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Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space Scientific and Technical Subcommittee Forty-sixth session Vienna, 9-20 February 2009 Agenda item 5 Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III

List of Issues to be Considered in the Working Group of the Whole

United Nations Programme on Space Applications

(General Assembly resolution A/RES/63/90, para. 13)

1. Workshops, seminars, training courses and symposia organized within the framework of the Programme

- 2. Long-term fellowships for in-depth training
- 3. Technical advisory services

Reference document: A/AC.105/925 (Report of the Expert on Space Applications)

Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III

(General Assembly resolution A/RES/63/90, para. 13)

1. Status of the implementation of the recommendations of the UNISPACE III: the Working Group will have before it a document containing an updated report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III in tabular form, based on the results of the deliberations on that issue in the Working Group in 2008 and on contributions received from member States of the Committee, entities of the United Nations system and other organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee during that period and in reply to note verbales CU 2008/117 and CU 2008/118 of September 2008 (see A/AC.105/911, annex I, para. 9);

• See document A/AC.105/C.1/2009/CRP.4



2. Discussion of the further implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III, including the option to identify areas of focus for the Working Group (from among those contained in the Committee's plan of action, A/59/174, pages 55-77);

3. The Working Group will also have before it a document containing information received from Member States on national initiatives on education and opportunities for greater participation of youth in space science and technology (see A/AC.105/911, Annex I, paragraph 10);

• See document A/AC.105/C.1/2009/CRP.5

4. To strengthen the link established between its work relating to the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) and the work being carried out by the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Committee agreed, at its fifty-first session in 2008, to continue contributing to the policy year of the two-year cycles of the multi-year programme of work of the Commission, and that member States of the Committee should be requested to provide inputs for the development of a concise document that would emphasize the benefits of the use of, and tools offered by, space science and technology and their applications for meeting the challenges being faced, in particular, by developing countries with regard to the issues to be addressed by the Commission on Sustainable Development in the period 2010-2011 (A/63/20, paras. 56-59). The Working Group of the Whole of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee agreed that it should conduct a first review of the draft concise document to be prepared on the basis of the inputs received from member States (A/AC.105/911, annex I, paras. 11 and 12).

• See document A/AC.105/C.1/2009/CRP.6

Space-system-based disaster management support

(General Assembly resolution A/RES/63/90, para. 13)

The Committee agreed that progress reports on SPIDER and its future workplans should be considered by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee under a regular agenda item on space-system-based disaster management support and that the agenda item should be included in the list of issues to be considered by its Working Group of the Whole (A/62/20, para. 155).

• See document A/AC.105/C.1/2009/CRP.8

Reference documents: A/AC.105/927 (Outreach activities carried out in 2008 in the framework of the United Nations Platform for Space-Based Information for Disaster Management), A/AC.105/929 (UN-SPIDER 2008 Activities Report)

Draft provisional agenda of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session, in 2010

(General Assembly resolution A/RES/63/90, para. 13)

1. In paragraph 11 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly noted that the Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, would submit its proposal to the Committee for a draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Subcommittee, in 2010. In accordance with an agreement reached by the Committee at its forty-second session, discussion under this item should include identification of

subjects to be dealt with as single issues/items for discussion or under multi-year workplans.

The following items are currently before the Subcommittee:

Regular Items

(1) General exchange of views and introduction of 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

- (5) Space debris
- (6) Space-system-based disaster management support
- (7) Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

Items to be considered under work plans:

- (8) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space
- (9) Near-Earth objects

Single issues/items for discussion:

(10) Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including 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) International Heliophysical Year 2007

2. Theme of the 2010 Industry Symposium

According to the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the Office for Outer Space Affairs, in 2010, will organize the symposium to strengthen the partnership with industry (the industry symposium). Potential topics for the theme of that symposium will be before the Working Group of the Whole for its consideration.