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Excellency,

I have the honor to send you herewith, on behalf of the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC) of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer (COPUOS) for 2024-2025, Dr. Ulpia Elena Botezatu (Romania), the inputs to the United Nations high-level political forum (HLPF) on sustainable development 2024.

In this regard, the States members of COPUOS were consulted on this submission and the Subcommittee considered the attached text and provided its endorsement. The input takes into account the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On text for inclusion, as presented by the Chair and approved by the Subcommittee, the Member States considered that the United Nations General Assembly, in its Resolution 78/72 of 7 December 2023, entitled International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, reiterated the need to promote the benefits of space technology and its applications in the major United Nations conferences and summits for economic, social and cultural development and related fields.

Additionally, the General Assembly recognized that the fundamental significance of space science and technology and their applications for global, regional, national and local sustainable development processes should be promoted in the formulation of policies and programmes of action and their implementation, including through efforts towards achieving the objectives of those conferences and summits and in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Subcommittee agreed to the following text: "Promote the use of space science, technology, data and applications for agriculture, food security and climate action, and advance capacity-building, education and training in space science and applications, in particular for developing countries".

We hope that our inputs will contribute constructively of this year's HLPF and look forward to its future deliberations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Input to the High-Level Political Forum in 2024

Recommendations and key messages for inclusion into the Ministerial Declaration of the 2024 HLPF:

"Promote the use of space science, technology, data and applications for agriculture, food security and climate action, and advance capacity-building, education and training in space science and applications, in particular for developing countries."

The input recognized the long-standing work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space under its agenda items on space for sustainable development and space and climate change.

In doing so, the Subcommittee also recognized the work of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, through its Programme on Space Applications, the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response, and the space4climate action initiative, in capacity-building, education and training in space science and applications, in particular in agriculture, food security and climate action, including the series of the UN/Austria symposia on space applications for food systems and Space4Climate action.

The Subcommittee also acknowledged the work of the Office in its capacity as secretariat of UN-Space in coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system and the UN-Space special reports and publications on space for climate actions and space for agriculture and food security.