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**Proposal for a new approach to organizing the
annual IAF/COSPAR Symposium**

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Portugal, and the United States of America**

1. At the 22nd session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, Member States agreed that there be a theme fixed for special attention at each session of the Subcommittee. It was suggested that interested groups (i.e., the Eastern European Group, the Group of 77 and the Western European and Others Group) take it in turn to propose the theme and to consult informally with the representatives of the other groups on the proposed choice. In addition, COSPAR and IAF might be invited to arrange a symposium on the selected theme to be held during the first week of the Subcommittee session to complement discussions within the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/351, paragraph 105 c).
2. At the 23rd session of the Subcommittee, in accordance with paragraph 7 c of General Assembly Resolution 40/162, a symposium on the theme of "Remote sensing for developing countries", sponsored by IAF and COSPAR, was held (A/AC.105/369, paragraph 15).
3. The co-sponsors of this paper wish to express their deep appreciation to COSPAR and IAF for their continued support and their superb job in organizing the annual symposium. The cosponsors are convinced of the utility of continuing the tradition of holding a symposium, however, at the same time believe that a different method of organizing this event could be more beneficial for all involved.



4. The cosponsors propose the following procedure for organizing the annual symposium for the Subcommittee beginning at its 45th session.
 - A. The IAF and COSPAR will in turn sponsor the symposium.
 - B. Prior to the beginning of each session of the Subcommittee the organization responsible for sponsoring the next symposium will provide OOSA with several potential topics for consideration by the Working Group of the Whole. On the basis of these proposals, the Working Group of the Whole would select the topic.
 - C. The IAF will sponsor the symposium at the 46th session of the Subcommittee.
5. The industry symposium sponsored by OOSA will continue to take place in turn with the IAF and COSPAR symposia. The industry symposium will be held at the 45th session of the Subcommittee.
6. The above proposal would provide greater flexibility for the IAF and COSPAR and would allow for a more interactive process between the Subcommittee and IAF and COSPAR in organizing the symposium.