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Thank you, Chair, good afternoon.

Finland fully aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union (EU), including the condemnation of Russia's illegal and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine. We would also like to make a few remarks in our national capacity.

Finland emphasizes the importance of respect for international law. The entire international community benefits from the stability and predictability provided by the rules-based international system. Finland has a thriving New Space industry, and we see multilateral co-operation as essential in the aim of providing a stable operating environment for our space sector. The United Nations and COPUOS play an indispensable role in this. Accordingly, we thank the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (*UNOOSA*) for facilitating the meetings of COPUOS and its Subcommittees and for working towards UNISPACE IV.

We welcome the Subcommittees in delivering on topics underlined in the Pact for the Future. Such progress includes the successful start of the SSA Expert Group in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the continued work of the Space Resources Working Group in the Legal Subcommittee. Furthermore, we reiterate our gratitude to Germany for all its efforts in advancing discussions on space traffic.

Chair,

Finland considers space a strategic sector linked to smooth functioning of modern societies. This underscores the importance of space solutions as well as space safety and sustainability. An effective space situational awareness (*SSA*) capacity, including space weather, space surveillance and tracking (*SST*) and near-Earth object capabilities, is vital in supporting these aims.

As a member of the EU SST Partnership, Finland has established the national Space Situational Awareness Centre that collaborates with other SSA providers internationally.

EISCAT AB serves as an example of Nordic collaboration. It is a company owned by the States of Finland, Sweden and Norway and it operates research infrastructure located in the Arctic. As the EISCAT infrastructure produces high-quality data also relevant to space situational awareness, it may contribute to the protection of space systems and critical infrastructure on earth.

Chair,

As an Arctic country, Finland can contribute with specialized expertise and perspectives. We wish to play an active part in international co-operation to ensure that space remains a safe environment. It is key in keeping space solutions available for us all.

Thank you Chair and distinguished delegates.