

**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space  
Legal Subcommittee**

*Unedited transcript*

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*Chairman:* Mr. R. González (Chile)

*The meeting was called to order at 3.13 p.m.*

**The CHAIRMAN** (*interpretation from Spanish*): I call to order the 761st meeting of the Subcommittee. This afternoon we will continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 4, status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, with a view to adopting the report of the Working Group, chaired by my friend, Mr. Vassilios Cassapoglou and I would like to bid a warm welcome to him again. We will continue and then suspend our consideration of agenda item 9, practice in registering space objects, pending adoption of the report of the Working Group on item 9. We will also continue our consideration of agenda item 10, proposals to the Committee for new agenda items. We have already started on this and, this morning, we adopted in plenary of the Subcommittee the item which was proposed by South Africa, for a new item.

With respect to the new items, we have already adopted the South African item with all the amendments which were put forward, including the last version provided by the South African delegation and also on the symposium. I wanted to make it very clear because you have a long standing legal experience in your country, France, and I also wanted us to see this symposium held on space law and climate change, with a view to seeing this turned into a long-term agenda item. When we come back to item 10 of the agenda, we will not have to go through this all again. We are all very honest as representatives of the United Nations and as delegations in the United Nations so we do not need to come back to adopting that specific subitem. I would also like to invite delegations wishing to make

statements under these agenda items, to register with the Secretariat as soon as possible.

I have no speakers on item 4. Does any delegation wish to take the floor? Let us now suspend the plenary deliberations on item 4 so that the Working Group can hold its fifth meeting and adopt its report and then submit it to the Subcommittee. I imagine this should happen fairly quickly because there has been a good debate and all the views that have been expressed have been on behalf of sovereign States. I do not think any delegation needs to remind another delegation of its duties or views on this issue, subsequently, I hope there will be a swift adoption of that report, which brings me to congratulate Germany, for its excellent work and I am sure you will be in a position to continue work on this item in a productive fashion. I hope the Working Group will proceed to adopt its report as well, without great difficulties and then subsequently, we will come back to adopting this, in the context of the Subcommittee proper.

I would now like to inform distinguished delegates, there is a reception to which we are invited, on the ground floor, in building F of the VIC, when we finish this afternoon. Thank you very much to the distinguished delegate of the United States, that is a very generous gesture from the United States delegation.

Let us now move on to the Working Group on item 4, that is the status of the five United Nations treaties, so we would adjourn this meeting so that your Working Group can adopt the report. I am sure you will adopt it because you have always done a fine job, so this meeting is adjourned.

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**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretariat): Distinguished delegates. An announcement by the Secretariat. The draft report of the Chairman of the Working Group on the status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space, which is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2007/3/L.1 is now distributed in pigeon holes in all languages of the United Nations.

**The CHAIRMAN** (*interpretation from Spanish*): I thank the Secretariat, which once again, has displayed its enormous efficiency on such matters. The meeting is adjourned.

*The meeting closed at 3.21 p.m.*