

Statement of the Republic of Poland to fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Chair,

on behalf of Polish Delegation, I would like to congratulate you with your election to the Chair of this Subcommittee. I deeply believe that your knowledge, experience and leadership will contribute to the success of this meeting. We would like also to express our appreciation to all members of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs bureau for everyday effort, for the preparation and for excellent support of the work of this session.

Chair, distinguished delegates,

Space activity is a joint venture effort. Thus the milestone for Poland in this respect was our membership in European space organizations. Polish entities have been involved in European Union's scientific and research programs related to space since 2004. We are also a member of EUMETSAT (European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites) and ESO (European Southern Observatory). Poland joined the European Space Agency in November 2012. We contribute funds, but we also benefit at the same time from these memberships. Polish scientific and industrial potential and constantly growing experience enables us to be involved in this innovative activity and spin off the most modern and technologically advanced to industries. Internally we work according to our Polish Space Strategy in agreement with European Space Programs. The Polish Space Agency has been established to manage this activity, and it is involved in different forms of work.

As the Member State of EU Poland aligns with the EU statement presented **on the occasion of the fifty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

We believe as well that space solutions give the answer to global challenges such as climate change, disaster control, and transport development. We would also like to point out that new technologies of Space Surveillance and Tracking, as well as active space debris removal need good space weather services.

Thus, Poland support the issue related to the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities

Poland welcomes in that context the extension of the mandate of the COPUOS Expert Group on Space Weather until 2021 supporting the view that an international coordination group for space weather should be established in close collaboration with COSPAR, ICAO, WMO and the International Space Environmental Service. The structure and working mechanism of such a group could be elaborated in the course of the currently implemented service for ICAO in which Poland is participating as well.

On the other hand Poland support United Nations Programme on Space Applications. Disaster management and climat, Remote sensing and Global navigation satellite systems well pave the way to the future „Space 2030” Agenda

Chair, Distinguish Delegates, Thank you very much for your attention.