

Statement of Perú

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Distinguished authorities, members and experts of national and international space agencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great honor to express my sincere congratulations to the organizers of this forum. It is an opportunity to have a privileged platform to discuss about the relevance and the possibilities of a greater involvement of our Region in the space programs.

Peru is proud to be part of this space community. The launch of the first Peruvian satellite of Earth Observation, "PeruSat-1", in September 2016, represented a milestone for space development in my country. Since then, the Peruvian public sector has experienced a technological leap due to the use of satellite products. Therefore, the work done with our satellite has greatly exceeded initial expectations in many fields such as security, agriculture, cartography, disaster management, monitoring of illegal crops, deforestation and other social problems. However, we are aware that we have difficult and complex challenges ahead of us.

We know that the themes of this important Forum are of great relevance for the strengthening of space capabilities at the global level. From the point of view of a developing country that enters the intensive use of space technology, we share the idea that the growth of the space-oriented industry is very important as a technological basis for national plans. We are also convinced that is very important to promote the interest of youth in outer space, so that long-term projects have better chances to succeed. We do believe in the importance to demonstrate to civil society that investing in the space field is beneficial for our countries.

On the other hand, through the Space Agency of Peru-CONIDA and the National Council of Science, Technology and Technological Innovation-CONCYTEC, Peru has been promoting capacity building, through the allocation of scholarships for Masters and Doctorate Programs, as well as the promotion of symposiums, forums, seminars, among other academic events. Through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, links have been established with International Cooperation in order to contribute to enhance capacity building, to support the socio-economic and sustainable development of the country. Peruvian related institutions are also designing a National Space Policy.

In Peru there are great possibilities of spatial development. The operation of a satellite system in our country allows us to record the various uses and benefits that are generated from satellite data, which will contribute to enhance space policy, create new projects and develop spatial plans.

Finally, we can say that Peru continues creating the necessary conditions to contribute to scientific research and technological development by noticing global and regional needs, as well as our partners' strengths in the spatial field, with whom we are already approaching to cooperate for superior levels of action and deliver concrete results.

Thank you.