



## **STATEMENT**

## CEO - SPACE AGENCY OF PERU

- Respected Director of UNOOSA, Mrs. Simonetta Di Pippo
- Distinguished representatives of the Member States and Organizations of the International Community
- Ladies and gentlemen

It is my great honor to express my heartfelt congratulations to the organizers of this symposium on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in which institutions from all over the world are gathered.

The Space Agency of Peru is proud of being part of this space community. The launch of the first operational earth observation satellite, on September, 2016, put us there and represented a milestone for the space development in Peru. Since then, Peruvian public sector has experienced a technological leap due to the use of satellite products. Thus, the work carried out with our PerúSAT-1 has considerably exceeded initial expectations in multiple fields, as security, agriculture, cartography, disaster management, monitoring illegal crops, deforestation, as well as other social issues. However, we are aware that we have ahead of us difficult and complex challenges.

In the Space Agency of Peru, we know that the themes of this symposium are of great relevance for the strengthening of space capabilities at a global level. From the point of view of a developing





country entering into the intensive use of space technology, we share the idea that the growth of space-oriented industry is very important as a technological basis for space plans. We are also convinced that it is very important to interest Peruvian youth in space, so long-term projects will have better opportunities to be successful. We believe that it is very important to demonstrate to civil society that investing in the space field is beneficial for a State.

With PeruSAT-1, in Peru there are great possibilities for spatial development. The operation of a satellite system in our country allows us to record the various benefits to direct users of satellite information, and also to the population in general that will receive better services and greater security. We believe that this perception will gradually guide public opinion towards support for a space policy, new projects and spatial development plans in Peru.

Considering the above-mentioned, and taking into account that among the transversal Pillars and strategic objectives of the "Space2030" agenda is international cooperation for the promotion and creation of space capabilities in developing States, and space technology at the service of sustainable socioeconomic development, we can say that in Peru the conditions are being created to contribute to these objectives by observing the global and regional needs and the strengths in the spatial field of our partners, with whom we are already approaching in the search of bringing cooperation to action levels and results.

Thank you very much