



Statement of the Arab Republic of Egypt

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**Mme. Chair,**

At the outset allow me to express our appreciation to your efforts in leading this subcommittee. I wish you all the best and assure you of our full support and cooperation. I take this opportunity also to recognize and affirm my country's full support and appreciation for Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini, Director of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs, and the Secretariat for the preparations made for this session.

**Mme Chair,**

Egypt attaches great importance in benefiting from space sciences in support of various fields of development. Allow me to briefly outline **Egypt's recent efforts in this field**, led by the Egyptian Space Agency since its establishment in 2018:

**Egypt launched Earth observation satellites last year, which supports the implementation of SDGs not only in Egypt but also the African continent.** In addition, preparations for launching additional satellites in the coming years are underway.

Egypt also played a pivotal role in providing capacity building programs and training sessions for African countries; the **African Training Program** hosted by the



Egyptian Space Agency provided capacity building activities to 71 African specialists from 34 African countries over the past 4 years.

Additionally, Since 2022, the Egyptian Space agency is coordinating the **African Development Satellite Project** that gathers teams from Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Sudan and Nigeria to develop a Hyperspectral Nanosatellite with ability to monitor the effect of climate change in Africa. This satellite is scheduled for launch in the first quarter of 2026.

In this regard, I would like to bring to your attention that the Egyptian Space Agency will be hosting a landmark event titled “**New Space Africa Conference**” in April this year. And I invite you all to take part of it.

Moreover, The **operationalization of the African Space Agency** in Cairo since January 2025 is another major milestone for Africa that will further consolidate our efforts in to realize the goals of the African Union Agenda 2063.

Egypt is also working to strengthen cooperation with Arab countries in the development of space technology, chairing the Arab Group for Space Cooperation since November 2023. Egypt is leading the pathway to build a strategy for intra-Arab cooperation.

Most notably, Egypt is planning for its first lunar mission in collaboration with Bahrain and China as part of the Chang'E-7 Mission.

**Mme Chair,**

Egypt takes note of the issues tabled before us in this session of the **Scientific and Technical Subcommittee** and its relevant working groups and would like to reiterate the following points:

**First:** Egypt believes that any endeavour to explore and utilize outer space must adhere to the **principles and objectives of international law, and relevant United Nations treaties, including the Outer Space Treaty.** These principles and legal



**instruments should drive our discussions** on emerging and evolving issues including the “Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space” as well as the “utilization of Space Resources” and “space traffic management”.

**Second:** Given the vast increase in number of space missions especially in LEO, there is a **pressing need to deal with space traffic coordination** in a timely manner. Egypt reiterates its views that transparent information exchange among space mission operators and the coordination of corrective measures in cases of hazardous satellite approaches are two major thematic areas that have to be considered by the scientific and technical COPUOS subcommittee.

**Third:** The sustainable use of outer space should place a special emphasis on **capacity-building activities** to bridge the huge divide between developed and developing countries in this domain and address the growing need to secure sufficient resources to this end. We also underscore the continued **relevance of the "Space2030" Agenda** and its Implementation Plan. Egypt calls upon all member States to use the upcoming mid term review of the Space 2030 agenda to consolidate the support for developing space faring nations and strengthen means of delivering benefits of space applications for their development needs.

**Fourth:** Egypt supports efforts to allow for more **synergies and coordination on outer space** activities among space faring nations and the wider membership of COPUOS, including on lunar activities, and we welcome the establishment of an Action team to Coordinate Lunar activities co-chaired by Pakistan and Romania and we look forward to further discuss its workplan. Egypt calls for a consolidated



international framework for cooperation and capacity building for Sustainable Lunar Activities that supports developing space nations.

**Fifth:** Egypt takes note of the proposal to hold UNSPACE IV in 2027, and reiterates the need to ensure a balanced approach in the deliverables of the suggested summit between emerging and important issues pertaining to peaceful uses of outer space as well as delivering a clear comprehensive mandate to further support developing space faring nations to benefit from and be part of international efforts to explore and benefit from Space.

**In conclusion,** Egypt looks forward to this session's discussions and express its continued commitment to further enhance international cooperation and improve the peaceful uses of outer space in line with the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law.

**Thank you, Mr. Chair**