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Use of space technology in the United Nations system 65th COPUOS (1 – 10 June 2022) Ambassador Gabriela SELLNER

Chair,

Excellencies - Colleagues,

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Austria welcomes Document A/AC.105/2022/CRP.15.

This advance version of the Special report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities on coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system for climate action has been suggested last year by several Member States, among others Austria.

The report shows impressively what the UN-System is already doing to improve knowledge about the use of space data for climate mitigation and adaptation.

Austria welcomes that UNOOSA uses its pronounced knowledge in the area of capacity building and technology advice to support in particular developing countries to achieve SDG 13 Climate Action. It goes without saying that this should be done without duplicating existing activities.

The present report provides an excellent basis for identifying possible future synergies while strictly avoiding any duplication of efforts.

We will discuss the findings of this report in the coming weeks to shape our further steps and activities for Space4Climate Action.

Austria would like to thank UNOOSA and UN-Space for the efforts in compiling this report.

We gave you a report on our intensive cooperation and planned activities with UNOOSA in our statement on item 12 Space and Climate Change.

Thank you!