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Provisional agenda for the fifty-third session*

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* The present document was not submitted within the period required by the 10-week rule owing to the need to await the finalization of the report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-ninth session, held from 22 March to 1 April 2010.



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3. Election of officers

In accordance with the decisions taken by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-second session and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/86, the Committee will elect Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania), Nomfuneko Majaja (South Africa) and Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) its Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur, respectively, for the period 2010-2011.

At its forty-seventh session, in 2010, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee elected Ulrich Huth (Germany) its Chair for a two-year term of office (A/AC.105/958, para. 9).

At its forty-ninth session, in 2010, the Legal Subcommittee elected Ahmad Talebzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) its Chair for a two-year term of office (A/AC.105/942, para. 1).

4. Statement by the Chair

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

5. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views. As a general guideline, statements under this item should last no longer than 10 minutes.

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

In paragraph 42 of its resolution 64/86, 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-fifth 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 Conferences of the Americas and the African Leadership Conferences on Space Science and Technology for Sustainable Development, and the role that space technology could

* 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.

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, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider at its future sessions, starting with its 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 its resolution 64/86, the Assembly noted with appreciation that a number of the recommendations set out in the Committee's Plan of Action on the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III had been implemented and that satisfactory progress was being made in implementing the outstanding recommendations.

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III (A/AC.105/958, annex I, sect. III). The Subcommittee welcomed the decision by the Working Group of the Whole to focus its efforts relating to the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III on the Committee's contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development (A/AC.105/958, para. 56, and annex I, para. 6).

The Committee will have before it a conference room paper containing a template for the preparation of its contribution to the work of the Commission for the thematic cluster for 2012-2013.

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

In accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, considered the substantive items outlined below.

United Nations Programme on Space Applications

The report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-seventh session contains a review of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications and its activities for 2009 and 2010 (A/AC.105/958, paras. 27-35). The Subcommittee recommended the approval of the proposed programme of activities for 2010 (A/AC.105/958, para. 35). The Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat will brief the Committee on the proposed activities for 2011.

In accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, 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.105/958, para. 25, and annex I, paras. 2 and 3).

In paragraph 25 of its resolution 64/86, the 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.

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 on its agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 47-57).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III (A/AC.105/958, annex I, sect. III).

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

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its agenda item on matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 58-66).

Space debris

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its agenda item on space debris are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 67-89).

The Subcommittee welcomed the presentation made by the representative of India, in his capacity as Chair of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC), pursuant to the agreement of the Committee contained in paragraph 116 of its report on its fifty-second session, in 2009.¹ The Subcommittee requested IADC to inform it of any revisions made to the IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines in the light of evolving technologies and debris mitigation practices. The Subcommittee noted that the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee might have to be amended in accordance with such revisions (A/AC.105/958, para. 73).

Space-system-based disaster management support

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction the progress made within the framework of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) in the implementation of the platform programme for the period 2007-2009.

In paragraph 21 of the same resolution, the Assembly endorsed the workplan of the UN-SPIDER programme for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/AC.105/937, annex) and encouraged Member States to provide all necessary support, on a voluntary basis, including financial support, to enable it to carry out the workplan.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/64/20).*

In paragraph 22 of the same resolution, the Assembly welcomed the fact that, in accordance with its resolution 61/110, regional support offices had been established in Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nigeria and Romania, and that a cooperation agreement had been reached with the Asian Disaster Reduction Centre to support the implementation of activities within the framework of UN-SPIDER.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its agenda item on space-system-based disaster management support are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 90-102).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the item (A/AC.105/958, para. 102, and annex I, paras. 10-13).

The Committee will have before it a conference room paper containing a proposal for its consideration of the establishment of a fund for SpaceAid, as requested by the Working Group of the Whole of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/958, annex I, para. 12).

Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

In paragraph 18 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly welcomed the progress made by the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG) towards achieving compatibility and interoperability among global and regional space-based positioning, navigation and timing systems and in the promotion of the use of global navigation satellite systems and their integration into national infrastructure, particularly in developing countries.

In paragraph 19 of the same resolution, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the Office for Outer Space Affairs should continue to serve as the executive secretariat of ICG and its Providers' Forum.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its agenda item on recent developments in global navigation satellite systems are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 103-121).

Use of nuclear power sources in outer space

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly welcomed with satisfaction the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Applications in Outer Space, adopted by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session and endorsed by the Committee at its fifty-second session.

In paragraph 12 of the same resolution, the Assembly noted that the Commission on Safety Standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency had agreed on the Safety Framework at its twenty-fifth meeting, in April 2009, and welcomed the constructive and efficient cooperation between the Subcommittee and the Agency in the preparation of the Safety Framework, which was an example of successful inter-agency cooperation within the United Nations system.

The deliberations of the Subcommittee on its agenda item on the use of nuclear power sources in outer space are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 122-137).

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 64/86, the Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, reconvened its Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power

Sources in Outer Space. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group, including the agreement on the Working Group's workplan for the period 2010-2015 (A/AC.105/958, para. 134, and annex II).

Near-Earth objects

In paragraph 9 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee should reconvene its Working Group on Near-Earth Objects. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects (A/AC.105/958, para. 152, and annex III).

The deliberations of the Subcommittee on its agenda item on near-Earth objects are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 138-152).

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, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee welcomed the information provided in the annual report for 2009 of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radiocommunication Bureau on the use of the geostationary satellite orbit and other orbits and invited ITU to continue submitting reports to it.

The deliberations of the Subcommittee on its agenda item on the examination of the physical nature of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 153-161).

International Space Weather Initiative

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly welcomed the fact that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, would begin consideration under a multi-year workplan of a new item entitled "International Space Weather Initiative".

The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 162-173).

Long-term sustainability of outer space activities

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly welcomed the fact that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, would begin consideration under a multi-year workplan of a new item entitled "Long-term sustainability of outer space activities". The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/958, paras. 174-203).

The Subcommittee agreed that any best-practice guidelines that might be developed should be implemented on a voluntary basis and be focused on practical and prudent short- and medium-term measures that could be implemented in a timely manner.

The Subcommittee recognized that, should such guidelines be developed, adequate provision should be made to enable the guidelines to be reviewed and updated in the

future in the light of experience gained from their implementation and of new challenges that might emerge from future developments in the use of outer space.

The Subcommittee established the Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities and elected Peter Martinez (South Africa) its Chair.

The Subcommittee recommended to the Committee that, taking into account the importance of the item, the Working Group be allowed to hold one meeting during the fifty-third session of the Committee, in June 2010, with interpretation services in the six official languages of the United Nations, with a view to further developing its terms of reference and a method of work.

The Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group should examine the long-term sustainability of outer space activities in all its aspects, including its contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, taking into account the concerns of all countries, in particular those of developing countries, and consistent with the peaceful uses of outer space. The Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group should avail itself of the progress made within existing entities, including but not limited to commercial entities operating within the space industry, the other working groups of the Subcommittee, the Conference on Disarmament, ITU, IADC, the International Organization for Standardization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Space Environment Service. The Subcommittee agreed that the Working Group should avoid duplicating the work being done within those international entities and instead identify areas of concern for the long-term sustainability of outer space activities that were not covered by them.

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

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, requested its Working Group of the Whole to consider a draft provisional agenda for its forty-eighth 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.105/958, para. 205, and annex I, para. 18).

The Working Group of the Whole agreed that the topic for the symposium to be held in 2011 by the Committee on Space Research, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), should be “Planetary protection” (A/AC.105/958, annex I, para. 15). The Working Group of the Whole requested the Secretariat to take measures, in close consultation with the Chair of the Subcommittee, to rationalize and optimize the use of time of the Subcommittee, including with regard to the scheduling of the symposium (A/AC.105/958, annex I, para. 17).

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

In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, considered the substantive items below.

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

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, should reconvene its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

The Subcommittee 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.105/942, paras. 27-41).

The Subcommittee expressed satisfaction at the holding, in conjunction with its session, of an informal seminar on the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, organized by Austria. The main purpose of the seminar was to address the benefits of adherence to the Moon Agreement and the reasons why some States had not adhered to the Agreement, and thus to provide valuable input for the discussion of the Subcommittee and the Working Group.

The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group (A/AC.105/942, para. 28, 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 fiftieth session, in 2011, would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that period (A/AC.105/942, para. 40).

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

The Legal Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 42-54).

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 continued its consideration of the agenda item on 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 ITU. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 55-75).

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, the 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.105/942, para. 57, and annex II).

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

The Legal Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on the review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on its agenda. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 76-88).

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 Legal Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on 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 as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its fiftieth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 89-106).

Capacity-building in space law

The Legal Subcommittee considered its agenda item on 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 fiftieth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 107-126).

General exchange of information on national mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures

The Legal Subcommittee considered its agenda item on the general exchange of information on national mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its fiftieth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 127-148).

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

The Legal Subcommittee considered its agenda item on 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 Committee at its fiftieth session.² The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 149-159).

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 64/86, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group (A/AC.105/942, para. 150, and annex III).

² Ibid., *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/62/20), para. 219.

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

In its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, would submit proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee at its fiftieth session, in 2011. The deliberations of the Subcommittee at its forty-ninth session on the item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/942, paras. 160-172). The Subcommittee agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its fiftieth session, as contained in its report (A/AC.105/942, para. 163).

The Subcommittee agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during the first week of its fiftieth session (A/AC.105/942, para. 166).

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

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee, at its fifty-third session, should continue to consider its agenda item entitled “Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status”.

11. Space and society

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee, at its fifty-third session, should continue to consider, under its agenda item entitled “Space and society”, the special theme for the focus of discussions “Space and education”.

The Working Group of the Whole of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee recommended that the issue of promoting the greater participation of young people in space science and technology be considered under the item “Space and society” of the agenda of the Committee (A/AC.105/958, annex I, para. 9).

12. Space and water

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee, at its fifty-third session, should continue to consider its agenda item entitled “Space and water”.

13. Space and climate change

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee, at its fifty-third session, should continue to consider its agenda item entitled “Space and climate change”.

14. Use of space technology in the United Nations system

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee, at its fifty-third session, should continue to consider its agenda item entitled “Use of space technology in the United Nations system”.

The Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities held its thirtieth session in Geneva from 10 to 12 March 2010. The report of the Inter-Agency Meeting

(A/AC.105/960) 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 2010-2011 (A/AC.105/961), endorsed by the Inter-Agency Meeting at its thirtieth session, will be submitted to the Committee at its fifty-third session.

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

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-third session, its agenda item entitled “International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development”, to allow the Committee to finalize its report containing recommendations on ways and means of fostering international cooperation with a view to building up national infrastructure for the use of space-derived geospatial data.

16. Other matters

Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2012-2013

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 58/89, the General Assembly endorsed the agreement reached by the Committee on the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,³ on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,⁴ which had been endorsed by the Assembly in its resolution 52/56.

In accordance with the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, the Committee should reach agreement at its fifty-third session on all the officers of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the 2012-2013 term of office. For this purpose, each of the five regional groups should reach consensus and transmit the name of its agreed candidate to the Committee.⁵

³ Ibid., *Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, paras. 5-9.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, 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.

⁵ In accordance with the agreement reached by the Committee at its forty-sixth session, a representative of a country from the Group of Asian States will hold the office of Chair of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, a representative of a country from the Group of Western European and Other States the office of First Vice-Chair of the Committee, a representative of a country from the Group of Eastern European States the office of Second Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Committee, a representative of a country from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States the office of Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and a representative of a country from the Group of African States the office of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee for the period 2012-2013.

Future role and activities of the Committee

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 64/86, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-third session, under its agenda item “Other matters”, the issue of its future role and activities.

The Committee will have before it a working paper submitted by the Chair of the Committee for the period 2008-2009 entitled “Towards a United Nations space policy” (A/AC.105/L.278).

Membership of the Committee

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-seventh session, and the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, took note of the application of Tunisia for membership of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/AC.105/958, para. 4, and A/AC.105/942, para. 5). At its fifty-third session, the Committee will take a decision on that request.

Observer status

The Committee, at its fifty-second session, agreed to postpone its decision on the granting of permanent observer status to the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety until its fifty-third session, taking into account the need for further information.

The Committee will review, at its fifty-third session, its rules and procedures on the granting of permanent observer status to non-governmental organizations.

Organizational matters

The Committee, at its fifty-second session, requested the group composed of the current, incoming and outgoing members of its Bureau and the Bureaux of its subsidiary bodies (“Group of 15”) to consider how to rationalize and optimize the use of the time of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, taking into account the need to balance the value brought by the technical presentations and the need to have adequate time for substantive consideration of the issues before the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.⁶ The Committee, at its fifty-third session, will consider this matter. The Committee may wish to address other matters relating to the organization of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies.

Other matters

The Committee may wish to discuss matters in addition to those listed above, as appropriate.

⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/64/20)*, para. 326.

Annex

Indicative schedule of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifty-third session*

The schedule of work laid out below is a general guide to the dates and times when items will be addressed during the course of the session. The consideration of all items can be advanced, extended or delayed, depending on the requirements of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and any organizational constraints faced during the course of the session.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Wednesday, 9 June 2010	1	Opening of the session	5	General exchange of views
	2	Adoption of the agenda	6	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes
	3	Election of officers	7	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III
	4	Statement by the Chair		
	5	General exchange of views		
Thursday, 10 June 2010	5	General exchange of views	5	General exchange of views
	6	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes	6	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes
	7	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III	7	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III
Friday, 11 June 2010	8	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-seventh session	8	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-seventh session
	9	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-ninth session	9	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-ninth session
	10	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status	10	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status
Monday, 14 June 2010	8	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty seventh session		Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee
	9	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-ninth session		
	10	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status		
Tuesday, 15 June 2010	11	Space and society	11	Space and society
	12	Space and water	12	Space and water
	13	Space and climate change	13	Space and climate change

* At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee 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)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Wednesday, 16 June 2010	11	Space and society	14	Use of space technology in the United Nations system
	12	Space and water	15	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development
	13	Space and climate change	16	Other matters
Thursday, 17 June 2010	14	Use of space technology in the United Nations system	14	Use of space technology in the United Nations system
	15	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development	15	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development
	16	Other matters	16	Other matters
Friday, 18 June 2010	17	Report of the Committee to the General Assembly	17	Report of the Committee to the General Assembly
