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Space technology for sustainable socioeconomic
development**

Contribution to the SDG Summit

Submitted by the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

At its 992nd meeting, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee agreed on the following text to be included in [A/AC.105/C.1/L.406](#), as para. 25:

25. The Subcommittee agreed on the following text and noted that Paraguay, in its capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, would seek its inclusion in the ministerial declaration of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit to be held in September 2023:

“We express our firm conviction that space exploration, science and technology and their applications, such as satellite communications, Earth observation systems and satellite navigation technologies, provide indispensable tools for viable long-term solutions for sustainable development and can contribute more effectively to efforts to promote the development of all countries and regions of the world, to improve people’s lives, to conserve natural resources in a world with a growing population that places an increasing strain on all ecosystems, and to enhance the preparedness for the consequences of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change.

We strongly believe that space technology and applications should be used to reach the ultimate goal of peaceful exploration and uses of outer space, as well as to attain the Sustainable Development Goals, in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security, and promoting international cooperation and understanding.

Space technology and applications have become ubiquitous and improve the daily lives of people worldwide through their contributions to environmental monitoring, management of natural resources, meteorological forecasting, climate modelling, satellite navigation, communications, and early warning

* [A/AC.105/C.1/L.405](#).



systems. Promoting inclusiveness, gender equality and capacity-building in space activities is paramount. We therefore support emerging avenues in support of acceleration of the 2030 Agenda, such as the “Space2030” Agenda: space as a driver of sustainable development and its implementation plan, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 76/3, as a forward-looking strategy for reaffirming and strengthening the contribution of space activities and space tools for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. To meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it is crucial to provide access to space and its benefits to everyone everywhere. Space activities are essential to realize the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals for future generations.”
