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NEW A MULTI-YEAR WORK PLAN FOR AGENDA ITEM "SPACE DEBRIS"

As agreed upon by the Working Group on Space Debris

At its 2nd meeting, on 2 March 2005, the Working Group on Space Debris agreed that, starting at its forty-third session, in 2006, the Scientific and Technical would continue to consider the item on space debris in accordance with the following new multi-year work plan:

Year 2005

Commence intersessional work, by the space debris working group, in order to prepare for the start of the new work plan in 2006. This intersessional work will include consideration of proposals from member States of COPUOS for the document to be developed covering space debris Mitigation. Member States could also consider space debris issues that concern the use of nuclear power sources in space.

Year 2006

Review the draft space debris mitigation document, arising from intersessional activity of the Space Debris Working Group and update as necessary. Consider the process by which the document, when agreed, could be updated from time to time. Continue as necessary the dialogue with Member States on the use of NPS in outer space.

Continue regular reporting by Member States and international organizations on their space debris research programmes. In addition, request that Member States and international organizations also continue, on a voluntary basis, to report to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on their space debris mitigation practices.

Re-establish the Working Group on Space Debris to consider the issues arising from the work plan and, in particular, the draft of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

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space debris mitigation document. The working group should also consider the work plan for later years and report as necessary on changes that may be considered appropriate. Continue with the intersessional work as required to expedite the agreement of a space debris mitigation document.

Year 2007

Target to complete the space debris working group tasks, for the submission of the document to the 44th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, with the view of the adoption of the space debris mitigation document by the 50th session of COPUOS.

Continue regular reporting by Member States and international organizations on their space debris research programmes. In addition, request that Member States and international organizations also continue, on a voluntary basis, to report to the STSC on their space debris mitigation practices.

Re-establish, as necessary, the working group on space debris to consider additional elements of the work plan.