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Draft report of the Working Group of the Whole

1. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 66/71, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, reconvened its Working Group of the Whole. The Working Group held four meetings from 7 to [...] February 2012, under the chairmanship of S. K. Shivakumar (India). The Working Group considered the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), space-system-based disaster management support, the draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Subcommittee, to be held in 2013, and organizational matters. At its fourth meeting, on [...] February, the Working Group adopted the present report.

United Nations Programme on Space Applications

2. For its consideration of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications, the Working Group of the Whole had before it the documents referred to under item 5 of the agenda of the Subcommittee (see para. [...] above). The Working Group noted the meetings, seminars, symposiums, training courses and workshops that had been proposed in the report of the Expert on Space Applications.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)

3. For its consideration of the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III, the Working Group of the Whole had before it the documents referred to under item 6 of the agenda of the Subcommittee (see para. [...] above).

4. The Working Group of the Whole noted that the General Assembly, in its resolution 66/71, had noted with satisfaction that a number of the recommendations of UNISPACE III had been implemented and that satisfactory progress was being



made in implementing the outstanding recommendations through national and regional activities. The Working Group of the Whole also noted its multi-year review of the status of the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III (A/AC.105/C.1/2010/CRP.5). In this regard, the Working Group agreed that it should not continue reviewing the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III.

5. The Working Group of the Whole agreed that at the next session of the Subcommittee, the Working Group should study the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, with a view to discussing ways and means of assisting the Subcommittee and the Committee in future activities that could be considered appropriate in relation to results of the Rio+20 conference.

6. The Working Group of the Whole recalled that the Declaration on the Fiftieth Anniversary of Human Space Flight and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/71, stressed the need to look more closely into how advanced space research, exploration systems and technologies could further contribute to meeting challenges, including that of global climate change, and to food security and global health.

7. The Working Group of the Whole noted with appreciation, in that context, the participation of WHO in the present session of the Subcommittee. The Working Group noted with satisfaction that the Action Team on Public Health had held a meeting during the session. The Working Group also noted with satisfaction that the delegation of Canada had presented to the Working Group a summary report on the workshop on the topic "Space technology for public health action in the context of climate change adaptations", held in June 2011 in Montreal, Canada. In this context, the Working Group noted that continued discussions were needed at the national, regional and international levels on the use of space technology to bring concrete benefits for meeting health needs, in particular in the fields of tele-epidemiology and tele-health.

Space-system-based disaster management support

8. For its consideration of space-system-based disaster management support, the Working Group of the Whole had before it the documents referred to under item 9 of the Subcommittee (see para. [...] above). The Working Group noted with satisfaction that the Programme Coordinator for the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) had made a statement in the Working Group on the activities carried out in 2011 and on the proposed revised UN-SPIDER workplan for the biennium 2012-2013. The Working Group noted the proposed revised workplan for the biennium 2012-2013 for the UN-SPIDER programme.

Draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

9. The Working Group of the Whole noted that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 66/71, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee would submit to the Committee its proposal for the draft provisional agenda for the

fiftieth session of the Subcommittee, to be held in 2013. The Working Group recommended that the draft provisional agenda for the fiftieth session be considered directly in the Subcommittee under its agenda item 16.

10. The Working Group of the Whole took note of several improvements related to organizational matters and method of work of the Subcommittee on the basis of decisions made by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-fourth session, in 2011, as reflected in the annotated provisional agenda for the current session of the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/C.1/L.310), and agreed that further consideration could be given to organizational matters in the Working Group during the fiftieth session of the Subcommittee, in 2013.
