

Mr. CAPOTORTI (Italy), supported by Mr. YOSHIDA (Japan), suggested that Working Group I should meet one more time before a drafting group was set up, and try to remove the remaining square brackets in the draft treaty relating to the moon, particularly with regard to the application of the treaty.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that Working Group I should meet the following Monday morning and Working Group II in the afternoon.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that, in accordance with the request of several members of the Sub-Committee, there should be no meeting on the afternoon of Friday, 20 April, which was the last day of the session.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.20 a.m.



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Chairman:

Mr. WYZNER

Poland

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DRAFT CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE FOR THE EXPLORATION OR USE OF OUTER SPACE (PUOS/C.2(XII)/WG.II/1) (continued)

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document PUOS/C.2(XII)/WG.II/1, dated 6 April 1973, containing the text of a draft convention on registration of objects launched into space which had resulted from the discussions of Working Group II at its meetings on 5 and 6 April 1973. He also drew attention to Working Paper 1, containing a table comparing the provisions of the United States proposal relating to the draft convention on registration with those of the Canadian-French proposal on the same subject.

DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON (continued)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that at its previous meeting the Sub-Committee had agreed to consider the establishment of a Drafting Group on the Treaty Relating to the Moon, following the pattern of the Group established in connexion with the Convention on International Liability. He suggested that the Drafting Group should be composed of eight countries, namely Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States, it being understood that any other member of the Sub-Committee would be free to attend meetings of the Group to express its views. The Drafting Group would be responsible for drafting all the provisions of the draft treaty relating to the moon which had been, at least tentatively, approved by the Working Group or the Sub-Committee itself, including the title, the preamble and the final clauses, and would also deal with the question of the structure of the treaty. The texts and proposals accepted by the Drafting Group would be subject to approval by the Sub-Committee. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Sub-Committee agreed to his suggestions.

It was so decided.

Mr. SARDENBERG (Brazil) said that it was his delegation's understanding that the fact that the Drafting Group would be competent to deal with the title and preamble of the treaty would in no way preclude their further consideration by the Sub-Committee or the Working Group and that the Drafting Group would not exceed the formal drafting functions usually undertaken by such bodies.

The CHAIRMAN confirmed that the Brazilian delegation's understanding was correct. He proposed that the Sub-Committee should adjourn and reconvene immediately as Working Group I.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.