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### **Agenda item No. 12: Use of Space Technology in the United Nations System**

#### **Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates**

Since the beginning of the space age, various organizations in the system of United Nations have been actively involved in space technology and applications such as Satellite Remote Sensing Technology, Satellite Communications, Space and Earth Weather, and Space Sciences. Space technology has made human life more comfortable by enhancing socioeconomic development by effective monitoring and coordination which is otherwise difficult by conventional means.

#### **Mr. Chairman**

The Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space provides an effective mechanism for keeping States informed of the activities of the international, governmental, and non-governmental organizations involved in this field. Pakistan is greatly benefiting from the COPUOS for the exchange of views on key scientific, technical, legal, and regulatory issues related to outer space. Pakistan is also benefiting through a multifaceted international cooperation program in the areas of space science, technology, and applications as a member of various international and regional organizations of the United Nations system. For example, Pakistan is collaborating with the UN International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI) Program, the International Asteroid Observation Network (ISON) for monitoring and cataloging of NEOs, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to cope with the emerging smog crisis in South Asia. In the area of disaster management, Pakistan hosts UNSPIDER Regional Support Office (RSO) for disaster monitoring and mitigation. Under the international humanitarian satellite-aided search and rescue program COSPAS-SARSAT, Pakistan has been contributing as a Ground Segment (GS) provider. Moreover, being a UN Member State, Pakistan annually organizes World Space Week (WSW) in the country.

#### **Mr. Chairman**

My delegation believes that the United Nations is the apex multilateral forum for devising a global development model which would be acceptable to all nations. Therefore, space technology, by virtue of its geographic scale and scope of activities, should be made part of, and integrated into, every regional and international effort aimed at enhancing individual and collective abilities to address challenges facing human kind.

**I thank you**

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