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ON THE WORK OF ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION

Addendum

I. RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS

A. Report of the Legal Sub-Committee

1. The Committee took note of the report of the Legal Sub-Committee on the
work of its fourteenth session (A/AC.105/L.97), covering the results of its
deliberations of the four items assigned to it by General Assembly resolution
324 (XXIX).

2. The Committee noted that the Working Group I of the Legal Sub-Committee had
pursued its work on the draft treaty relating to the moon, as referred to in
paragraphs 9 to 23 of the Sub-Committee's report, giving priority to the
question of natural resources of the moon, regarded by many delegations as
the problem whose solution would facilitate an agreement on the two other
remaining issues on the scope of the treaty and the information to be furnished	on missions to the moon. The Committee noted that as a result of the debate
which took place in the Working Group, the texts concerning natural resources
were redrafted into articles X and X bis, although a number of words or
sentences still appeared in square brackets and certain provisions were drafted
in two versions, both of which were placed in square brackets.

3. The Committee noted that the Working Group II established by the Legal
Sub-Committee to consider the question of elaboration of principles governing
the use of States of artificial earth satellites for direct television
broadcasting, with a view to concluding an international agreement or agreements
in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 2916 (XXVII) of 9 November 1972
and 294 (XXIX) of 12 November 1974, was able to make further progress by
drafting texts of principles on several new provisions in addition to continuing
its work on the texts of five principles drafted at its 1973 session. The
Committee noted with satisfaction that the texts of principles drafted by the
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Working Group and reproduced in annex II of the Legal Sub-Committee's report, include formulations on which consensus had been reached, in addition to texts of principles which include words or sentences in square brackets, or alternative formulations, on matters where consensus could not be reached.

1. The Committee noted with gratification that the Legal Sub-Committee was able to give detailed consideration this year to the item relating to legal implications of earth resources survey by remote sensing satellites as requested by General Assembly resolution 32/4 (XXX) of 12 November 1977. The Committee noted that the Working Group III established by the Legal Sub-Committee to consider the questions relating to this item was able to ascertain certain common elements to be found in the three draft international instruments submitted to it for consideration as well as the views expressed by many Member States, among which were:

(a) That remote sensing activities by means of space technology should be conducted in the benefit and in the interest of all mankind; this new technology would be of particular significance to developing countries in their plans and programmes for national development;

(b) That remote sensing activities by means of space technology should be conducted in accordance with international law including the United Nations Charter and the 1967 Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies;

(c) That the maximum benefits to all countries could be obtained by international co-operation at all levels, particularly on a regional basis;

(d) That States undertaking programmes for remote sensing activities by means of space technology should encourage international participation;

(e) That in remote sensing activities by means of space technology measures should be taken to promote efforts for the protection of the natural environment of the earth.

The Committee also noted that in addition to the areas of agreement referred to above, there were several other main questions which were raised and considered by the Working Group.

5. \(\text{Committee's consensus, after discussion of a working paper presented by Australia, to be inserted here}\)

6. The Committee, while noting that there remained areas where consensus had not yet been reached on the three items referred to above (i.e. the treaty relating to the moon, direct television broadcasting and remote sensing of the earth from space), was encouraged by the progress made and expressed the hope that more progress could be achieved in the next session of the Legal Sub-Committee.