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Dear Madame Chair, Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the delegation of Ukraine, I would like to congratulate all those present on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Nowadays, space technologies are increasingly used in various spheres of human life.

The space activities of Ukraine during the USSR period were primarily focused on the military component. After gaining independence, Ukraine directed its efforts to the implementation of peaceful national space programs, as well as to the participation in international projects. Successful examples of Ukraine's space strategy are the launches of a number of satellites; development of space launch vehicles; implementation of such projects as Sea Launch, Land Launch, Vega, Antares and realization of many scientific projects.

Our country has actively cooperated with both developed and developing space countries. We are convinced that further expansion of international cooperation is an objective necessity and the most effective means to achieve maximum success. At the same time, we stress that space activities should only be carried out for peaceful purposes and comply with international law.

Completely supporting the "Space 2030" agenda, let me share with you some considerations and proposals on international cooperation.

First, creating new technologies is a needed, but a lengthy and costly exercise; that is why I believe that we need to more efficiently use existing space technologies and capabilities.

Second, the IAFconnect.org platform developed by the Ukrainian company Yuzhnoye Design Office in cooperation with the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and offering, in particular, space solutions, could be our contribution to the global compact for space.

Third, the Ukrainian System of Control and Analysis of Space Situation can offer its information to the Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space maintained by the Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Fourth, the National Center for Aerospace Education of the Youth of Ukraine, as a unique establishment of this kind, can serve as a new regional center for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations.

Dear Madame Chair, Dear colleagues

Our delegation fully supports the idea of increasing the role of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, its subsidiary and executive bodies, in the process of developing international cooperation and coordination of the world space activities.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that Ukraine is open to cooperation in order to implement the Space 2030 Agenda and ensure the use of space technologies for achieving the goals of sustainable development.

Thank you for your kind attention!