COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York on Tuesday, 6 October 1964, at 10:55 a.m.

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Organization of work
PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr. LACHS (Poland)

Members:
Mr. NAQO (Albania)
Mr. BELTRAMINO (Argentina)
Mr. COOK (Australia)
Mr. ZEMANEK (Austria)
Mr. TURCH (Belgium)
Mr. CARVALHO SILOS (Brazil)
Mr. DIMITROV (Bulgaria)
Mr. DOSELL (Canada)
Mr. FRIGA (Czechoslovakia)
Mr. DELEAU (France)
Mr. FORSI (Hungary)
Mr. MISHRA (India)
Mr. AMIRMOOKI (Iran)
Mr. AMBROSI (Italy)
Mr. YAMAZAKI (Japan)
Mr. HAKIM (Lebanon)
Miss AGUIRRE (Mexico)
Mr. TSEKEN-OCHIR (Mongolia)
Mr. TABITI (Morocco)
Mr. OSIECKI (Poland)
Mr. BOLINTIN-SANJU (Romania)
Mr. KAREPA-SMART (Sierra Leone)
Mr. KELLBERG (Sweden)
Mr. MOROZOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
Mr. IBRAHIM (United Arab Republic)
Miss CUTTERIDGE (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. MESEKER (United States of America)

Representative of a specialized agency:

Dr. FITZGERALD (International Civil Aviation Organization)

Secretariat:
Miss CHEN (Secretary of the Sub-Committee)
The CHAIRMAN said that, in the light of the informal consultations which
he had held with members of the Sub-Committee regarding the organization of work,
he seemed to him that it would be best for the Sub-Committee to follow the
procedure which it had adopted at its previous session and to divide into
two Working Groups: one dealing with assistance to and return of astronauts
and space craft and the other dealing with liability for damage caused by
objects launched into outer space. As it was unlikely that the Sub-Committee
would be able to reach agreement at its present session on Conventions regarding
two subjects, he considered that it would be best to concentrate on the
drafting of a Convention on the less complicated and less controversial of the
two subjects, which was that of assistance to and return of astronauts and
space craft.

He therefore suggested that the two Working Groups should hold two meetings
each in the present week, but that in the following week the Working Group on
Assistance should hold two meetings for every meeting of the Working Group on
Liability. It went without saying that he himself had no desire arbitrarily
to favour one of the Working Groups over the other but he was sure that the
procedure which he had suggested would give the most positive results. If he
heard no objections, he would assume that the Sub-Committee agreed to that
procedure.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.5 a.m.