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***Madam Minister,***

***Mr. President,***

***Distinguished Ministers,***

***Excellencies,***

***Ladies and Gentlmen,***

***First of all, I would like to thank to the International Astronautical the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) and the Italian Space Agency (ASI) for organizing this First International Space Forum.***

***The Czech Republic welcomes this initiative. We are convinced that it is the international co-operation through which we can look for responses that we need for effective solutions to global challenges we face in the current world.***

***Protection of our Planet and its environment as Madam Minister also pointed out is fundamental for human survival and prosperity.***

***To be able to ensure this, we need to properly understand how our Planet’s systems work. The space systems are then most significant contributors to this understanding and to the documentation of the Earth.***

***The high volume of data collected from the space systems must also be interpreted in a sound manner and used efficiently.***

***Consequently, the success cannot be meansured only against the amount of data we are able to acquire through the space systems, but rather by how effectively we use them.***

***Scientific findings shall be transformed into the applications employable in daily lives across the widest possible range of society.***

***Such a goal requires not only strong tools – in the form of regional or global platforms for dissemination and use of data and for data processing into the information – but also highly-skilled and informed useres.***

***It is of high importance to inspire the youth all over the world to make the space systems‘ data and information a regular part of their information base and to reflect them in the decisions they take. This, by itself, is a great challenge for both current operators of the space systems and academic world, alike.***

***The Czech Republic considers this forum a very good start to further discussion between all relevant institutions leading towards the objectives formulated in the Trento Space Statement that we issue today.***

***Thank you for your attention.***