

Statement of Nicaragua

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It is an honor to participate in this international space forum, thanking the IAF, ASI, CONAE and the government of Argentina for their invitation.

20 years ago on October 30, Nicaragua was affected by Hurricane Mitch, which caused 4 days of heavy rains, filling the crater of the Casita volcano with water, causing a sudden avalanche, the avalanche of water mixed with volcanic material neighborhood with the population that was around him, causing the death of more than 3 thousand people, we believe that if 20 years ago we had had the technology of today, the loss of these lives would not have happened.

That is why the State of Nicaragua expresses its interest to be part of the global network of spatial knowledge and human capital through the use of tools and platforms that facilitate access to space information, this will undoubtedly improve the quality of life of the person human, allowing to be prepared before natural phenomena and climate change, a phenomenon that affects humanity in different areas.

So we propose the signing of memoranda of understanding between our countries to move to the facts the part of the fundamental training to make use of this technology and the information generated by satellites.

It is important that focal points are established for this event to follow up on the objective of this forum.

Thank you very much.