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Legal Subcommittee**

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Chairman: Mr. S. Marchisio (Italy)

The meeting was called to order at 10.21 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Good morning distinguished delegates, I now declare open the 725th meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

This morning we will continue and suspend our consideration of agenda item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets, pending discussions in the Working Group on this agenda item. We will also continue our consideration of agenda item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects, and begin our consideration of agenda item 10, Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for New Items to be Considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its Forty-Fifth Session.

I then intend to adjourn this meeting of the Subcommittee so that the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects can hold its third meeting, and the Working Group on the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets can hold its fifth meeting.

Examination of the preliminary draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (agenda item 8)

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to continue our consideration of agenda item 8,

Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

I have no speakers on my list.

Are there any delegations wishing to take the floor at this morning's session.

I see none.

We will, therefore, suspend our consideration of agenda item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets, pending discussions in the Working Group on this item.

Practice of States and international organizations in registering space objects (agenda item 9)

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to continue our consideration of agenda item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects.

I have no speakers on my list.

Are there any delegations wishing to take the floor at this morning's session on agenda item 9?

The room keeps silent. I see none.

We will, therefore, continue and hopefully suspend our consideration of agenda item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering

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Space Objects, this afternoon, pending discussions in the Working Group on this agenda item.

Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its forty-fifth session (agenda item 10)

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to begin our consideration of agenda item 10, Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for New Items to be Considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its Forty-Fifth Session.

I would like to remind delegates once again of the proposals for new items that were retained by the Subcommittee in 2004 for discussion at its future sessions. Those proposals are the following:

(a) the appropriateness and desirability of drafting a universal comprehensive convention on international space law, proposed by China, Greece, the Russian Federation and Ukraine;

(b) review of the Principles governing the use by States of artificial Earth satellites for international direct television broadcasting with a view to possibly transforming the text into a treaty in the future, proposed by Greece;

(c) review of existing norms of international law applicable to space debris, proposed by the Czech Republic and Greece;

(d) analysis of current remote sensing practices within the framework of the Principles relating to remote sensing of the Earth from outer space, proposed by Brazil and space debris, proposed by France and supported by Member and Cooperating States of ESA.

Once again, I have no speakers on my list.

Are there any delegations wishing to take the floor at this stage of our deliberations on this agenda item on new agenda items for the forty-fifth session of the Legal Subcommittee?

I see no reaction at all.

Distinguished delegates, we will, therefore, continue our consideration of agenda item 10, Proposals to the Committee Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for New Items to be Considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its Forty-Fifth Session, this afternoon.

Distinguished delegates, I will shortly adjourn this meeting of the Subcommittee so that the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects can hold its third meeting, and the Working Group on the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets can hold its fifth meeting.

Before doing so, however, I would like to inform delegates of our schedule of work for this afternoon's meeting.

We will reconvene here this afternoon promptly at 3.00 p.m. At that time, we will continue and hopefully suspend our consideration of agenda item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects, pending discussions in the Working Group on this item. We will also continue our consideration of agenda item 10, Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for New Items to be Considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its Forty-Fifth Session.

I then intend to adjourn the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 6(a), Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, can hold its seventh meeting to adopt its report. This is, of course, contingent on the report of the Working Group being available in all six languages.

I would also like to inform you that the Working Group on Agenda Item 9 will hold its fourth meeting and, if necessary, the Working Group on Agenda Item 8 will hold its sixth meeting.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule?

I see none.

I now invite Niklas Hedman of Sweden to chair the third meeting of the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects. This will be followed by the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets, chaired by Vladimir Kopal of the Czech Republic.

This meeting is now adjourned until 3.00 p.m. this afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m.