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of Outer Space**  
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**Additional paragraphs for the draft report of the Committee on  
the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/AC.105/L.275/Add.1)**

**Note by the Secretariat**

Please delete paragraph 41 in document A/AC.105/L.275/Add.1.

Please add the following paragraphs in document A/AC.105/L.275/Add.1 with the following:

*44bis.* The Committee took note of the proposal made by the delegations of Germany and Italy for the establishment, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international platform of data and information on objects in outer space for the promotion of a safe and sustainable development of the peaceful uses of outer space, supplied on an exclusively voluntary basis, that would be freely accessible to Member States (A/AC.105/2009/CRP.19).

*44ter.* In that connection, some delegations were of the view that it was important to make available information on the existing population of objects in outer space in order, inter alia, to avoid collisions in outer space between operational spacecraft, as well as between space debris and operational spacecraft, and to protect people from hazards associated with the re-entry of space debris. Concrete measures were required to make existing information and data on objects in outer space available for the promotion of the free access to, and safe and sustainable use of outer space.

*44quater.* The view was expressed that a thorough assessment should be carried out of the resources that would be required for the establishment of such a platform.

*44quinquis.* The view was expressed that the public data currently available which would be a primary source for the proposed platform, would not be sufficient for analysing possible collisions of spacecraft with space debris. That delegation also pointed out the need to consider the financial implications and the liability that could be incurred by the United Nations should it become the sponsor of the database of space objects.



*44sexies.* The Committee agreed to invite Member States of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC) to prompt this body to advise the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on the proposal made by the delegation of Germany and Italy, taking into account the views expressed at the present session of the Committee.

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