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Statement by Germany

Honorable Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

despite the still unprecedented global challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the unjustifiable military aggression against Ukraine, the Committee and UNOOSA continued to **work tirelessly to ensure unimpeded conduct of COPUOS sessions** and its general activities. In a similar vein, the office continued to take important further actions in fostering international cooperation and exchange in order to bring space closer to society.

The successful adoption of the “Space2030 Agenda resolution”, the 21 Guidelines for the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and the Guidance Document as well as the endorsement of the work plans, methods of work and terms of references for the WG on LTS and Space Resources are strong indications for the effectiveness of the Committee’s work in reaching **universally applicable decisions aimed at addressing a broad range of emerging issues**.

This Committee and UNOOSA remain unique platforms for international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space to develop complex solutions for ensuring the long-term sustainable use of and access to outer space.

In order to further increase the efficiency of their work, we consider increased coordination, interaction and synergies between the Subcommittees on cross-cutting issues, **particularly long-term sustainability and space resources** as important steps forward. We are of course willing to continue to actively contribute to identifying appropriate means to this end.

Further in that regard, the work of United Nations entities with regard to space-related issues should be closely coordinated with the work of the Committee. Therefore, we reiterate our request to receive regular updates by UN entities participating in the UN inter-agency mechanism UN-SPACE.

We agree with the distinguished delegate from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, that a **prudent management of our agenda** is needed. In our view, the time limitation for plenary statements is another important aspect in this regard. It already proved its worth as long as all speakers remain within the given limitation, as it enables COPUOS to benefit from a larger variety of views while at the same time leaving sufficient time for substantive discussions within working groups. In this context, we appreciate the possibility for all delegations to **upload written statements** as means to increase transparency, public accessibility and raise awareness.

Germany is looking forward to continuing its active contributions to the multilateral work at COPUOS and through expert inputs in the Subcommittees on the latest developments in space science, technology and law, which are closely related to dedicated agenda items.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

Thank you for your kind attention.