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## Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session\*

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<sup>\*</sup> The present document was not submitted within the period required by the 10-week rule due to the finalization date of the report on the forty-seventh session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee, held from 31 March to 11 April 2008.



### **II.** Annotations<sup>\*</sup>

#### 3. Election of officers

In accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/111 of 14 December 2006 and acknowledged in its resolution 62/217 of 22 December 2007, the Committee will elect Ciro Arévalo Yepes (Colombia), Suvit Vibulsresth (Thailand) and Filipe Duarte Santos (Portugal) as its Chairman, First Vice-Chairman and Second Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur, respectively, for the period 2008-2009.

At its forty-fifth session, in 2008, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee elected Aboubekr Seddik Kedjar (Algeria) Chairman of the Subcommittee for a two-year term of office (A/AC.105/911, para. 9).

At its forty-seventh session, in 2008, the Legal Subcommittee elected Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic) Chairman of the Subcommittee for a two-year term of office (A/AC.105/917, para. 1).

#### 4. Statement by the Chairman

Following the adoption of the agenda by the Committee and the election of its officers, the Chairman of the Committee will make a statement reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the Committee that have taken place since its fiftieth session.

#### 5. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views.

#### 6. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes

In paragraph 43 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes and to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-third session, and agreed that during its consideration of the matter, the Committee could continue to consider ways to promote regional and interregional cooperation based on experiences stemming from the Space Conference of the Americas, the African Leadership Conference on Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Development and the role that space technology could play in the implementation of recommendations of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

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

In its resolution 59/2 of 20 October 2004, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider at its future sessions, starting with its

<sup>\*</sup> The annotations and the indicative schedule of work are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

forty-eighth session, the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) until the Committee considered that concrete results had been achieved.

In paragraph 44 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Committee had established a closer link between its work to implement the recommendations of UNISPACE III and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development by contributing to the thematic areas addressed by the Commission and agreed that the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat should be invited to participate in the sessions of the Commission and that the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat should participate in the sessions of the Commission and that the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat should participate in the sessions of the Commission and that the Director of the Office for Space Affairs of the Secretariat should participate in the sessions of the Commission and that the Director of the Commission to raise awareness and promote the benefits of space science and technology for sustainable development.

At its fiftieth session, the Committee reviewed and finalized its contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the thematic cluster 2008-2009, contained in document A/AC.105/892. The document has been made available to the Commission at its sixteenth session, to be held in New York from 5 to 16 May 2008.

The Committee, at its fiftieth session, agreed to continue contributing to the policy year of each of the two-year cycles of the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and to consider its contribution to the work of the Commission in the period 2010-2011 at its sessions in 2008 and 2009.

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fifth session, endorsed the recommendation of the Working Group of the Whole that the Secretariat should prepare, for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-first session, a template and guidelines for use by member States and permanent observers of the Committee in preparing inputs to the contribution of the Committee to issues to be addressed by the Commission on Sustainable Development in the period 2010-2011 (A/AC.105/911, para. 70).

#### 8. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-fifth session

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fifth session, had before it the report of the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities on its twentyeighth session (A/AC.105/909) and the report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2008-2009 (A/AC.105/910). The Subcommittee noted that the Inter-Agency Meeting had agreed on the desirability of reporting to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and of moving the dates of its annual meetings closer to the sessions of the Committee.

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fifth session, considered the substantive items outlined below.

#### United Nations Programme on Space Applications

The report of the Subcommittee on its forty-fifth session contains a review of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications and its activities for 2007 and 2008 (A/AC.105/911, paras. 30-40). The Subcommittee recommended the approval of the proposed programme of activities for 2008 (A/AC.105/911, para. 40). The Office for Outer Space Affairs will brief the Committee on the proposed activities for 2009.

In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group of the Whole, which considered, among other things, the United Nations Programme on Space Applications. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group, including its consideration of the Programme on Space Applications (A/AC.105/911, para. 29 and annex I, paras. 4 and 5).

In paragraph 19 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly agreed that the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations, should continue to report to the Committee on their activities on an annual basis.

In paragraph 49 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider a report on the activities of the International Satellite System for Search and Rescue as a part of its consideration of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee", and invited Member States to report on their activities regarding the System.

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

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session on its agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 60-72).

In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Subcommittee requested the Working Group of the Whole to consider the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III. The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group concerning the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III (A/AC.105/911, para. 61 and annex I, paras. 6-13).

## Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, including applications for developing countries and monitoring of the Earth's environment

In accordance with paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fifth session, heard a presentation by the secretariat of the Group on Earth Observations on the progress made in the implementation of the 10-year Work Plan for a Global Earth Observation System of Systems.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on this item at its forty-fifth session are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 73-83).

#### Space debris

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session on its agenda item on space debris are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 84-100).

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee noted with great satisfaction that in paragraph 26 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly had endorsed the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

The Subcommittee noted that it should periodically be informed by the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC) of any revisions of the IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines in the light of evolving technologies and debris mitigation practices and noted that the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space might be amended in accordance with such revisions (A/AC.105/911, para. 90).

#### Space-system-based disaster management support

The Committee, at its fiftieth session,<sup>1</sup> agreed that progress reports on United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) and its future workplans should be considered by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee under a regular agenda item on space-system-based disaster management support and that the agenda item should be included in the list of issues to be considered by its Working Group of the Whole. The Committee also agreed that the Office for Outer Space Affairs should report to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fifth session, on the activities carried out by UN-SPIDER in 2007.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session on its agenda item on space-system-based disaster management support are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 101-111).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the item (A/AC.105/911, para. 102 and annex I, paras. 14-21).

#### Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee considered an agenda item on recent developments in global navigation satellite systems as a new regular item. The Subcommittee reviewed issues related to the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG), the latest developments in the field of global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and new GNSS applications. Pursuant to paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Subcommittee also heard a presentation by the Chairman of ICG on the recent and future activities of ICG. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on this item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras 112-133).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20), para. 155.

#### Use of nuclear power sources in outer space

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on the use of nuclear power sources in outer space, under the multi-year workplan for the period 2007-2010, adopted at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, paras. 112-113 and annex II). The deliberations of the Subcommittee on this item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 134-153).

Pursuant to paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session reconvened its Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space. The report of the Working Group was endorsed by the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/911, para. 153 and annex II).

The Subcommittee noted that, at its forty-fifth session, the Working Group had considered the draft safety framework that had been prepared by the Joint Expert Group of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the International Atomic Energy Agency and that was contained in document A/AC.105/C.1/L.292. The updated text of the draft safety framework, prepared on the basis of some of the comments received from member States and revisions made by the Joint Expert Group, is contained in document A/AC.105/C.1/L.292/Rev.1 and has been circulated for further comments by member States and permanent observers of the Committee.

#### Near-Earth objects

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session considered its agenda item on near-Earth objects in accordance with the multi-year workplan adopted by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, annex III). The deliberations of the Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session on its agenda item on near-Earth objects are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 154-166 and annex III).

The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects, including the amended multi-year workplan of the Working Group for the period 2009-2011 (A/AC.105/911, para. 166 and annex III).

#### International Heliophysical Year 2007

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session considered its agenda item on the International Heliophysical Year 2007 in accordance with the three-year workplan adopted at its forty-second session (A/AC.105/848, annex I). The Subcommittee agreed that this item would be discussed as a single agenda item at its forty-sixth session, in 2009, and that Member States should continue to report to the Subcommittee on their activities related to the International Heliophysical Year. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on this item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 167-181).

Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session continued its consideration of this agenda item as a single issue/item for discussion. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on this item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/911, paras. 182-189).

# Draft provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

Pursuant to paragraphs 10 and 13 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session requested its Working Group of the Whole to consider a draft provisional agenda for its forty-sixth session. The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the draft provisional agenda, as contained in its report (A/AC.105/911, para. 192 and annex I, para. 27).

The Working Group of the Whole agreed that the topic for the 2009 symposium, to be organized by the International Astronautical Federation, should be "The role of Earth observation satellites in promoting understanding of and addressing climate change concerns".

#### 9. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-seventh session

In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session considered the substantive items below.

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

The Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session continued its consideration of the agenda item on the status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 31-45).

In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space. The report of the Working Group was endorsed by the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/917, para. 43 and annex I).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendation that the mandate of the Working Group be extended for one additional year. It was agreed that the Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, in 2009, would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that period (A/AC.105/917, para. 44).

The Subcommittee endorsed the agreement of the Working Group to continue its discussion on the issues related to the low rate of participation of States in the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies at its forty-eighth session (A/AC.105/917, annex I, para. 26).

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

The Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session continued its consideration of the agenda item on information on the activities of international organizations relating to space law. The deliberations of the Subcommittee are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 46-56).

Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and 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

The Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session continued its consideration of this item of its agenda. The deliberations of the Subcommittee are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 57-83).

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group (A/AC.105/917, para. 82 and annex II).

#### *Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space*

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session continued its consideration of its agenda item on the review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space (Assembly resolution 47/68) as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-eighth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 84-93).

#### 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

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session considered as a single issue/item for discussion, the 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. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-eighth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on the item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 94-109).

#### Capacity-building in space law

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session considered capacity-building in space law as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-eighth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 110-130).

General exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session considered the general exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space in accordance with the workplan adopted by the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session (A/AC.105/891, para. 136). The Subcommittee agreed that Irmgard Marboe (Austria) should be elected Chairperson of the working group to be established by the Subcommittee at its forty-eighth session, in 2009 (A/AC.105/917, para. 146).

Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-eighth session

The deliberations of the Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session on this item of its agenda are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/917, paras. 148-161). The Subcommittee agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its forty-eighth session, as contained in its report (A/AC.105/917, para. 151).

#### 10. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status

In paragraph 50 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, at its fifty-first session, its agenda item entitled "Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status".

#### **11.** Space and society

In paragraph 51 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, at its fifty-first session, under its agenda item entitled "Space and society", the special theme for the focus of discussions "Space and education".

Pursuant to the request of the Committee at its fiftieth session, the Office for Outer Space Affairs will make a presentation on its education and capacity-building programme.<sup>2</sup>

### 12. Space and water

In paragraph 52 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-first session, its agenda item entitled "Space and water".

## **13.** International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development

In paragraph 54 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-first session, its agenda item entitled "International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20), para. 251.

data for sustainable development", in accordance with the multi-year workplan adopted by the Committee at its forty-ninth session.<sup>3</sup>

In accordance with the multi-year workplan agreed at its forty-ninth session,<sup>4</sup> delegations are invited to make expert presentations on experiences in the establishment of appropriate national infrastructure for space-derived geospatial data collection, processing and application, including human resource training, technical infrastructure and financial requirements, and institutional arrangements. The Committee also recalled its understanding reached at the forty-ninth session that the workplan could be revised as necessary for 2009 at the Committee's fifty-second session.<sup>5</sup>

#### 14. Other matters

Proposed strategic framework for the programme on the peaceful uses of outer space for the period 2010-2011

The Committee will have before it for its consideration the proposed strategic framework for the programme on the peaceful uses of outer space for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6 (Prog.5)).

## Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2010-2011

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 58/89 of 9 December 2003, the General Assembly endorsed the agreement reached by the Committee on the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,<sup>6</sup> on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,<sup>7</sup> which had been endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 52/56 of 10 December 1997.

In accordance with the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Committee at its fifty-first session should reach agreement on all the officers of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the 2010-2011 term of office. For this purpose, the five regional groups should reach consensus and transmit the name of their agreed candidate to the Committee.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/61/20), paras. 301-303 and ibid., Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20), paras 265 and 281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid., Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/61/20), para. 302 and Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20), para. 281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid., Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20), para. 281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid., Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20), annex II, paras. 5-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ibid., Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/52/20), annex I; see also Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20), annex II, appendix III.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In accordance with the agreement reached by the Committee at its forty-sixth session, the Group of Eastern European States will hold the office of Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Group of African States the office of First Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States the office of Second Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Committee, the Group of Western European and Other States the office of Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Group of Asian States the office of Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee for the period 2010-2011.

#### Future role and activities of the Committee

In paragraph 53 of its resolution 62/217, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Committee had considered, at its fiftieth session, under its agenda item entitled "Other matters", the issue of the future role and activities of the Committee, and agreed that consideration of the future role and activities of the Committee should be continued at the fifty-first session of the Committee, and in the margin of the forty-fifth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and of the forty-seventh session of the Legal Subcommittee. The Committee, at its fiftieth session, had before it a working paper submitted by the Chairman of the Committee, entitled "Future role and activities of the Committee, on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" (A/AC.105/L.268 and Corr.1).

#### Proposal for a new item on the agenda of the Committee

At its forty-fifth session, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee noted that France would propose a new item, entitled "Long-term sustainability of space activities", at the fifty-first session of the Committee, to be included on the agenda of the Committee at its fifty-second session, for consideration under a multi-year workplan (A/AC.105/C.1/2008/CRP.11). The Subcommittee further noted that the Committee could consider how its Legal Subcommittee and Scientific and Technical Subcommittee could contribute to the multi-year workplan (A/AC.105/911, para. 191).

#### Membership of the Committee

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/217, decided that Bolivia and Switzerland should become members of the Committee.

#### Observer status

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session took note of the pending requests by the European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the Secure World Foundation for permanent observer status with the Committee (A/AC.105/911, para. 6). The Subcommittee also took note of the request by the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization for permanent observer status with the Committee (A/AC.105/911, para. 6). The Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session took note of the request by the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization for permanent observer status with the Committee (A/AC.105/911, para. 6). The Legal Subcommittee at its forty-seventh session took note of the request by the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization for permanent observer status with the Committee (A/AC.105/917, para. 5).

The Committee at its fifty-first session will take a decision on each of those requests.

#### Other matters

The Committee may wish to discuss matters other than those listed above, as appropriate.

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## Indicative schedule of work\*

<sup>\*</sup> At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that 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), para. 169 (b)).

Date	Agenda item	Morning	Agenda item	Afternoon
Thursday, 19 June 2008	13	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development	14	Other matters
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