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**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

**AT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**

**AGENDA ITEM 12. LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF OUTER SPACE  
ACTIVITIES**

**Mr. Chairman and Distinguished delegates,**

It is a great honor and privilege to participate at this the 60th Session of the Scientific and Technical Sub-committee (STSC), of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS).

**Mr. Chair**

In consideration of the vital importance to maintain the conduct of space activities indefinitely into the future in a manner that realises the objectives of equitable access to the benefits of the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes, to meet the needs of the present generations while preserving the outer space environment for future generations.

Rwanda is committed to implement the Guidelines for the Long-term Sustainability of Space Activities and ready to participate and contribute to the activities of the working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space.

**Mr. Chair,**

As a developing country and new Space Actor, Rwanda is fully aware that the outer space activities are a key pillar to achieve a social-economic development. With that, Rwanda is developing its Space Policy and other regulatory frameworks for space activities including National Space Law and Licensing framework for Satellite operations among others. This is to ensure a safety of space activities as well as implementing the international obligations stipulated in different UN Space Treaties.

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The investments have been also made into a robust capacity building program to develop the workforce needed. In that regard, Rwanda has introduced partnerships with different stakeholders in academia sector, especially in Space engineering and we have started the process to introduce Undergraduate program in the space science at the University of Rwanda.

Rwanda is very active

For the effective implementation of the LTS guidelines, Rwanda cannot conclude without stressing about the importance of the Capacity building to facilitate a balanced participation to all the Member States including the developing countries and most especially the new space actors. To achieve that, common efforts, contributions and cooperation of all the Member States to the Working Group on Long Term Sustainability of outer space activities would be critical.

To conclude, Rwanda recognize the undisputed importance of Long Term Sustainability of outer space activities and committed to participate and contribute to the activities of the working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space.

I Thank you, Mr. Chairman and distinguished delegates.