

**REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
THE INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES (UN-SPACE)**

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Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to provide an update on the recent developments regarding UN-Space, the United Nations Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities. It is my pleasure to inform you that the 40th session of UN-Space was held in a virtual format on 14 December 2021. The session was organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs. The report of the session is available in the document A/AC.105/1263.

The session was attended by representatives of the secretariat of the Chief Executives Board for Coordination, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Telecommunication Union, Office for Outer Space Affairs, secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations Global Pulse, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations Satellite Centre and the World Meteorological Organization.

At the session, UN-Space noted that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its sixty-fourth session, had noted that the next report on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system could focus on the use of space technologies to support climate action, mapping existing activities in the United Nations system, the mandates of the respective bodies, and identifying possible future synergies and avoiding duplication.

Recalling the special report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities on the use of space technology within the United Nations system to address climate change issues (A/AC.105/991), issued in 2011, UN-Space agreed that it would prepare a report on activities on coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system for climate action to be presented to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its sixty-fifth session, in 2022.

In this connection, I am pleased to inform that all delegations have the advance unedited version of the report, which is to be issued in all UN languages under the symbol number A/AC.105/1264.

I am also pleased to inform that UN-Space agreed to develop in 2022 a publication, highlighting space-related activities within the United Nations system. I would also like to inform you that the Office is working with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on a joint organization of the forty-first session of UN-Space.

I thank you for your attention.

