

## **CONAE Statement**

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### **Honorable Government Ministers**

### **Distinguished Heads of Delegations**

On behalf of CONAE, it is a pleasure to attend this 4<sup>th</sup> International Space Forum at Ministerial Level, the Mediterranean Chapter.

As some of you may know, CONAE hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum, the Latin American and Caribbean Chapter, that took place in Buenos Aires in November 2018.

I can proudly tell you that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum was a complete success. As a result, the dialogue of the Ministerial representatives of our Region regarding the importance of the space based information has been deeply enhanced.

That success motivated me to attend this Fourth Chapter. But also because we, at CONAE, believe it is not only important to consider the significant impact of the space activities for a certain region but globally.

CONAE can contribute to meet the Mediterranean needs.

This contribution can be provided by means of the information of the SIASGE Constellation. The SIASGE constellation is the result of the partnership of ASI and CONAE with the Cosmo-Skymed and the SAOCOM satellites. The SIASGE Constellation have the unique capability to provide, not only X or L Band SAR Instruments information but also the result of the combination of these two complementary bands.

In addition, in the near future, we will be able to contribute with the information provided by the SABIAMar Mission.

The main objective of the SABIAMar mission is the study of the coastal and oceanic biosphere, focusing on monitoring the Oceanic Waters and the Coastal Waters. SABIAMar is going to be an important source of information for the Argentina's Pampa Blue Project, for example, for a rational management of fishery resources in Argentina but also in the analysis of climate change at global level.

For sure, the SIASGE Constellation and the SABIAMar Mission can make a significant contribution to the objectives of Maritime Surveillance, Blue Economy and Scientific Knowledge in the Mediterranean.

Thank you very much for your attention.