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**Proposal for a new single issue/item for discussion on
Support for International Geophysical Year 2007**

Proposed by the United States of America

Background

In 1957, a program of international research, inspired by the International Polar Years of 1882-83 and 1932-33, was organized as the International Geophysical Year (IGY) to study global phenomena of the Earth and geospace. The IGY involved 60,000 scientists from 66 nations, working at thousands of stations, from pole to pole to obtain simultaneous, global observations on Earth and in space. There had never been anything like it before. IGY 2007-2008 will be both a series of events of scientific collaboration, as well as a commemoration of IGY 1957. Several planning efforts in support of IGY are underway. The International Union of Geophysics and Geodesy (IUGG) has established an IGY 2007 planning committee, while efforts such as the International Heliophysical Year (IHY) and Electronic Geophysical Year (eGY) are attracting worldwide attention and focus. Through collaboration with the United Nations Basic Space Science Program, IGY will continue to gain momentum on an international scale.

What can COPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee do?

- Develop and recommend a UN General Assembly resolution recognizing 2007-2008 as IGY.
- Agree to recommend collaboration between UN Basic Space Science Program and IGY 2007.
- Annual reporting within COPUOS evaluating progress of IGY 2007-2008 activities worldwide.

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