

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

1. Thank you Mr. Chairman,
2. Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
3. On behalf of the United Arab Emirates, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, for presiding over the 64th session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), as well as the entire staff of the Office for the excellent preparation of the meeting.
4. The United Arab Emirates recognizes the importance of international cooperation in preserving outer space for peaceful uses, including the development of international guidelines and standards governing outer space activities.
5. We remain committed to actively contributing to the work of the Committee and are pleased to continue to play an active role in the sub-committees, informal discussions and at the plenary. We welcome further work related to sustainability in outer space and the role of space in supporting the sustainable development goals.
6. We remain committed to meeting our legal obligations under the United Nations Treaties on Outer Space and the long term sustainability guidelines, where we ensured alignment in our national regulatory framework, including the National Space Policy, The National Space Strategy 2030 and the National Space Federal Law. We are committed to our obligations under the Liability and Registration Conventions and will be incorporating the appropriate requirements into our authorization regime.
7. We strongly believe in the importance of global and equal access to outer space for all countries, and in international cooperation in the development of space activities, especially those referred to in the Declaration on International

Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, taking in Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries.

8. The United Arab Emirates has always been a proponent of international collaboration, to push the boundaries in our shared human knowledge and understanding of our universe. In October 2020, we became a signatory of NASA's Artemis Accords in support of establishing a common framework to guide space exploration cooperation among nations participating in the Artemis program based on a shared vision for principles, grounded in the United Nations' Outer Space Treaty of 1967, to create a safe and transparent environment that facilitates exploration, science and commercial activities for the benefit of all humanity.
9. For space exploration missions, the aim is to pursue scientific discovery, maximize technological spill-over and economic effects, and to engineer expertise in the field.
10. The Emirates Mars Mission and the Hope probe are the culmination of an international collaboration, knowledge transfer and development effort. It will contribute to providing knowledge and expertise to the scientific community through a trove of scientific data; providing full access to a holistic view of the Martian atmosphere at different times of the day, through different seasons. Example of recent data sample is the first global images of Mars in the far-ultraviolet, capturing unique global snapshots of the discrete aurora of Mars.
11. In 2020, Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre announced the Emirates Lunar Mission, which includes the development and launch of the first Emirati lunar rover named "Rashid". The rover will study the lunar surface, mobility on the Moon's surface and how different surfaces interact with lunar particles.
12. Also, extending Emirati women's achievements and empowerment, the second batch of the UAE Astronaut Programme announced the first female Arab astronaut "Nora Al- Matrooshi", continuing the march towards strengthening international cooperation and developing a national team of astronauts capable

of achieving the country's aspirations in scientific exploration and participating in manned space exploration.

13. At a regional scale, the Arab Space Cooperation Group, is an initiative that was launched in 2019, is currently chaired by the UAE Space Agency. The Group aims to provide an ecosystem to develop regional skills and competencies to work on advanced projects, and sponsor initiatives and programs to prepare the next generation of space sector leaders in the region.

14. Mr. Chairman

15. The United Arab Emirates recognizes and congratulates the progress made towards the Space 2030 Agenda and look forward to its approval during this session. The Agenda sets an ambitious tone for space exploration and international cooperation among Member States, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry and private sector entities, to ensure that, through joint efforts and by taking advantage of the practical experiences and contributions of different stakeholders, the benefits of space will be brought to everyone, everywhere.

16. We also reiterate our full support to the LTS Working Group and relevant work in COPUOS generally, and we look forward towards reaching consensus on the Method of Work and Work Plan.

17. Thank you Mr. Chairman.