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Statement by the United Arab Emirates

Agenda item 3: General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities.

Thank you, Madame Chair,

Distinguished delegates,

The United Arab Emirates welcomes the Sixty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, and reaffirms its commitment to advancing space exploration and scientific research, and its support to the subcommittee and its role in contributing to sustainable outer space environment.

On behalf of the UAE delegation, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you Madam chair for your leadership and to assure you our full support. We also express our appreciation to UNOOSA Director Aarti Holla-Maini and her team for their continuous support, commitment and cooperation.

Madam Chair, allow us to outline recent milestones in our space development journey:

- The establishment of the Supreme Space Council within its capacity in ensuring the efficient oversight of infrastructure, policies, and national priorities, while fostering strategic partnerships to achieve long-term objectives in space.
 - o The supreme council is chaired by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence.
 - o The UAE Space Agency serves as the General Secretariat for the Council.
- With regards to deep space exploration, the Emirates Mission to the Asteroid Belt (EMA) successfully conducted PDR in 2024 and during Q1 2025, MBR Explorer will conduct CDR.
- The UAE Space Agency hosted the inaugural Space Research Conference 2024, where more than 70 research papers were presented to the scientific community.
 - o Notable highlights included the establishment of the “Space Research Platform”, with the aim of providing easy access to the latest space research, publications, and resources, while also offering a dedicated space for researchers to present their work.
- Last December, the UAE organized the second edition of the Abu Dhabi Space Debate under the theme: “From Earth to Orbit: a space for action and sustainability”.

- We welcomed representatives from over 45 countries. The active involvement and participation of the international space community is significant for the success of its mission.
- ADSD is a platform that focuses on creating actionable outcomes to address the critical challenges in space sustainability, security, and accessibility.
- In January 2025, the UAE successfully launched multiple satellites in line with our continuous effort towards enhancing Earth observation, telecommunications, and scientific research.

These initiatives are a confirmation on UAE's commitment to the advancements of space exploration, fostering international cooperation, and contributing to global scientific and technological progress.

Madame Chair

The UAE Submitted a Proposal for the Establishment of an Expert Group on Space Situational Awareness, and we will share more about it under agenda item (10) on Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities.

The UAE delegation invites all Member States to engage in discussions on the proposal and welcomes their support and constructive feedback to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive outcome.

We invite member states who would like to discuss their comments and views on the proposal on:

- Tuesday and Wednesday, at Room MOE 26 booked from 1 – 3 PM.
- AND
- Thursday in Room M5 booked from 9-10 AM.

Thank you, Madame Chair,