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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Draft presented by the Rapporteur

1. By resolution 1348 (XIII), of 13 December 1958, the General Assembly established an ad hoc Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space consisting of the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
2. The work of the ad hoc Committee began on 6 May 1959 and concluded on June 1959.
3. The representatives of the following States took part in the work: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Iran, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
4. The Committee elected the following officers:
Chairman: Dr. Koto Matsudaira (Japan)
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Mario Amadeo (Argentina)
Rapporteur: Mr. Joseph Nisot (Belgium)
5. The Committee established two committees of the whole, one technical under the chairmanship of Dr. D.C. Rose (Canada), and the other legal under the chairmanship of Prof. Antonio Ambrosini (Italy). At the request of the ad hoc Committee, the Secretary-General prepared a report covering paragraph 1(a) of the General Assembly resolution.
6. The ad hoc Committee and its committees of the whole have held twenty-four meetings.

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7. By the terms of resolution 1348 (XIII), the ad hoc Committee was required to report to the General Assembly on the four following matters described in paragraph 1 of the resolution:

"(a) The activities and resources of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies and of other international bodies relating to the peaceful uses of outer space;

"(b) The area of international co-operation and programmes in the peaceful uses of outer space which could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices to the benefit of States irrespective of the state of their economic or scientific development, taking into account the following proposals, inter alia:

- (i) Continuation on a permanent basis of the outer space research now being carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;
- (ii) Organization of the mutual exchange and dissemination of information on outer space research;
- (iii) Co-ordination of national research programmes for the study of outer space, and the rendering of all possible assistance and help towards their realization;

"(c) The future organizational arrangements to facilitate international co-operation in this field within the framework of the United Nations;

"(d) The nature of legal problems which may arise in the carrying out of programmes to explore outer space;"

8. Each of these four matters is the subject of a separate part of the present report, which the ad hoc Committee adopted (unanimously) on ___ June 1959:

Part I: paragraph 1(a)
Part II: paragraph 1(b)
Part III: paragraph 1(d)
Part IV: paragraph 1(c).

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DRAFT REPORT ON PARAGRAPH 1(c) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 1348 (XIII)

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Corrigendum

Page 1, paragraph 1 under "C. CONCLUSIONS" should be replaced by the following text:

"1. The Ad Hoc Committee has felt that its report under paragraph 1(c) should briefly survey the types of long-term organizational arrangements which are possible within the framework of the United Nations, and relate these to the reports made in connexion with sub-sections (a), (b) and (d) of paragraph 1 of resolution 1348 (XIII). The findings in the reports on those paragraphs underline the importance already attached by the General Assembly to the common interest of mankind in outer space. While its studies fortify the belief expressed in General Assembly resolution 1348 (XIII), which stressed the need for vigour in the development of programmes of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space the Committee recognizes that continued study and review of the problem is necessary. Accordingly, the Committee has limited its conclusions to the steps toward such development to be taken at the present stage without taking a position on the longer-range measures."
