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Outer Space**  
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**Information on a proposal by France for a new item to be included on the agenda  
of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

A proposal for a new item, under a multi-year work plan, to be included on the agenda of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its 52<sup>nd</sup>, will be proposed by France at the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the Committee to be held from 11-20 June 2008. Entitled “The long term sustainability of space activities”, the item would be considered under the following three year work plan:

- 2009: Exchange of views on the long term outlook for space debris, on international cooperation in monitoring the space environment and on present and future challenges for space operations and activities in low earth orbit and in the geostationary orbit
- 2010: Discussion of possible mechanisms to develop and establish a set of recommended “Best practices” in space operations. Begin the development of the first set of recommended “Best practices”.
- 2011: Finalization of the “Best practices” document.

This new agenda item would be considered by the plenary of the Committee. The Committee would, during the course of the discussions to include this item on its agenda, have to consider how each of its two Subcommittees could contribute to this three-year work plan.

