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of Outer Space**

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Agenda item 15

**Draft provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session
of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

**Draft provisional agenda of the Scientific And Technical
Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, in 2007
(General Assembly resolution 60/99, para. 11)**

Regular Items

1. General exchange of views and introduction to reports submitted on national activities
2. United Nations Programme on Space Applications*
3. Implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)*
4. Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, including applications for developing countries and monitoring of the Earth's environment

Items to be considered under work plans

5. Space debris⁺

(Work for 2007 as reflected in the multi-year work plan contained in paragraph 6 of annex II to the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/848))

* The Working Group of the Whole will be re-convened at the 2007 session of the Subcommittee.

⁺ In accordance with the work plan the Working Group on Space Debris will not be re-established unless the Subcommittee decides that at its forty-fourth session that it is necessary to re-establish the Group.



2007

Aim to complete the Working Group on Space Debris tasks, for the submission of the document to the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, with a view to adopting the space debris mitigation document by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fiftieth session.

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 Subcommittee on their space debris mitigation practices.

Re-establish, as necessary, the Working Group on Space Debris to consider additional elements of the work plan.

6. Use of nuclear power sources in outer space**

(Work for 2007 as reflected in the multi-year work plan in paragraph 8 of annex III to the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/848))

2007

(a) *Prepare the final report and recommend an implementation option to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee;*

(b) *If the recommended implementation option is acceptable to the Subcommittee, prepare a new work plan to carry it out;*

(c) *If the recommended implementation option involves further joint activity with IAEA, commence early discussions with the Agency to carry that out.*

7. Near Earth Objects

(Work for 2007 as reflected in the multi-year work plan in paragraph 20 of annex I of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/848))

2007

Continue reporting by Member States and international organizations on the range of activities related to near-Earth objects.

The Action Team should continue its work and make proposals as necessary, building on its work in the second year.

Consider the range of, and suitable mechanisms for, further work on near-Earth objects.

8. Space-system-based disaster management support

(Work for 2006 as reflected in paragraph 15 of annex II of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/823))

** The Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer will be re-convened.

2007

A presentation by the disaster management international space coordination organization, if established, on disaster management support coordination at the international level.

Presentations by the International Charter "Space and Major Disasters" and other initiatives.

Long-term perspectives of various Member States and space agencies on this subject.

9. International Heliophysical Year 2007

(Work for 2007 as reflected in the multi-year work plan in paragraph 22 of annex I of the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/848))

2007

Reports on national and regional activities related to International Heliophysical Year 2007 by interested Member States, scientific organizations and the International Heliophysical Year secretariat. This update will include information on the progress towards the conduct of outreach, educational and research campaigns and on the definition and plans for deployment of instrument arrays.

Single issues/items for discussion:

10. Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including, inter alia, in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries
11. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, including identification of subjects to be dealt with as single issues/items for discussion or under multi-year work plans*