



**Statement of APSCO Deputy Secretary-General Dr. Ferhat Fikri ÖZEREN
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Mr. Chairman, Director UNOOSA, Distinguished Delegates,

It is my privilege and honor to make this statement on behalf of the Secretary General of Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO), Ms. Yu Qi.

Mr. Chairman

I want to congratulate you on your election as the Chairman of the COPUOS for the 2022-2023 period. I also would like to appreciate the efforts of the Acting Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, Mr. Niklas Hedman, and the staff team.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

As a responsible and important Inter-Governmental Organization, APSCO contributes to building institutional capacity and space infrastructure within its Member States in accordance with United Nations space-related treaties, principles, and resolutions.

APSCO seeks to develop partnerships with other space-related inter-governmental Organizations for mutual benefits. APSCO has become a member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). APSCO is an Observer at the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) and the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG). In addition, the Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences & Technology (ISNET) got the Observer Status at APSCO. APSCO also takes part in other world-leading

communities to exploit space technology and its application for the socio-economic development of its Member States and the region.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO is committed to promoting its capacity-building by entirely using its Member States' geographic advantage, based on "equality and sharing" principles. APSCO has been achieving this commitment by adhering to the principle of sharing collective achievement through joint efforts. APSCO's flagship educational program, Student Small Satellite (SSS) project, successfully launched two satellites on 15 October 2022. APSCO organized a symposium-themed "Space Popularization for the Next Generation" during the Fifty-ninth session of STSC in February 2022. The symposium has inspired the youth, professionals, and participants to pursue their space dream. To expand the cooperative field in Space Science and to expand data recourse for the APSCO Data Sharing Service Platform, APSCO has also established a partnership with the National Space Science Center (NSSC) of China, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Land Satellite Remote Sensing Application Center (LASAC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of China,

Furthermore, APSCO is planning to take the initiative of CHARTER-like disaster responding service among the Member States; and establish Supply Chain to facilitate its Member States with the development of space capacity. Besides, China National Space Administration and APSCO have opened an opportunity for APSCO Member States to send their payload to the Chinese Moon Mission and involve their experts in joint research on Lunar samples and the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS).

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Regulatory and policy frameworks at the national, regional, and global levels provide States, particularly developing States, the necessary basis for their space activities. Therefore, it is pertinent to identify regional cooperation schemes in space cooperation and their role in developing countries, regions, and the overall space sector.

With this perspective, APSCO, in collaboration with the European Space Agency (ESA) and China Institute of Space Law (CISL), organized the Space Law Workshop in Sanya, China, on 6-8 September 2021, themed "Regional Cooperation Schemes on Space Law and Policy".

Aiming to discuss establishing APSCO Space Law Alliance (ASLA), a series of meetings were held, attended by 38 space organizations, institutions, and universities from the APSCO Member States. This proposal will be brought up at the 16th Council Meeting for approval in November this year.

Furthermore, this February, APSCO signed a cooperation agreement with UNOOSA to organize Technical Workshop on National Space Legislation for the APSCO Member States. The workshop includes four phases of implementation that will cover comprehensive capacity building for the Member States of APSCO for developing National Space Legislation.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

APSCO and its Members are strongly committed to supporting the work of COPUOS and are open to cooperation with all countries in keeping outer space available for peaceful activities and improving capabilities to use space for socio-economic development, especially for developing countries.

I ensure our support and readiness to work cooperatively and constructively with the UNOOSA and fellow Committee members.

I thank you all for your attention.

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