but also to maintain space usable and sustainable.

We do strongly support the enduring leadership of the Chair of the LTS Working Group and the Secretariat support and urge for a need to substantially advance the works.

During this session we had before us several suggestions on how to go forward, including through expert groups. A more thorough proposal on such a group is contained in the timely CRP presented on Space Situational Awareness and we thank the United Arab Emirates for the initiative.

As such, we do welcome this proposal on a dedicated mechanism to discuss coordination of global SSA data and information sharing that, in this matter, can support better global coordination of space traffic and enhance operational safety.

Our preliminary assessment of the proposed mandate and terms of reference is very favourable, and we look forward for a more detailed proposal that can be discussed during the intersessional period and approved within the next Copuos session, as so the expert group can meet already in the next session of the STSC.

Thank you