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## Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Legal Subcommittee

Forty-sixth session

Vienna, 26 March-5 April 2007

### Provisional agenda\*

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.
2. Statement by the Chairman.
3. General exchange of views.
4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space.
5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.
6. Matters relating to:
  - (a) The definition and delimitation of outer space;
  - (b) The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union.
7. Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.
8. Examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

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\* In paragraph 4 of its resolution 61/111, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, taking into account the concerns of all countries, in particular those of developing countries, should consider items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as regular items of the agenda, should consider items 7 and 8 as single issues and items for discussion and should consider item 9 in accordance with the workplan adopted by the Committee. In paragraph 5 of the same resolution, the Assembly noted that the Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, would submit proposals to the Committee for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session, in 2008.



9. Practice of States and international organizations in registering space objects.
10. Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session.

## **Annotations**

### **4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space**

In paragraph 6 of its resolution 61/111, the General Assembly noted that the Legal Subcommittee would reconvene its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space and review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond the forty-sixth session of the Subcommittee.

At its fortieth session, in 2001, the Legal Subcommittee agreed that the topics addressed in the discussions of the Working Group would include the status of the treaties, the review of their implementation and obstacles to their universal acceptance, as well as the promotion of space law, especially through the United Nations Programme on Space Applications (A/AC.105/763 and Corr.1, para. 118). At its forty-first session, in 2002, the Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group would review any new, similar issues that might be raised in discussions in the Working Group, provided that those issues fell within its existing mandate (A/AC.105/787, paras. 138 and 140).

### **5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law**

In the discussion of item 5, member States may bring to the attention of the Legal Subcommittee any information on the activities of international organizations relating to space law.

### **6. Matters relating to:**

- (a) **The definition and delimitation of outer space**
- (b) **The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union**

In paragraph 7 of its resolution 61/111, the General Assembly noted that the Legal Subcommittee would reconvene its Working Group on this item only to consider matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space.

### **9. Practice of States and international organizations in registering space objects**

In paragraph 8 of its resolution 61/111, the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee should reconvene its Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects in accordance with the workplan adopted by the Committee at its forty-sixth session, in 2003. In accordance with that workplan, the Working Group would, in 2007, prepare a report to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

## Annex

### Organization of work

1. At its forty-fifth session, in 2006, the Legal Subcommittee agreed that a flexible organization of work should continue to be organized with a view to making the best use of the available conference services (A/AC.105/871, para. 11). The work of the Subcommittee has been scheduled to afford the working groups that will be reconvened under items 4, 6 (a) and 9 the maximum amount of time available.
2. At the close of the afternoon meetings on 26 and 27 March 2007, a symposium with the theme of capacity-building in space law, sponsored by the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law, will be held.
3. An indicative schedule of work is provided below.

### Indicative schedule of work<sup>a</sup>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
<b>Week of 26-30 March 2007</b>		
Monday, 26 March	Item 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda Item 2. Statement by the Chairman Item 3. General exchange of views	Item 3. General exchange of views Symposium on capacity-building in space law (day 1)
Tuesday, 27 March	Item 3. General exchange of views Item 4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space <sup>b</sup>	Item 3. General exchange of views Symposium on capacity-building in space law (day 2)
Wednesday, 28 March	Item 3. General exchange of views Item 4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space <sup>b</sup>	Item 4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space <sup>b</sup> Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law
Thursday, 29 March	Item 4. Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space <sup>b</sup> Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space <sup>c</sup>	Item 5. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space <sup>c</sup> Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Friday, 30 March	Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space <sup>e</sup> Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit Item 7. Nuclear power sources	Item 6 (a). The definition and delimitation of outer space <sup>e</sup> Item 6 (b). The character and utilization of the geostationary orbit Item 7. Nuclear power sources
<b>Week of 2-5 April 2007</b>		
Monday, 2 April	Item 7. Nuclear power sources Item 8. Examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment Item 9. Practice in registering space objects <sup>d</sup>	Item 8. Examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment Item 9. Practice in registering space objects <sup>d</sup>
Tuesday, 3 April	Item 8. Examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment Item 9. Practice in registering space objects <sup>d</sup> Item 10. Proposals to the Committee for new agenda items	Item 9. Practice in registering space objects <sup>d</sup> Item 10. Proposals to the Committee for new agenda items
Wednesday, 4 April	Item 9. Practice in registering space objects <sup>d</sup> Item 10. Proposals to the Committee for new agenda items	Item 10. Proposals to the Committee for new agenda items Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 4 Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 6 (a) Adoption of the report of the Working Group on agenda item 9
Thursday, 5 April	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee	Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

<sup>a</sup> At its thirty-eighth session, in 1995, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that the practice of allocating specific agenda items to particular meetings at a session should be ended and that, to assist in their planning, member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20)*, paras. 168 and 169 (b)).

<sup>b</sup> The Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 61/111, will meet during the time allocated for the consideration of item 4. The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 4 on Wednesday, 4 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.

<sup>c</sup> The Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 61/111, will meet during the

time allocated for the consideration of item 6 (a). The Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 6 (a) on Wednesday, 4 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.

- <sup>d</sup> The Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects, to be reconvened in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 61/111, will meet during the time allocated for the consideration of item 9. The Legal Subcommittee will resume its consideration of item 9 on Wednesday, 4 April, in order to adopt the report of the Working Group.
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