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Addendum

[...]. **Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee**

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/113, the Subcommittee considered agenda item 15, "Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee".
2. The Subcommittee noted that the Secretariat had scheduled the fifty-first session of the Subcommittee to be held from 10 to 21 February 2014.
3. The Subcommittee noted that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/113, it would submit to the Committee its proposal on the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Subcommittee and recommended that the following substantive items be included in the draft provisional agenda:
 1. General exchange of views and introduction of reports submitted on national activities.
 2. United Nations Programme on Space Applications.
 3. Space technology for socioeconomic development in the context of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post-2015 development agenda.
 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.
 8. Space weather.
 9. Near-Earth objects.
 10. Items to be considered under workplans:
 - (a) Use of nuclear power sources in outer space;
(Work for 2014 as reflected in the multi-year workplan in paragraphs 8 and 10 of annex II to the report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-seventh session (A/AC.105/958))
 - (b) Long-term sustainability of outer space activities.
(Work for 2014 as reflected in paragraph 23 of the terms of reference and methods of work of the Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, contained in annex II to the report of the Committee on its fifty-fourth session (A/66/20))
 11. Single issue/item for discussion: 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, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union.
 12. Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-second 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 workplans.
4. The Subcommittee noted that the topic for the symposium to be organized in 2014 by the Office for Outer Space Affairs, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), should be “Space industry in GNSS applications”.
 5. The Subcommittee noted the conclusion of the item under the multi-year workplan entitled “Near-Earth objects” and agreed that the item should be introduced as a regular item on the agenda of the Subcommittee.
 6. The Subcommittee agreed that the agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) be renamed as “Space technology for socioeconomic development in the context of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post-2015 development agenda”.
 7. The Subcommittee recalled the agreement of the Committee (A/67/20, para. 347) to organize at the fifty-sixth session of the Committee, in 2013, a half-day event entitled “Space: building the future today”, consisting of a panel of prominent women in the space-related field of space explorations, science, technology, education, business and policy and aiming to address the contribution of women to space activities, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first space flight by a woman, Valentina Tereshkova.

8. The Subcommittee noted that, as requested by the Committee, a planning meeting was held on the margins of the present session, on 20 February, and that activities planned to mark the anniversary included (a) a dedicated panel, comprised of prominent women in space activities, to be held on the afternoon of 12 June 2013, the first day of the fifty-sixth session of the Committee, (b) an evening event for the public, to be held on 13 June 2013 in the city of Vienna and (c) an exhibition at the Vienna International Centre during the session of the Committee.

9. The Subcommittee had before it a non-paper by the Secretariat with a draft plan of the anniversary event, which is contained on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs. Interested delegations were invited to provide their comments and ideas to the Office at their earliest convenience. The Subcommittee agreed that the number of scientific and technical presentations should be limited to a maximum of four presentations per meeting and that member States and permanent observers of the Committee should pay due attention to the need to keep the overall number of presentations in the session at a reasonable level.

10. The Subcommittee also agreed that the Secretariat might, if necessary, and upon consultation with the member State and permanent observer concerned, reduce the number of presentations requested.
