Good Afternoon,

Your Excellencies, Ambassador Omamo, Cabinet Secretary for Defence of Kenya

Prof. Roberto Battiston, President of the Italian Space Agency

Dr. Le Gall, President of the International Astronautical Federation

All protocols observed.

The Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education Science and Technology of Zimbabwe sends warm greetings and regrets not being here in person due to conflicting engagements. I am humbly communicating his thanks and gratitude for the invitation for Zimbabwe to be here.

Zimbabwe is on a serious learning mission as the country is working to establish a Space Agency.

Many of you have been welcoming our enquiries. Thank you. Yet many others we still have to approach. Thank you in advance. A number of sector specific programmes, strategies are in place.

We hope at the next Forum engagement Zimbabwe will report significant progress on establishment of its Space Agency.

Thank you for your attention.