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*Chairman: Mr. V. Kopal (Czech Republic)*

*The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.*

**The CHAIRMAN:** Good morning distinguished delegates, I now declare open the 781<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

I will first suspend, please be silent here, I will first suspend the meeting of the Subcommittee so that the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space can adopt its report. We will then reconvene the meeting to continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 8(a), the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, to hear the report of the Working Group under the agenda item to be presented by myself on behalf of the Chairman of the Working Group, as was agreed earlier, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Group.

We will then open and conclude our consideration of agenda item 12, General Exchange of Information on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, so that the representative of The Netherlands can make a presentation entitled "Netherlands Space Activities Act".

We will also begin with the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

So this is the programme for the time being.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule?

I see none.

*It is so adopted.*

**Report of the working group on agenda item 8(a)**

So let us start with the approval of the Working Group on Agenda Item "Definition, Delimitation and the Geostationary Orbit".

Distinguished delegates, I declare open the third meeting of the Working Group on Agenda Item 8(a).

Distinguished delegates, as you know, the Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. José Monserrat Filho, had to leave Vienna last week and he asked me to assist him in the adoption of the report of the Working Group which was prepared during his work and present here, as(?) the delegation of The Netherlands including the report there on their own national law governing space activities.

I now reconvene the 781<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

**Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

It is my pleasure that all the report, all that is already finished. Yes, excuse me for this small confusion but I would like to correct it and we will now start action on the report of the Subcommittee, it means adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

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The draft report of this session of the Subcommittee has been made available, or will be made as a whole available in four parts. This is what I wanted to say. The first part of the draft report, document A/AC.105/C.2/L.273, as well as Addendum.1, were distributed to you this morning and I understand it is in your hands.

The Secretariat expects to distribute the remaining part, Addendum.2 and Addendum.3, tomorrow morning.

At the first part of the draft report that is already in your hands contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.273, contains the introduction and general exchange of views. I would now like to begin adoption of the first part of the report.

I hope everybody has this document in front of you and we will now proceed again paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the first part of the report, document A/AC.105/C.2/L.273.

So let us start. Introduction. A. Opening of the session and election of the Chairman, paragraph 1.

Any comments on this particular paragraph?

No comments.

D. Adoption of the agenda.

I believe this is just the reflection of our agenda. I hope you did not find any error or so in this particular paragraph 2.

Are there any comments? It is needless to ask because it is simply our agenda that was approved and endorsed by the General Assembly so I believe it is adopted, as the text of the report, not as an agenda as such.

*It is adopted.*

Part C. Attendance, paragraph 3.

Have all the delegations been duly reflected here in this paragraph?

I see no objection. Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4. This is the usual formula that we include in our report that we included in the past and we will *mutatis mutandis* include this also at this session of the report.

So, no objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 5. No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 6. No objections.

*Adopted.*

Now Part D. Organization of work, paragraph 7.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 8. Now again we have three sub-paragraphs in this paragraph 8 so first the chapeau. No problems.

Sub-paragraph (a).

Sub-paragraph (b).

Sub-paragraph (c).

Are there any comments on paragraph 8 including the three sub-paragraphs?

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 9.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 10. This is a longer paragraph so we will have more time to consider it.

Only one minor question myself here in \_\_\_\_\_(?) of this paragraph. We have mentioned the availability on the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat. It should be perhaps made clear what is meant by the Secretariat, it is the United Nations Secretariat, not the Secretariat of the Subcommittee.

Yes, it is OK? Yes.

And I now give the floor to the Secretary, first of all we should approve it.

Are there any comments on this longer paragraph 10?

I see none.

*It is adopted.*

And I now give the floor to the Secretary of the Subcommittee who has a proposal.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Secretariat has a proposal for a paragraph 10 *bis* to be included after paragraph 10 reflecting the offer by the IISL, the International Institute of Space Law, to make the proceedings of the Symposium available that was discussed just yesterday under agenda item 13. So the text that the Secretariat proposes reads as follows: "The Subcommittee welcomed with appreciation that IISL would prepare the proceedings of the Symposium for distribution to member States of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space." Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Mr. Secretary. This new paragraph is proposed on the initiative, I think, of the distinguished representative of Chile, was it not so? Or Colombia? IAF, sorry.

Yes, is there any objection against the inclusion of this additional paragraph 10 *bis*.

I see no objection.

*It is adopted.*

Paragraph 11. Here we have the dates, of course which are provisional only because it should be still approved by the main Committee and then, of course, also endorsed by the General Assembly through the adoption of the report of the main Committee.

Any other suggestion?

None.

*It is adopted.*

Now Part E. Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee, paragraph 12.

The usual formula again.

No objections?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 13. Of course, this will be the final approval. It will be valid after the consideration of the report as a whole.

*Adopted.*

Now, Part II. General exchange of views, paragraph 14.

Any other comment?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 15.

Are all delegations that made such a statement under general exchange of views correctly reflected here in this paragraph?

I see no comment.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 16.

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 17.

Any comments on this particular paragraph?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 18.

Any comments? It is the reflection of one view.

*Adopted.*

Again, paragraph 19 is a reflection of one view.

Any comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 20.

Any comments?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 21.

Again, it is one view.

Any comments?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 22.

Again, one view.

Any comments?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 23.

The United States has the floor.

**Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_(?) (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman and good morning fellow delegates and thank you to the Secretariat for its excellent work in preparing this report.

With respect to paragraph 23 and also there is a similar point in 24, our understanding was that the custom was to refer to delegations, some delegations, as opposed to representatives. So, unless there is a particular reason to include representatives here, I think just to keep with the custom, we prefer to have the word “delegations” here. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the United States of America. As a matter of fact, yes, it is a correct comment and as a matter of fact in the meantime, the Secretary drew my attention also to this custom that we apply and, therefore, the word “representatives” should be replaced by “delegations” so that it would read “some delegations expressed the view” in paragraph 23 and the same is proposed also for paragraph 24. But first we will approve paragraph 23, if it is acceptable for you.

I see no objection.

*It is so decided.*

Again, in paragraph 24, “delegations” should substitute for the word “representatives” so that it should begin “some delegations expressed the view”.

Any comments on paragraph 24?

I see no comments.

*It is adopted.*

Paragraph 25.

Any comments?

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 26.

Any comments on paragraph 26?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 27.

Any comments on paragraph 27?

None.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 28.

I see no comments.

*Adopted.*

In this way, ladies and gentlemen, we have approved the first part of our draft report, it means introduction and then general exchange of views.

I suppose that this text is also adopted as a whole? Yes.

*It is so decided.*

Distinguished delegates, having approved the first part of our draft report from this session of the Subcommittee, I have received a request from the representative of Ecuador for an opportunity to provide information to the Subcommittee and, with your

agreement, I would like to give the floor to the distinguished delegate from Ecuador.

You have the floor Sir.

**Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_(?) (Ecuador) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much Chair. First of all, let me apologize in advance for interrupting the proceedings and let me thank you for your benevolence in allowing the Ecuador delegation to take the floor again to address the Subcommittee with a bit of information which we think is relevant and of interest to all and which is quite recent.

The statement I made at the beginning of this session, I mentioned that the Pro Tempore Secretariat of the Fifth Americas Space Conference be held in my country and that at one point we attended the 2008 Space Conference in Santiago de Chile which was last week. The representatives of the Pro Tempore Secretariat in the light of that were all the members of the International Experts Group know the Americas Space Conference agreed to hold a second meeting of experts in Ecuador within the framework of our Seminar on Space Law which is aimed at human development and security and which is planned for 24 and 25 July this year where \_\_\_\_\_(?) will be defined mechanisms for the implementation of agreed programmes and projects during this Fifth Session and we would like to say that we are coming to Guatemala to be an active participant. The Sixth Meeting of the Americas Space Conference, I should add, will be held in Guatemala.

In addition, we agreed that the International Experts Group will support during the Space Law Seminar, will carry out the role of advisor to that gathering for support for the obtaining of the financing for the meeting as well, as well as acting as Rapporteurs. We would like to extend an open invitation to this event which we think is very closely related to what is being done on space law on revising national laws with an eye to establishing worldwide and regional centres of space law research. More detailed information on activities carried out by the Pro Tempore Secretariat will be made available during the upcoming session. And for the time being, with your permission, Chair, we would just ask that the information I have just provided will be included in the proceedings of this Subcommittee. Thank you Sir.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you very much distinguished representative of Ecuador for your information on important meetings and conferences to be held in the region of Latin America, in your country and the forthcoming conference, I think, in Guatemala.

I think this information is very useful and is an evidence of not only growing interest in space law matters in the Latin American countries but particularly those who cooperate under the Conference of the Americas but also of positive results of these meetings and, therefore, we have welcomed your announcement, your information. Wait a moment.

Yes, as to your kind request to include this information in the report, yes, it would be possible, only I would like to again to kindly ask you to provide a paragraph, a suitable paragraph, perhaps a little shorter than was your statement but including all the important text, all the relevant text, and submit it to the Secretariat and we will then decide. Perhaps we could decide on it even now, in principle, that it should be included in our report in the part dealing with the general exchange of views.

Is it acceptable for all delegations?

We will still inform you about the text though but this is not yet available but as soon as it is available, you will learn the exact text of the paragraph and we can then return to the approval of such an exact text.

I recognize the distinguished representative of Colombia.

**Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_(?) (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chair. Let me take this opportunity to express my full support for the remarks made by my colleague, Byron Morejón(?) from Ecuador. I personally have been an eyewitness of the excellent work being carried out under his aegis by the Pro Tempore Secretariat. Last December, we went to Quito. There was a meeting of the Troikas(?) and that we saw the excellent work that they have been carrying out. Also Nikolas Hedman was kind enough to accompany us to that meeting. I think they are doing some very great efforts in particular by institutionalizing these Americas Space Conferences for which the Troikas(?) model is crucial.

At the same time, I think this goes along with the support for initiatives aimed at further developing space law. This is the kind of initiative which we feel have great importance for our region. Why? Because the West, the other facets, technical and so on, of course, have to go hand in hand with this facet, the legal facet and we, therefore, wish to express our support for this and, of course, we would like to have this included in the proceedings and we would make an appeal to the Office for Outer Space Affairs to support us in this kind of event. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you very much distinguished representative of Colombia for your contribution by which you expressed the support for the idea of an inclusion and information that has just been provided by the distinguished representative of Ecuador and also for your high evaluation of the work done by the Pro Tempore Secretariat. Thank you very much.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have approved the first part of our draft report but I would like now to interrupt, to suspend the consideration of the third part of our draft report and to re-open and conclude our consideration of agenda item 12, General Exchange of Information on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space. As a matter of fact, the suggestion made, the announcement, the information and proposal made by the distinguished representative of Ecuador and supported by the distinguished representative of Colombia related also to item 12 so we will, in fact, continue consideration of item 12, General Exchange of Information.

But now I would like to give the floor to the representative of The Netherlands so that she could make a presentation entitled "Netherlands Space Activities", no this is another point, it is agenda item 12, General Exchange of Information on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space. And the representative of The Netherlands can make a presentation on "Netherlands Space Activities Act". I give the floor to Ms. Helen de Bradander Ypes from The Netherlands.

**General exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space (agenda item 12)**

**Ms. H. DE BRADANDER YPES** (Netherlands): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, The Netherlands delegation thanks you very much for the opportunity to explain The Netherlands Space Activities Act.

The main reason why The Netherlands has enacted this law are international responsibilities under the five core United Nations outer space treaties. I have prepared a PowerPoint presentation.

As for an agenda, I have the following subjects. Why do we have this legislation? What activities do The Netherlands perform in outer space? Some assumptions and align the legislation. The

Netherlands Space Activities Act, and upcoming dilemmas.

Why did we first of all introduce a legislation at all? At the end of the last century, a company was established in The Netherlands that operated several telecom satellites. This made the urgency of drafting legislation apparent. Under the five core United Nations outer space treaties, we have taken our responsibility, especially Article 6 of the Outer Space Treaty is relevant. Furthermore, we established a liability regime and we established our registration obligations.

First of all, let me explain a little bit. What do The Netherlands do in outer space? Our Space Policy aims at participating in international organizations, ESA, EUMETSAT and EU have priority. As many of you know, space activities are expensive and for us, as a small country, space activities are only affordable within international frameworks. We are involved in many programmes of ESA and the EU programmes which actively pursue are Galileo and GMES. Both programmes have a user-oriented approach.

At the national level we support our scientists, knowledge institutions and industry in several ways. Important players in industry are Dutch Space, Bedford(?) Engineering and very relevant for the issue at hand, ICIS and SAS News Skies. ICIS is a \_\_\_\_\_(?) company for small companies. They are mainly built for research and development purposes. SAS News Skies is at the other end of the spectrum operating several telecom satellites.

A few assumptions. First, the Ministry of Economic Affairs is responsible for this legislation. In The Netherlands, the Ministry of Economic Affairs is responsible for the coordination of space policy in general. From that accountability it was derived that also legislation concerning space activities would be a task for my Ministry.

The second assumption was that the legislation should not place an extra burden on companies who are affected by this. One important reason for our legislation was the establishment, as I already mentioned, in The Netherlands of a telecom operator. With this company within our boundaries, our responsibilities cover a different perspective. We now have to fulfil also our obligations under Article 6 of the Outer Space Treaty towards non-governmental entities.

This also led to the conclusion that as much as possible the provisions should support the standing

practice of this one company. We certainly did not want to scare our telecom operator away.

A third assumption was that we would preferably draft a legislation that would be forward-looking and future-resistant. As you all may know, drafting a legislation is a time-consuming process. In the legislation, therefore, there are several possibilities to draft additional regulations in case new developments would be the case.

First of all, I would like to explain the position of The Netherlands within the Kingdom. The Kingdom of The Netherlands consists of the part in Europe, The Netherlands, and six islands in the Caribbean, Aruba and a part Netherlands Antilles. The five core United Nations outer space treaties were ratified on behalf of the Kingdom as a whole and had to be first decided if we would draft legislation applicable in the Kingdom as a whole. We consulted our counterparts in Aruba and The Netherlands Antilles but they indicated that they preferred to retain their autonomy in respect of the regulation of space activities.

The Government of Aruba announced that they would prohibit any space activities on their island and The Netherlands Antilles replied that they contemplated draft legislation and wanted to be kept informed on the developments in The Netherlands.

Meanwhile, the development of The Netherlands Antilles legislation has advanced but has not yet been finalized. Finalization will probably take some time, not in the least, because a major constitutional reform is at hand in The Netherlands Antilles.

How did we organize the process? A Working Group under my chairmanship was established and it is consistent of a policy-maker, myself, a legal adviser, and two people from the executing agency-to-be. These last two persons were added to the Working Group as these people would have to deal with the legislation once it is in force. They were based at the Radiocommunications Agency. There obviously is a link between radiocommunications, and I understand that this has to be interpreted broadly as space activities today. Although for their part it was, and is, as new as it is to policy-makers.

Furthermore, we serve a different existing Acts or drafts of other countries. For instance, we studied the Belgian legislation in depth but also the United Kingdom regulations were an example. The

execution of the legislation will be dealt by the Radiocommunications Agency, as you will see further on.

What is regulated by this Act? In the definition, Article 1, we define what activities we consider space activities. It comprises the launch, guidance and operations of objects in outer space. Launch activities from The Netherlands proper are, in view of our geographical situation, not very likely, but could take place from a platform or any aircraft that is registered in The Netherlands. Guiding and operating only requires \_\_\_\_\_metry(?) from The Netherlands. A geographical position then is not an obstacle.

In Article 2, it is stated that activities which are performed in The Netherlands or from a Netherlands ship or aircraft are governed by this law. According to Dutch law, sea-going platforms are considered ships.

In the second part of this Article, we established the possibility to extend the legislation to Dutch natural or legal persons outside of The Netherlands in case it becomes apparent that they seek to evade the rules by establishing themselves elsewhere. If such a person would settle in a State not party to the five core United Nations outer space treaties, we could enact rules regulating such activities.

Lastly, in Article 2, we opened the possibility of establishing rules in case of space tourism.

We have a system of licence. We have opted for a licensing system because it is the only way to secure effective control. We considered other options such as general qualifications to be inserted in the legislation. With this, we mean everybody has to have a grade from University(?) Acts is allowed to perform activities in space.

This issue got much attention because The Netherlands was, at that time, also in the process of reviewing all legislation with a licensing system and that was because of the discussion concerning administrative burdens. However, because of the fact that probably not many licenses will be issued and they all will be tailored-made licences, general qualifications would not do the trick.

The second question was whether we would licence the activities or the actor. For practical reasons and not to burden companies, we choose the second option. The company gets a licence for activities X, Y or Z or to all three of them.

Pursuant to the licence, several conditions can be imposed on the licence holders. These relate to obligations on safety of persons and goods, protection of the environment in outer space, establishment and maintenance of financial security, protection of the public order or security of the State. These are more or less quite common conditions set for all kinds of activities except the two protecting the environment in outer space and the establishment and maintenance of financial security.

A very important condition is the maximum possible cover for the liability arising from space activities. This can be either in insurance or other financial cover for damages arising from space activities. We have stipulated that this cover should be reasonable given the situation of the company. That is to say that a telecoms operator will have to prove that within its sector, a reasonable insurance amounts to so many millions of Euros.

Now I come to the Registry. In case a space object is delivered in orbit to a private company after its launch and its positioning in orbit, The Netherlands only assumes responsibility over the space object in conformity with Article 6 of the Outer Space Treaty following the delivery in orbit and hence only has exclusive jurisdiction and control over that space object in accordance with Article 8 of the Outer Space Treaty following such delivery.

That is why we have decided to make two separate registries. One for the space object in respect of which The Netherlands is required to furnish information in accordance with the Registration Convention, and one for space objects in respect of which The Netherlands is not required to furnish information in accordance with the Registration Convention, but for which The Netherlands bears responsibility over the space object in conformity with Article 6 of the Outer Space Treaty and has exclusive jurisdiction and control in accordance with Article 8 of the Outer Space Treaty.

In the second sub-section, for instance, the SAS News Skies satellites are registered.

Liability recourse and insurance. If The Netherlands is held liable in accordance with Article 7 of the Outer Space Treaty or the Liability Convention, we have inserted the section containing recourse against the licence holder or non-licence holder. Even if a company or a person does not have a licence in violation of the Space Activities Act, we can hold this company or person responsible and can direct a claim

at him. We also provide for the possibility that we can directly present a claim to the insurer up to the amount covered by the insurance.

Upcoming dilemmas. Space tourism. With regard to space tourism, although we did not expect it to come up so soon in our country, we are confronted with issues, such as a Dutch company planning to open a space port on the island of Curacao(?). We have catered for this situation in our legislation as we provided for a basis to adopt implementing rules for outer space activities that are organized in The Netherlands. However, does aircraft-based space tourism such as offered, for instance, by Virgin Galactic qualify as a launch? I understand that The Netherlands is not the only country struggling with these questions. As I regularly see articles in magazines in which, for instance, United States regulators have issued discussion documents of provisional regulations on this issue.

I would be interested to learn from others how they intend to solve these issues.

Another dilemma not presented on the slide is that we have been struggling with the way we deal with small satellites that were built by students. They often ride as piggyback payloads. Do they need a licence as well? In particular, do they need an insurance? Of course, they can an insurance but can we ask from poor students to cover the costs of such an insurance? Furthermore, the satellite I am talking of does not have a control mechanism and will stay in the orbit where it has been delivered and it cannot be controlled in any way.

And lastly, I have some information, web addresses, my e-mail address is somebody wants to e-mail me directly. And as the first reference is in English and the second reference only is in Dutch but probably will be translated in due time.

And that ends my presentation. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your attention.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of The Netherlands for your statement by the Kingdom of The Netherlands on the National Act of your country that was recently adopted and which is certainly an important contribution to the development of national legislations in more countries in the world. I think that your statement was very interesting for many reasons. I do not wish to repeat all the information and all the arguments that you brought to us and that all the elements included in your



national law and particularly in the solution or approach that you have chosen to the solutions of such specific elements. Some of these solutions are indeed very interesting and original I can say.

Once again, many thanks for your statement and, of course, in your statement you also expressed the kind request to hear from other delegations what would be their own solutions to similar questions and if they could provide such information to you.

Is there any delegation wishing to comment on this statement made by the distinguished representative of The Netherlands?

I see none but I repeat once again that the statement was good input and good contribution to our discussions on the item dealing with national legislations. Thank you very much.

**Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

Ladies and gentlemen, we will now continue in the consideration of the report. I believe that you have the document called Addendum.1, it means the full quote of this document is A/AC.105/C.2/L.273/Add.1. And this Addendum deals first with the status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space. Is everybody ready for the consideration of this Addendum?

I see no objections so let us start.

Paragraph 1 of this document.

Are there any comments on paragraph 1?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 2.

Any comments on paragraph 2 which is again a statement of fact?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 3.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 4 consisting of a chapeau and one, two, three, four, five sub-paragraphs. So let us start with the chapeau.

And now sub-paragraph 1. I think it is correct here.

Sub-paragraph (b).

Sub-paragraph (c).

Sub-paragraph (d).

And sub-paragraph (e).

Now, is there any comment on the whole paragraph 4?

I see none.

*It is approved.*

Paragraph 5.

Any comments?

None.

*Approved.*

Paragraph 6.

Any comments?

None.

*Approved.*

Paragraph 7.

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 8.

Any comments?

None.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 9.

Any comments?

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 10.

Any comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 11.

This is a reflection of one view.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 12. Again some delegations.

Any comments on paragraph 12?

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 13.

This paragraph will be completed, of course,  
by the Secretariat.

Any comments?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 14.

This is a formula that was already used in the  
past, identical formula.

Any comment?

*Adopted.*

The full text, yes, paragraph 15, again a  
formula that is usually applied.

No comments.

*Paragraph 15 is adopted.*

Now Part IV. Information on the activities of  
international intergovernmental and non-governmental  
organizations relating to space law.

Paragraph 16.

Any comments on paragraph 16?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 17.

Again a statement of fact.

I think no comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 18.

Any comments on 18?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 19.

I recognize the United States of America.

**Mr. \_\_\_\_\_**(?) (United States of  
America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman,  
paragraph 19 we would like to suggest one slight  
change to this paragraph that would better reflect the  
discussions that occurred regarding the Symposium.  
That is, in the second sentence of paragraph 19 it  
begins "it noted the wide range" and so on, we would  
suggest deleting the word "it" and inserting the words  
"some delegations" so that in the second sentence of  
paragraph 19 it would begin "some delegations noted  
the wide range of potential legal implications ..." and  
so on. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished  
representative of the United States. I believe if it is  
your request we have to include such a change in the  
text because it is thus apparent that there was not a  
general agreement on this particular evaluation on this  
statement. So it should be replaced by "some  
delegations".

Any comments on this request?

I see none.

*It is adopted.*

Paragraph 20.

Any comments on paragraph 20?

None.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 21.

Any comments on this particular paragraph?

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 22.

Any comments on paragraph 22?

None.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 23.

Any comments on 23?

None.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 24.

I give the floor to the observer of ILA.

**Ms.** \_\_\_\_\_ (?) (International Law Association): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just to say if we could add in line 5 of paragraph 24 "registration issues" which is another topic to be dealt with in Rio.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Yes, I believe this is again a statement of fact because it is indeed a topic that would be discussed at the Conference in Rio and, therefore, we should accommodate our distinguished observer for ILA in this regard and I assume that you would agree with this small amendment.

No objections.

*It is so decided.*

Paragraph 25.

Any comments on paragraph 25?

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 26.

Again the usual formula.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have just completed the consideration of Part IV. Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.

And we will continue with Part VI, wait a moment there is something. We had Part IV and now we have Part VI. Yes, indeed, it is a minor error here and the Secretariat has promised that they will take care of repairing it.

So now the following part, it will probably be Part V but this will be made by the Secretariat this new numbering, review and possible revision of the Principles relevant to the use of nuclear power sources in outer space.

Paragraph 27.

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 28.

The Secretary of our Subcommittee drew my attention to the fact that we would not be obliged to repeat always the Legal Subcommittee and to leave the full formula the Legal Subcommittee only in paragraph 27 and in the following paragraphs 28, 29 and some other paragraphs. We could simply say the Subcommittee.

Do you agree? Yes.

So paragraph 28.

No comments?

*Approved.*

Paragraph 29, the Subcommittee noted.

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 30.

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 31.

The view of some delegations.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 32. Now it is one view.

No objections?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 33.

Any comments on paragraph 33?

I recognize the distinguished representative of Spain.

**Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_(?) (Spain)  
(*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chair. Just to draw the attention to a mistake in the Spanish text but perhaps we can deal with the Secretariat directly on this because I think this is only in the Spanish version.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you very much distinguished representative of Spain for your observation and your kind willingness to solve this question directly with the Secretariat. Thank you.

Paragraph 33. Any other comments?

None.

*Adopted.* With this correction of the Spanish text.

Paragraph 34.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 35.

Perhaps again here we could delete the adjective saying only "the Subcommittee agreed".

Any objections?

No.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 36.

Again the usual formula.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

So we have just finished the consideration of the part dealing with review and possible revision of the Principles relevant to the use of nuclear power sources in outer space and we shall now proceed with examination and review of the developments concerning the draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment.

Paragraph 37.

Again a statement of fact.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 38.

Again a statement of fact.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 39.

Any objection?

So paragraph 39 is adopted.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 40.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 41.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 42.

I do not see any objection.

No objections?

*Adopted.*

*Adopted.*

Again it reflects the agreement of the Subcommittee as a whole.

Paragraph 43, a very short one.

No objections?

No objections.

*Adopted.*

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 52. The usual formula.

Paragraph 44.

*Adopted.*

No comments.

Distinguished delegates, we have just completed the two parts of the draft report, it means the introductory part and now the second part dealing with some items of our agenda. There will be the second Addendum and the third Addendum. Of course, these Addenda will be available only tomorrow morning so we will have to wait until all delegations have the texts in all official languages as appropriate. And, therefore, I cannot do anything else than perhaps ask if any delegation wishes still to say something during this time that is available for us.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 45.

No comments on 45?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 46.

Any comments?

I see no delegations doing such a request and, therefore, I would like to adjourn this meeting. But before doing so, I would like to remind delegates of our schedule of work for tomorrow morning.

I see none.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 47.

We will meet promptly at 10.00 a.m. At that time, we will continue our adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and hopefully finalize all these tasks.

This reflects one view.

So no comments.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 48. Again one view, the view was expressed.

I see none.

Any comments?

This meeting is adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10.00 a.m. Thank you.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 49. Again one view.

*The meeting closed at 12.02 p.m.*

No comments?

*Adopted.*

Article (paragraph?) 50. This is, of course, on behalf of the Subcommittee as a whole.