

BRAZIL, ITEM 4 – “GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INTRODUCTION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED ON NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.”

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GOOD MORNING/AFTERNOON.

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION OF BRAZIL, MR MARCOS CESAR PONTES, I WANT TO THANK MADAME SIMONETTA DI PIPPO FOR HER EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS (UNOOSA).

MADAME DIRECTOR,

YOU WILL BE CERTAINLY MISSED FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND INITIATIVE AHEAD THE OFFICE.

UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, UNOOSA CARRIED OUT AN EXCELLENT WORK DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES OF COVID-19, PROMOTING A SERIES OF ON-LINE EVENTS, NEVER GIVING UP DISCUSSIONS ON HOW SPACE CAN HELP TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES FACED ON EARTH.

BESIDES, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, COPUOS MEMBERS INCREASED FROM 77 TO 100, WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE COMMITMENT OF UNOOSA AND THE SECRETARIAT TO EXPAND THE NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SPACE AREA, MAKING SPACE MORE INCLUSIVE AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYBODY.

BRAZIL HAS A LONGSTANDING COOPERATION WITH UNOOSA ON SEVERAL AREAS, AND MCTI HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN THESE COLLABORATIONS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, CARRING OUT JOINT INITIATIVES LIKE:

- THE UNITED NATIONS/BRAZIL SYMPOSIUM ON BASIC SPACE TECHNOLOGY: CREATING NOVEL OPPORTUNITIES WITH SMALL SATELLITE SPACE MISSIONS, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NATAL, BRAZIL, IN OCTOBER 2018;
- THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN MCTI AND UNOOSA TO ADVANCE OUR COOPERATION ON AREAS INCLUDING SPACE LAW; SPACE POLICY; SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; SPACE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; DISASTER MANAGEMENT; NAVIGATION; TELECOMMUNICATION; AND CAPACITY-BUILDING, SIGNED IN SEPTEMBER 2020;

- THE UNITED NATIONS/BRAZIL/UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SPACE FOR WOMEN EXPERT MEETING: INITIATIVES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN SPACE, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN DUBAI IN OCTOBER 2021; AND
- THE SUPPORT OF MCTI TO THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE, BEING NEGOTIATED CURRENTLY BETWEEN MCTI AND UNOOSA.

MADAME DIRECTOR,

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR ABILITY TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION CERTAINLY ENABLED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES WITH BRAZIL ABOVE MENTIONED.

MADAME DIRECTOR,

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I FINISH MY FAREWELL STATEMENT CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO IMPORTANT LEGACIES THAT YOU LEAVE AT THE OFFICE, SUCH AS THE SPACE FOR WOMEN PROJECT FOR EXAMPLE, AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK AND SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW ENDEAVOURS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

MARCOS CESAR PONTES.