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***By Iranian Space Agency Delegate***

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**Her Excellency Minister, Excellencies, Respected Delegates, Mr. Chairman,**

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian Space Agency, I would like to express my appreciation to IAF, the Provence of Trento and Space Agency of Italy for hosting this important forum and extend my compliments to all delegates present here. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish full success for organizers of this forum. I believe that such meetings will help us strengthen our friendship and technical cooperation.

**Mr. Chairman,**

**The 2015 Paris Climate Change agreement** addresses the need to carry out efforts to monitor and mitigate the effects of climate change;

**The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** will review 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets using a set of global indicators;

The **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** particularly emphasized on **disaster risk understanding** and **enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response**

All of these 3 international agreements are showing the vital role of space technology. Promoting real time & reliable data and applied models are our main tasks as space communities. In this regard I am delighted to inform that, with a view to promote peaceful uses of space technology at national level, Iranian Space Agency has planned to Focus on space technology applications development especially developing early warning and monitoring systems through National, Regional and International Cooperation. Iranian Universities definitely play an important role for executing R&D projects in the field of Remote Sensing applications in Iran.

**Mr. Chairman,**

In order to promote space technology applications in Iran and to achieve objectives of Climate Change Agreement, Sendai Framework and 2030 agenda for sustainable development, we are fully ready to expand our relations and cooperation with all IAF members to the maximum extent. In this connection, I am pleased to announce that we are keen to contribute constructively with UNOOSA to develop the UNISPACE+50 plan of work.

Iranian space agency as one of the UN-SPIDER Regional Support Offices and with the cooperation of national universities and research centers, declares its readiness to assign one of its space centers to establish a regional center for Earth Observation and Early warning and monitoring systems in line with the mentioned global challenges and agreements.

We also declare our interest to carry out this working plan through joint cooperation and agreements with IAF, Italian Space Agency and overseas universities. Since developing countries with inequality in using space technology for earth observation and climate change monitoring, knowledge promotion, capacity building and technology transfer, those will be activities of this center, in addition to implementing early warning and monitoring systems.

Mr. Chairman, Respected Delegates,

Thank you for your time and patience.

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