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Chairman: Mr. R. González (Chile)

The meeting was called to order at 3.12 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Ladies and gentlemen, we are now going to proceed with the approval of the Working Groups' reports and the Chairs of the Working Groups will present the relevant reports to us.

Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space (agenda item 6)

However, I would like to proceed now by completing our consideration of agenda item 6, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

I recognize the Interim Chair of the Working Group on Item 6, Professor Kopal, to present the report of the Chairman to this meeting of our Subcommittee.

You have the floor Sir.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman for you giving me the floor. I have the pleasure to advise you and, of course, with the consent of all delegations that the draft report of the Chairman of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space has been considered a few minutes ago by the Working Group. I had the honour to guide this consideration because the Chairman of the Working Group who prepared, with the help of the Secretariat, the text of this draft report, had to depart. And I can advise you that the draft report was adopted. We considered it paragraph-by-paragraph and even in the most important paragraphs, sub-paragraph-by-sub-

paragraph, and with a minor change in the note, the footnote concerning the order of countries that are listed here, all text has been approved.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much for presenting the report, Professor Kopal. I am very grateful to you personally for your efforts and I would like to thank you on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group who is not here today. So congratulations on your deft chairmanship of that Group.

Now I would like to ask the sound engineer to turn up the sound, if you might, because I cannot hear the Spanish interpreters clearly.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would now like to adopt the report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Item 6, which is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2006/TRE/L.1, as amended. A very long document number, as you will have noticed. One has to say that the report is similarly dense.

I can, therefore, take it that the Subcommittee has adopted the report of the Chairman of the Working Group on Item 6.

We have, therefore, completed our examination of item 6, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

Matters relating to: (a) the definition and delimitation of outer space; (b) the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit (agenda item 8)

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We now turn our attention to item 8. We will now continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 8, Matters Relating to: (a) the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space; and (b) the Character and Utilization of the Geostationary Orbit.

I would like to give the floor to the Chairman of the Working Group on Item 8, Professor Filho, to present his report. You have the floor Sir.

Mr. J. MONSERRAT FILHO (Brazil) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much Sir. Mr. Chairman, delegates, it is, of course, of great satisfaction to me to be able to communicate to you that the work of the Working Group on Item 8(a) of the agenda, Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, conducted during the current session of the Legal Subcommittee was very productive and fruitful and the report was approved with only two small amendments. The Working Group held five sessions during which it drafted a series of recommendations and approved a set of decisions which constitute, without any doubt, a good basis for the future work of its meetings during the forty-sixth period of sessions of the Legal Subcommittee in 2007.

The Working Group's report, as just adopted by its members, is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2006/DEF/L.1.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): I would like to thank the Chairman of the Working Group for his report and I would also like to thank Mr. Filho for his work on this complicated matter. This is a matter where there have been disputes in the past and, therefore, I would like to thank you very much for your report Sir. We will now proceed to approve the report that has just been presented by the Chair of the Working Group on the relevant item, the report that you adopted yourselves just a few moments ago in the Working Group. The report I, therefore, consider to be adopted.

We have, therefore, concluded our consideration of agenda item 8 of our agenda.

Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

We will now turn our attention to the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

The draft report of this session of the Subcommittee is available in three parts and the

relevant numbers are L.263 and Addendum 1 and Addendum 2. The Secretariat expects to distribute the two remaining parts, Addenda 1 and 2 in all languages tomorrow morning.

The first part of the draft part of the report, contained in document L.263, contains an introduction, as well as the section on the general exchange of views.

I would now like to begin adoption of this first part of the report.

Do all delegations have the document before them?

Apparently everybody has document L.263 in front of them. Very good.

Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, we will now proceed with a paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the first part of the report.

So the introduction, 1A, paragraph 1

Here's a chance for you to criticize the chairmanship. Any amendments to paragraph 1.

It is, therefore, adopted.

Paragraph 2.

Any comments?

Approved.

Paragraph 3. Any queries? Any amendments?

It is adopted.

Paragraph 4 contains a number of points, entirely factual in its content. It repeats the very rich agenda that we have examined this year and which has flushed out quite considerably.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 5. Please check to make sure that there are no countries missing from the list that we have in paragraph 5. A lot of countries are mentioned but which did not actually participate. Perhaps we should have a paragraph 5 *bis* and 5 *ter* and, therefore, we will have a list of countries that have never come to our meetings who are not interested in our affairs.

Can I, therefore, consider that paragraph 5 is adopted?

Adopted.

Paragraph 6 which refers to observers. Any comments on paragraph 6?

Adopted.

Paragraph 7. Here, I have a comment that I would like to make with regard to the Spanish text. There is a mistake. We say the "following organization of the United Nations" in the Spanish text simply. The Spanish version, therefore, needs to be amended in this paragraph.

Any other comments on paragraph 7? Thank you very much.

Adopted.

Paragraph 8. I recognize the Czech Republic.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I believe that one word is missing in the beginning of paragraph 8, namely that it should read "the following organizations were also represented".

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much. The English text will be corrected. The Spanish text is correct.

Any observations on paragraph 8?

I recognize Kazakhstan.

Ms. G. OMAROVA (Kazakhstan): Mr. Chairman, I am sorry. I am going back to item number 5 because Kazakhstan is not in the list of States members.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much for pointing out to me this omission. It goes without saying that name of your country will be included in the list of participating States. Thank you.

So on paragraph 8 there are no comments? No further comments apart from the amendment, of course, to the English text?

Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Adopted.

Paragraph 9. I recognize the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic on paragraph 9.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In the second line of this paragraph, the word "entities" should be replaced by "organizations", "organizations of the United Nations system", because then we have "other intergovernmental organizations and other entities" and then it is correct. But here it should be replaced by "organizations".

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much. I agree with Professor Kopal and I think this needs to be correct in every text. In the Spanish text, there is the same problem. I do not know whether this is true in the French text, for instance, but clearly there needs to a kind of harmonization of the texts and along the lines that has been proposed by Professor Kopal. Thank you very much.

Do I see any further comments on paragraph 9?

Adopted.

We now turn our attention to Section E, Organization of Work.

I recognize Nigeria. The Secretariat pointed out to me that you wanted the floor Sir.

Mr. O. I. MAIYGUN (Nigeria): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We were just thinking about changing it to "organizations of the United Nations" because "entities" of the United Nations system is a common phraseology.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, we are going to change it to "organizations" Sir. You need not worry. We are going to change this from "entities" to "organizations". This is what was agreed, to delete "entities" and write "organizations". Is that what you want?

I do not have any problems but normally it would be "organizations of the United Nations system". We talk about the organizations of the system and the United Nations is a system. I do not have problems actually with these terms here and I do not know whether we should keep entities or not. At any rate, we have taken note of Professor Kopal's proposal and I think we should say the same thing in all language versions. We cannot say entities in one

language and something else in the other languages or bodies. The French text is correct.

The Republic of Korea.

Mr. K.-Y. CHUNG (Republic of Korea): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just briefly and I would like to seek a small clarification. When we are using the terminology of the “entities of the United Nations system”, I mean there should be something but when I received the published list of participants, before its adoption, the impression is nothing is included other than the Office for Outer Space Affairs. But the Office for Outer Space Affairs is a part of the Conference Service. It could not be “considers the entities of the United Nations system”. I am just curious. I do not have any strong position but when we use such languages, there should be something.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much.

I give the floor back to Nigeria on the question put by the Republic of Korea. We have got to the ICAO which a United Nations organization and there are other United Nations organizations that have been here in previous years. We are talking about entities of the United Nations.

I recognize Nigeria.

Mr. O. I. MAIYEGUN (Nigeria): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was just wondering what we have agreed upon now to use. Is it “organizations” or “entities”? In principle, like you, I do not have a problem with the use of the word “organization” but when I look within the United Nations systems and some previous legal documents within the United Nations, the most commonly used phraseology is “entities of the United Nations system”. So we may convey a different impression when you use the word “organizations”. That is just what I wanted to say. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Well, I am in your hands. We just need to be rigorous and then we would say “organizations of the United Nations system” or we could say “entities” but we are here in the Legal Subcommittee of the COPUOS and we should be folie(?) de carte (*French*), if the French delegate agrees with me. We are talking about entities of the United Nations systems. There are specialized agencies which also exist. As to that term as well which one encounters.

From the legal point of view, we do not have any entities. There is no such thing, legally speaking, as United Nations entities, the word that we have here. Therefore, I suggest that we should be legally strict and we should say what we normally say. Therefore, I am saying that we should use the term that we always use.

I recognize Nigeria.

Mr. O. I. MAIYEGUN (Nigeria): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think I will respectfully disagree with you. In our rules of procedure(?) and now in conventions that we have written, we have referred to the entities of the United Nations. So that is not correct. Or if you disagree with me, Mr. Chairman, we can refer it to New York. There is what is known as entities of the United Nations system. To say that it is legally wrong is also legally incorrect to put it that way.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much. In order to resolve the question, I will give the floor to our Legal Advisor who will be able to advise us. Thank you.

Mr. A. TEREKHOV (Legal Advisor): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I will be happy to provide a legal opinion on this matter.

I would simply refer to the long-standing practice of this Subcommittee. The text which is now the subject of discussion is essentially a repetition of the standard provision which has been included in the previous reports of the Legal Subcommittee for many years. This specific paragraph, paragraph 9, is essentially a summary of references to various participants at the meeting. In this particular L.263, the previous paragraphs of this section referred to representatives of States members who attended this session, observers. Paragraph 7 refers to organizations of the United Nations system which attended the session, ICAO, and then to a number of other organizations.

In the first, the term which was used to describe generically the participants of the session from the United Nations system was “organizations”. I would also repeat that in current paragraph 7 which has been already adopted, the text reads “the following organizations of the United Nations system was represented at this session as an observer, International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO”. I do not think this is a principle matter. As you know, the chapter of the United Nations uses a term “specialized agencies”, which neither the entity nor the organization. If the

distinguished gathering would prefer to follow the past records, I would see not much harm from the legal perspective if the term “organizations” is used in this text but I do not believe that it is a really serious legal problem.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much. I, therefore, suggest do what we have done in the past, as our Legal Advisor has suggested. After all, this is not some huge insuperable problem. I do not think it should give rise to any controversy.

Are there any other observations on the paragraph?

Fine.

Adopted.

We now take up Section E, Organization of Work, and we are on paragraph 10 which has a number of sub-paragraphs.

Under paragraph 10, let us look at the first sentence. No problems with that.

I recognize Venezuela. On the chapeau or on little (a)? Venezuela.

Mr. J. SZEPLAKI OTAHOLA (Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): No Sir, I wanted to make a comment on 10(d), Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): When we get to 10(d), I will give you the floor. We are going to start with 10(a).

Any comments on 10(a)?

Adopted.

Paragraph 10(b).

Adopted.

Paragraph 10(c). Once again, we are talking about purely factual paragraphs.

Adopted.

Paragraph 10(d). I recognize Venezuela.

Mr. J. SZEPLAKI OTAHOLA (Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. In 10(d), in the second line, we have a problem, there is a problem in the Spanish version. We see the word “adjourned” in the past tense in Spanish which is not true of the French version

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): The Secretariat has taken note of this comment and will amend this issue in the Spanish text. We can now adopt 10(d).

Paragraph 11. Any comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 12. I believe that it is worth taking note of in all detail.

Any comments on 12?

Adopted.

Paragraph 13. I would have a comment here. Every year it is the same thing and this applies to especially to those of us coming from countries which are very far away. I hope that next year this session will not fall on Easter. I see from some of the delegates faces that they can imagine being in much more agreeable circumstances, much more relaxed. I see that other delegations are happy to be here. So I do not have any further comments. I just hope that next year the meeting will not be held over Easter or religious holidays of any sort.

Venezuela.

Mr. J. SZEPLAKI OTAHOLA (Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I quite agree with what you have just said with respect to the organization of the session over Easter. For us, it is a bit strange to work on Thursday before Easter or Good Friday because these are major religious holidays. Our belief is but not, we do not practice. However, we do know that the week before Easter is really the time where families get together, go to church, participate in processions. So for this reason, I wonder if there were any way to just double check that these dates do not coincide with Easter week.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you to Venezuela for having supported me on this issue. And for all of us believers, the promises that we would like to keep, pledges that we cannot always keep but I really would like to

express the hope that next year we will not be sitting Easter week.

Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Let us go on to Section F, Adoption of the Report of the Legal Subcommittee.

There are still some ellipsis here to be filled in.

The United States.

Mr. K. HODGKINS (United States of America): No, Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I just wanted to come back to paragraph 13 and just for clarification. Are these the dates that we are proposing or are we going to be proposing a different date for the Subcommittee?

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): These are the dates that we are proposing. As you know that this has to be adopted by a General Assembly resolution but these are the dates we are advancing, 26 March to 5 April 2007. And next year we are going to add this half day which will have to be made up for tomorrow as we agreed.

Now 13 can be adopted?

Fine.

Adopted.

Let us go on to F, Adoption of the Report of the Legal Subcommittee.

Paragraph 14. Any comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 15. Comments?

Adopted.

II, General Exchange of Views. Can you really indicate agreement with 16? Are you sure that the Legal Subcommittee welcomed the election of its new Chairman? Thank you for your tacit support.

Paragraph 17. Thank you.

Paragraph 18.

Paragraph 19. Personally, I believe that 19 ... I do not find that paragraph 19 is commensurate with

the efforts. I believe that we should not just speak about the excellent documentation but also the excellent work done by the Secretariat. It has been years that I am aware of your work and you have done remarkable work so I object to paragraph 19 and I request that we also insert a reference to the work and the results of that work, the documents, and please Secretariat review that and draft it appropriately.

Paragraph 20. Please check that your countries are properly reflected on the list. This, of course, holds for those countries speaking during the general debate as well as observers also having spoken.

No problem.

Paragraph 21. I also cannot really go along with 21. I would like to amend 21 to say that "the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs made a statement", "exhaustive statement", let us say. Could I ask you to accept "complete and exhaustive" or just "exhaustive"?

Can you agree to that? You are not supposed to have your handies working the room, if I might point out.

Paragraph 22. It is a fact, quite simply. I have a doubt here. Was it certain delegations or the Subcommittee? Did anyone speak against this? Because I think that this paragraph affords us an excellent sound legal basis to pursue our work. "The existing legal regime provided some basis for undertaking space activities and States should be encouraged to adhere." We also had a Working Group on this matter. So I think that the most logical thing would be to say that "the Subcommittee agreed that". I do not believe that there was any dissident view expressed. Can we make the amendment and say "the Subcommittee ..."?

Argentina.

Mr. S. SAYUS (Argentina) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have listened to your comment and I just want to draw your attention to the fact that, at first sight, paragraph 22, should be linked to 23. The two should be taken together because here we have a reflection of facts which are not completely identical(?). I just want to draw your attention to that.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Well, possibly you are quite right actually and I am just looking around for a way to support the legal work on the basis of the international instruments

in effect and how they could be supported in the future. "Some delegations expressed the view, however". We could say "at the same time, we nonetheless" ... We could start off by saying "the Subcommittee agreed that the existing international legal regime governing outer space provided some basis".

Please do not interrupt me Argentina. So let us say "the Subcommittee expressed the view" or "agreed" "that the existing international legal regime governing outer space provided some basis". We could even strike "sound" and say "proper basis" "for undertaking space activities, States should be encouraged ...".

It is quite possible but subsequently certain delegations expressed some degree of dissatisfaction. The two can certainly co-exist and there we can say "some delegations expressed the view" in paragraph 23.

I am not saying this in my personal capacity. I am just trying to ensure certain legal consistency here. We have a Legal Subcommittee which is going to be encouraging States to join the Treaty and this is just accession. Knowing that there is a good basis for that work, the five space treaties, this does not preclude other delegations, certain delegations not feeling completely satisfied with that.

So I would have a humble request to put. In 22, we could refer to "the Subcommittee expressing the view" or "agreeing that" and 23 saying that "some delegations expressed the view that ...". In that way, things would be consistent.

Thank you representative of Argentina.

So paragraphs 22 and 23 are adopted. Thank you.

Adopted.

Paragraph 24. Comments? One delegation expressed this view and was perfectly entitled to do that as they see fit as we go along with consideration of items.

Adopted.

Paragraph 25. The same goes here. No comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 26. Comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 27. Calling for comments. If I might, I would like to correct the Spanish version here. It should be "ahenes(?)" (*Spanish*) for "extraneous political issues". This affects the Spanish version only.

Any comments on 27?

Adopted.

Paragraph 28. Any comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 29. Comments?

Adopted.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have now adopted the first part of the draft report that was distributed today. Tomorrow morning at 10.00 a.m., punctually at 10.00 a.m., we will be proceeding to adopt the other two parts of the report.

I will adjourn this meeting but before I do so, I would like to say that we will be meeting tomorrow morning at 10.00 a.m. on the dot and will be starting with the Working Group on Item 11. Did I correctly understand that?

Depending on the availability of documents tomorrow morning, either we start on the Working Group on Item 11 ...

The United States, you have asked for the floor?

Mr. K. HODGKINS (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, before we adjourn, I just wanted to briefly join other delegations in congratulating the Russian Federation for the forty-fifth anniversary of the flight of Yuri Gagarin, who is a very important milestone in space exploration. It opened up a whole new avenue of research and use of outer space.

I would also like to note that today is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the launch of the first Space Shuttle. That mission lasted for two days. Of course, the successful launch of the Space Shuttle 25 years ago was a source of great pride for the United States and for its space programme. But I hasten to add that the Shuttle also has been the centre of considerable international cooperation, whether it is satellites that

have been launched for other countries on the Shuttle or experiments carried on the Space Lab or the extensive cooperation we had with Russia and the Shuttle Mir docking, carrying us into the era of the Space Station. I think both milestones deserve our attention and congratulations and we are quite proud to have cooperated with so many countries in the use of the Space Shuttle Programme and also cooperating in human space flight with the Russian Federation.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much distinguished representative of the United States. With your authorization, I would like to make a comment. I quite agree with your statement and we will be reflecting this statement of yours in a paragraph in the report. We will be reflecting a paragraph on the space transponder.

Germany, you could even be Spanish actually because you perfectly well speak Spanish. Today, is a very special day so I will be speaking Russian. Indeed, this was a special day for Russia and the former States of the USSR. The beginning of the space era was indeed started there exactly 45 years ago. Yuri Gagarin was the first to open our space to mankind and we would like to congratulate Russia on that.

Thank you very much.

Distinguished and very multi-lingual delegates, there are quite a few of us actually who are polyglots. I occasionally launch into Chilean and not Spanish as well. So thank you very much for your comments.

The Russian Federation, I hope that you are not going to be speaking Chinese or Spanish.

Mr. P. G. DZUBENKO (Russian Federation) (*interpretation from Russian*): I, indeed, will be speaking very briefly. I would like to say thank you to all those delegations who have cast their minds back to this most significant date which unlocked the era of man's exploration and presence in outer space. Along with these sincere thanks on our part, I would like to say that this is a date which also opened up the era of international space law itself. We would like to express our gratitude to all those present and we hope that we will continue developing international legal norms in this field. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much distinguished representative of the Russian Federation. We must,

indeed, remember Yuri Gagarin. It is thanks to that man that we are here today so we certainly are grateful for what he has done for his country and for us all.

I would like to give the floor now to my dear friend from Romania who himself was a great astronaut. I would like to pay tribute to him. Romania.

Mr. D. DORIN PRUNARIU (Romania): Thank you Mr. Chairman. First, let me speak in Russian. (*Continued in Russian*) Yes, because indeed it's the Russian delegation that should be congratulated first and foremost among all of the other delegations because this was the first day that man flew in outer space. My flight which took place 25 years ago, 20 years after Yuri Gagarin flew first, continued what he started on a different international plane.

(*Continued in English*) I am very glad to congratulate the American delegation for the first flight of the Space Shuttle. I very well remember their legendary commander of the Space Shuttle, John Young, who already flew seven times into space and is a great figure of space exploration.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much indeed. I think that we should have had a paragraph mentioning the first space flight by the United States.

Any other comments?

We are coming towards the end of our meeting but I see that Kazakhstan has asked for the floor. _____ (*Russian?*) Kazakhstan.

Ms. G. OMAROVA (Kazakhstan): Thank you Mr. Chairman. (*Continued in Russian*) I, too, Mr. Chairman, would like to congratulate our Russian colleagues on this remarkable anniversary for exploration of space and I would like to wish the Russian Federation every success in their further space exploration.

(*Continued in English*) I would like to congratulate the United States with the Space Shuttle anniversary and to congratulate all delegations of the Legal Subcommittee with this very great day in the history of humankind. And I would also like to thank the Russian Federation for a really excellent exhibition of photographs where it is a very great pleasure for me to see the photograph of two cosmonauts from Kazakhstan.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much indeed Madam for your statement.

Any other comments?

We will meet again tomorrow.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.