Country Statement

By Thai delegate

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Excellency,
Mr. Chairman/ Madame Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Even in the difficult time of all humanity facing the global COVID-19 pandemic, space technology and its applications are undoubted and proved, once again, as the indispensable tools to response and battle the challenged circumstances. Since the inception of contagion, we had been utilizing the space-based technology and integrating geospatial data in particular to support policymakers/government agencies to design precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to monitor the pandemic situation, medical capacity and supplies, and consumer goods, and to visualize the impact of the policies employed and lock-down measures in Thailand.

As you may well aware, space technology and its applications provide huge benefits for the people of Thailand in various fields including agriculture, forestry, fishery, urban planning, environmental monitoring, and of course, disaster management. This year, and on the next steps, we will enhance the benefits of this technology and share knowledge and experiences to tackle emerging challenges in the field of air pollution monitoring and management, climate change, and future health epidemics.
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The prominent roles of space technology and its relevant applications, as well as regional cooperation can help us to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals/ agenda. Thailand fully supports the implementation of the Asia - Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018 - 2030). Preliminarily, through ASEAN Research and Training Center on Space Applications (ARTSA), we support regional geospatial and space technology capacity development by conducting joint research, workshop, training, and providing master’s degree program scholarships. We also do hope all Member States will consider doing the same to contribute more efforts on the implementation of the Plan of Actions for the great benefits of the region.

Thank you very much.

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