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Thank you, Honourable Chair.

The Space Generation Advisory Council, SGAC, sincerely appreciates the opportunity to provide the views of the youth on space and sustainable development.

Distinguished delegates, we believe that the space community is playing a critical role in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Space-based services and technologies - like Earth observation and navigation - have proved invaluable in monitoring climate change, managing large-scale disasters, and supporting terrestrial activities. However, additional efforts need to be made to make space itself sustainable. Not working towards the sustainability of space now, could result in the loss of all the benefits space provides.

The time to act is now. Every year through our dedicated Space Generation Advocacy & Policy Platform (SGAPP), SGAC develops united policy positions in areas of key importance for the young generation, such as the role of space for climate action, and Lunar governance. This year, in light of the crucial relevance of space sustainability for future generations, we have decided to develop our next policy position on the sustainable development of space.

Distinguished Delegates, furthering the vision of *Our Common Agenda* and building upon its related Policy Briefs on youth engagement and future generations, in our policy position we will propose a new “Intergenerational Pact for Space Sustainability” (IPASS). This pact, which will build upon the extensive work SGAC has conducted in the past on issues related to space sustainability, will be the space youth’s answer to the call of the UN Secretary-General for “meaningful youth engagement in policy and



decision-making”. It will address universal challenges of space sustainability and propose shared solutions for a better tomorrow. Through IPASS, we will catalyse the need to “think and act for future generations” as well as “to advance the peaceful and sustainable use of space”.

Honourable Chair, we know space sustainability is a complex and multifaceted subject. For this reason, we have entrusted the creation of the IPASS Report to a diverse team of 12 passionate, expert, SGAC members. At present, the IPASS Team is researching several aspects of space sustainability, interviewing a variety of stakeholders both inside and outside SGAC, and surveying relevant sources, including applicable legal and policy instruments.

Distinguished Delegates, the IPASS Report will be finalised by December of this year at the latest, and will be extensively advocated at relevant events, especially in connection with the upcoming Summit of the Future. We invite all Distinguished Delegations interested in engaging with the space youth and protecting the use of space for future generations to work with us on the development and implementation of this critical Pact.

To conclude, Honourable Chair, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide the views of the young generations on space and sustainable development, and stand ready to work together with COPUOS and all its Members and Observers towards a prosperous and sustainable tomorrow for future generations.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.