

information on their space activities, and urges other Member States to do so;

4. *Supports* the request of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Secretary-General disseminate on a continuing basis information received from Member States on needs and facilities for education and training in space-related subjects;

5. *Notes also with appreciation* that certain Member States have contributed to the goals of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as laid down in its reports, by establishing educational and training programmes, and urges other Member States to do so;

6. *Notes* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to convene, on 18 January 1966, the Working Group established to examine the desirability, organization and objectives of an international conference or meeting to be held in 1967 on the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, as well as to make recommendations on the question relating to the participation in the said meeting of the appropriate international organizations;

7. *Accords* United Nations sponsorship to India for the continuing operation of the Thumba international equatorial sounding rocket launching facility, which is eligible for such sponsorship and such assistance as may be requested in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962;

8. *Takes note* of the resolution adopted by the Committee on Space Research at its seventh session, held

in May 1964, on the basis of the report of the Consultative Group on Potentially Harmful Effects of Space Experiments;

9. *Notes with appreciation* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI), the Secretary-General continues to maintain a public registry of objects launched into orbit or beyond on the basis of information being furnished by Member States;

10. *Notes with satisfaction* the growing measure of co-operation among many Member States in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space;

11. *Urges* that space activities be carried out in such a manner that States may share in the adventure and the practical benefits of space exploration irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the progress reports submitted by the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union on their activities in the field of outer space and invites these organizations to make progress reports to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1966;

III

Requests the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work as set forth in this and previous General Assembly resolutions and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session.

DOCUMENT A/6212

Report of the First Committee

[Original text: English]
[20 December 1965]

1. The item entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the twentieth session (A/5950/Rev.1) on the basis of resolution 1963 (XVIII) of 13 December 1963.

2. At its 159th meeting, on 22 September 1965, the General Committee recommended the inclusion of the item in the agenda as item 31 and its allocation to the First Committee (A/5988). At its 1336th meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly approved the General Committee's recommendation and referred the item to the First Committee for consideration and report (A/5991).

3. The First Committee considered the item at its 1421st and 1422nd meetings, on 18 and 20 December 1965.

4. On 16 December 1965 a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.363) was submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. On 18 December, the sponsors, joined by Morocco, submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/L.363/Rev.1). [For the text, see p. 5 above.]

5. On 18 December, amendments (A/C.1/L.365) were submitted by Cameroon and the United Arab Republic, reading as follows:

"1. Insert as the third preambular paragraph the following:

"*Convinced* that to benefit mankind the exploration and use of outer space should be carried out solely for peaceful purposes,"

"2. Before the final paragraph in section III, insert the following paragraph:

"*Requests* the Secretary-General in consultation with the specialized agencies and in co-operation with the Committee on Space Research to prepare for the consideration and approval of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space during its next session a detailed draft programme of education and training in the peaceful uses of outer space to be carried out under the auspices of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;"

6. At the 1422nd meeting, the sponsors of the amendments submitted a revised text (A/C.1/L.365/Rev.1), in which the second amendment read as follows:

"*Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in consultation with the specialized agencies and in co-operation with the Committee on Space Research, to prepare and consider during its next session suggestions for programmes of education and training of specialists in the peaceful uses of outer space to assist the developing countries, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;"

7. At the same meeting, the United States proposed an oral sub-amendment, which, as subsequently revised

on the suggestion of Argentina, would add the words "in co-operation with the Secretary-General and making use of the available resources of the Secretariat, and" after the words "Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" in the revised second amendment.

8. The sponsors of the amendments announced that they would not press for a vote on the first amendment.

9. The revised United States oral sub-amendment to the second amendment was adopted by 79 votes to 8 with 5 abstentions.

10. The second amendment, as so amended, was adopted by 96 votes to none, with 2 abstentions.

11. The revised draft resolution (A/C.1/L.363/Rev.1), as amended, was adopted by 98 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

Recommendation of the First Committee

12. The First Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[Text adopted by the General Assembly without change. See "Action taken by the General Assembly" below.]

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 1408th plenary meeting, on 21 December 1965, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee (A/6212, para. 11). For the final text, see resolution 2130 (XX) below.

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

2130 (XX). INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1962 (XVIII) entitled "Declaration of Legal Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space" and resolution 1963 (XVIII) entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space", both adopted unanimously on 13 December 1963,

Having considered the reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/5785, A/6042),

Conscious that the benefits of space exploration can be most widely enjoyed if Member States support the widest possible exchange of information and promote international co-operation in this field.

I

Urges the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in developing law for outer space, to continue with determination the preparation of draft international agreements on assistance to and return of astronauts and space vehicles and on liability for damage caused by objects launched into outer space, and to give consideration to incorporating in international agreement form, in the future as appropriate, legal principles governing the activities of States in the exploration and use of outer space;

II

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the reports of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space concerning exchange of information, education and training, international sounding rocket launching facilities, potentially harmful effects of space experiments, and encouragement of international programmes;

2. *Welcomes* the intention of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its activities in the exchange of information on outer space matters by encouraging such means as the preparation of reviews on the activities and resources of various international organizations and bodies relating to the peaceful uses of outer space, on national and co-operative international space activities, on bibliographies and abstracting services, and on education and training;

3. *Notes with appreciation* that a number of Member States have, on a voluntary basis, co-operated extensively with the programme of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space by providing information on their space activities, and urges other Member States to do so;

4. *Supports* the request of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Secretary-General disseminate on a continuing basis information received from Member States on the needs and facilities for education and training in space-related subjects;

5. *Notes also with appreciation* that certain Member States have contributed to the goals of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as laid down in its reports, by establishing educational and training programmes, and urges other Member States to do so;

6. *Notes* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to convene, on 18 January 1966, the Working Group established to examine the desirability, organization and objectives of an international conference or meeting to be held in 1967 on the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space, as well as to make recommendations on the question relating to the participation in that meeting of the appropriate international organizations;

7. *Accords* United Nations sponsorship to India for the continuing operation of the Thumba international equatorial sounding rocket launching facility, which is eligible for such sponsorship and such assistance as may be requested in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962;

8. *Takes note* of the resolution adopted by the Committee on Space Research at its seventh session, held in May 1964, on the basis of the report of its Consultative Group on Potentially Harmful Effects of Space Experiments;

9. *Notes with appreciation* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, the Secretary-General continues to maintain a public registry of objects launched into orbit or beyond on the basis of information being furnished by Member States;

10. *Notes with satisfaction* the growing measure of co-operation among many Member States in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space;

11. *Urges* that space activities be carried out in such a manner that States may share in the adventure and the practical benefits of space exploration irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the progress reports submitted by the World Meteorological Organization (A/AC.105/L.19) and the International Telecommunication Union (E/4037/Add.1) on their activities in the field of outer space and invites these organizations to make progress reports to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1966;

III

1. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in co-operation with the Secretary-General

and making use of the available resources of the Secretariat, and in consultation with the specialized agencies and in co-operation with the Committee on Space Research, to prepare and consider during its next session suggestions for programmes of education and training of specialists in the peaceful uses of outer space to assist the developing countries, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

2. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work as set forth in this and previous General Assembly resolutions and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-first session.

1408th plenary meeting,
21 December 1965.

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NOTE. This check list includes the documents mentioned during the consideration of agenda item 31 which are not reproduced in the present fascicle.

Document No.	Title	Observations and references
A/5785	Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	<i>Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 10</i> United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.I.14 Mimeographed
A/AC.105/26	<i>Space Activities and Resources: Review of United Nations, International and National Programmes</i>	United Nations publication, Sales No.: 65.I.14 Mimeographed
A/AC.105/27	Organization of the work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1965: interim report of the officers of the Committee	Ditto
A/AC.105/28	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: information on facilities for education and training in basic subjects related to the peaceful uses of outer space	Ditto
A/AC.105/29	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: report of the Legal Sub-Committee on the work of its fourth session	Ditto
A/AC.105/C.2/SR.41-56	Summary records of the 41st to 56th meetings (fourth session) of the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	Ditto
A/AC.105/INF.83-112	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: information furnished in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI) by States launching objects into orbit or beyond	Ditto
A/AC.105/L.17	Note by the Secretariat	Ditto
A/AC.105/L.19	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth report of the World Meteorological Organization on the advancement of atmospheric sciences and their application in the light of developments in outer space	Mimeographed. For the report, see <i>Fourth Report on the Advancement of Atmospheric Sciences and their Application in the light of Developments in Outer Space</i> (Secretariat of WMO, Geneva, August 1965)
A/AC.105/L.20	Note by the Secretariat	Mimeographed
A/AC.105/L.21	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: statement by the representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency	Ditto
A/AC.105/PV.36	Verbatim record of the 36th meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	Ditto
A/AC.105/PV.37-42	Verbatim records of the 37th to 42nd meetings of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (seventh session)	Ditto
A/C.1/L.363	Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution	Replaced by A/C.1/L.363/Rev.1
A/C.1/L.365	Cameroon and United Arab Republic: amendments to document A/C.1/L.363/Rev.1	See A/6212, para. 5
A/C.1/L.365/Rev.1	Cameroon and United Arab Republic: revised amendments to document A/C.1/L.363/Rev.1	See A/6212, para. 6
E/4026 and Corr.1	Second report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development	<i>Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14, and corrigendum (E/4026/Corr.1)</i> <i>Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 4</i>
E/4029	Thirty-first report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination	Mimeographed. For the report, see <i>Fourth Report by the International Telecommunication Union on Telecommunication and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space</i> (ITU, Geneva, 1965)
E/4037/Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth report by the International Telecommunication Union on telecommunication and the peaceful uses of outer space	