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Near-Earth objects**

Draft report of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects

1. Pursuant to paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 61/111 of 14 December 2006, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fourth session, established, for one year, a working group on near-Earth objects, in accordance with the workplan under that item. The Working Group held [...] meetings, on [...] February 2007.
2. Mr. Richard Tremayne-Smith (United Kingdom) was elected Chairman of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects at the 670th meeting of the Subcommittee, on 20 February 2006.
3. In accordance with the workplan under the item on near-Earth objects (A/AC.105/848, annex I, para. 20), the Working Group considered:
 - (a) Reports by Member States and international organizations on the range of activities related to near-Earth objects;
 - (b) Work and proposals of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects related to near-Earth objects;
 - (c) The range of, and suitable mechanisms for, further work on near-Earth objects.
4. The Working Group noted with satisfaction that intersessional work of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects had resulted in the interim report of the Action Team (A/AC.105/C.1/L.290).
5. The Working Group had before it a note by the Secretariat with information on research in the field of near-Earth objects carried out by Member States, international organizations and other entities (A/AC.105/863/Add.1 and 2).



6. The Working Group noted that member States had held informal consultations during the forty-fourth session of the Subcommittee, from 20 to 21 February, in order to consider the multi-year workplan for the agenda item on near-Earth objects.

7. The Working Group recommended that the Subcommittee should continue to consider the item on near-Earth objects in accordance with the following new multi-year workplan:

2008 Continue intersessional work and consider the reports submitted in response to the annual request for information on near-Earth object activities. The presentations would focus on national, regional and internationally collaborative activity for observation and analysis of near-Earth objects. While much progress is being made to reach current targets and new targets are under consideration, there remains a need to better coordinate observations and ensure timely follow-up. Update the interim report of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects.

2009 Continue annual reporting on near-Earth object activities and intersessional work in preparation for the 2009 theme, which will include an update on near-Earth object missions and submission of draft procedures related to threat handling at the international level. Review and update the interim report.

2010 Continue drafting (or agree on) international procedures for threat handling and review progress with international collaboration on cooperation and collaboration on observations. Review and update the interim report.

8. At its [2] meeting, on [22] February 2007, the Working Group adopted the present report.