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**Application for membership of the Committee on the
Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: Bahrain**

Note by the Secretariat

The present document contains a copy of the application of Bahrain for membership with the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The Note Verbale of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations (Vienna) containing the application of Bahrain, was received by the Secretariat on 16 March 2017 and was circulated to member States of the Committee in a note verbale OOSA/2017/2 CU 2017/87/OOSA/CPLA of 27 March 2017.



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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva/Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), and wishes to refer to the exchanged correspondences (emails), with regard to the Kingdom of Bahrain decision to apply for membership of the committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Spaces (COPUOS).

Background information regarding the Kingdom of Bahrain's application to join COPUOS, in Arabic language, including Unofficial English translation, are enclosed herewith.

The Permanent Mission would greatly appreciate if the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs would circulate this note verbale among the current Member States of COPUOS to inform them about the Kingdom of Bahrain candidature.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

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خلفية فيما يتعلق بطلب مملكة البحرين للانضمام لعضوية لجنة الأمم المتحدة بشأن الاستخدام السلمية للفضاء الخارجي

"تتطلع مملكة البحرين للانضمام لعضوية لجنة الاستخدام السلمية للفضاء الخارجي (COPUOS) رغبة في تعزيز جهود التعاون الدولي في مجال الأنشطة الفضائية والمشاركة الفعالة في النهوض بالتنمية الاقتصادية والاجتماعية، والاستفادة من الخبرات والتطبيقات النموذجية التي يمكن أن توفرها اللجنة للدول الأعضاء، كما تأمل مملكة البحرين أن تسهم من خلال عضويتها في رفع مستوى تنظيم القطاع الفضائي على المستويين المحلي والعالمي بما يحقق الاستقرار فيه وتنميته المستدامة، والمشاركة في برامج تطوير الكوادر البشرية المتخصصة في مجال الفضاء، والتعرف على أحدث المشاريع والمبادرات والبحوث الإقليمية والعالمية في هذا المجال المتنامي، ومعرفة أبرز وأحدث التحديات والمسائل التي تواجه القطاع من الجانب التقني والتنظيمي والتشريعي".

[Official translation by the United Nations]

Background information regarding the application by Kingdom of Bahrain to join the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

The Kingdom of Bahrain looks forward to joining the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in order to strengthen international cooperation efforts in the field of space activities, to effectively participate in the promotion of economic and social development and to benefit from the model expertise and applications that the Commission can provide to Member States.

Through its membership, the Kingdom of Bahrain also hopes to contribute to raising the level of organization of the space sector at both the domestic and the global levels, toward achieving the stability and sustainable development of the sector.

It also looks forward to participating in programmes for the development of human resources specialized in the field of space, to learning about the latest regional and global projects, initiatives and research in this expanding field and to acquainting itself with the most significant and the most recent challenges and issues facing the sector in the technical, organizational and legislative aspects”.