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Uses of Outer Space  
Legal Subcommittee**

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*Chairman: Mr. A. Talebzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran)*

*The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.*

**The CHAIRMAN:** Good morning distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I now declare open the 817<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

I would first like to inform you of our programme of work for this morning.

We will continue and hopefully conclude our consideration of agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee for New Agenda Items.

We will suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 5 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/TRE/L.1, and the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a) can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/DEF/L.1.

We will then convene the plenary to continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 5, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, and agenda item 7(a), the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Groups on Agenda Item 5 and Agenda 7(a).

Time permitting, we will begin the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

Are there any questions on this proposed schedule?

I see none.

**Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fiftieth session (agenda item 13)**

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to continue and hopefully conclude our consideration of agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee for New Agenda Items.

I have no speakers on my list.

Are there any delegations wishing to make a statement under this agenda item?

The Czech Republic and Germany. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

**Mr. V. KOPAL** (Czech Republic): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and good morning to you and to all people that are behind the Chair.

Mr. Chairman, I would like first of all to express our gratitude to the Secretariat for preparing a note that is included in CRP.17 and dealing with the agenda of the Subcommittee at its present session because this is a good basis for our contributions on possible new items that might be considered at the next session or next sessions of the Legal Subcommittee.

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I would like to draw your attention and the attention of the delegates to the fact that in this particular paper on its Page 3 under sub-paragraph (b), there is one of the topics that we ask to be retained as our proposal for new agenda as early as in 1996 so it is now practically 14 years. Of course, at the time we already felt that the space debris, this very difficult problem and at the same time a burden for the development of all space activities and I think that during the years that have passed, this feeling has been only confirmed and strengthened. And we felt at the time that this issue is fairly complex and that it must be considered from all sides, from all aspects, it means both as a problem scientific and technical and, at the same time, as a legal issue. And, therefore, we suggested at that time the first step to be done in the legal field to undertake a review of existing norms of international law applicable to space debris and we proposed it to be included in the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee. To our regret, there was not much enthusiasm about it though some delegations at the time already supported this step and for many years this issue remained only on the list of possible items to be included in the future in the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee. Later on Greece joined us as a co-sponsor and we welcomed it.

But now since that time that many events have passed and a certain development in this issue also occurred. And particularly what was important that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee discussed this issue from its point of view and produced first in 1999 a Technical Report on Space Debris and it was, in our assessment, a very good document. And recently, two years ago, another such document was produced which is known now as Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. We welcomed these steps but, at the same time, we knew that this is just a step. It means that it is a document which deals with the problems of space debris, with the actual problems of space debris, and requests from space-faring nations to undertake the recommended guidelines but, of course, not only voluntarily, it means without any duty to do so and without any responsibility, legal responsibility for eventual non-fulfilment or violation of these Guideline.

I believe that recent events that have occurred and the practice of States in this respect means that we make a further step forward in the years to come. We have appreciated that in the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee point, general information on national measures taken for the mitigation of space debris, was included and indeed the discussion during the last two years was very useful in this respect and we learned from some of the space-faring nations that indeed they

took it very seriously and that they even established their own standards that reflect the recommendations included in the Guideline. But, of course, they made it voluntarily without any duty to do so and we believe that we should go now further. First of all, if we should not consider only or here listened to the information that would be offered to us on national measures but we should really think about elaboration of recommendations of the United Nations in the set of Principles as it was done in past years, for example, with the Nuclear Power Sources Principles and with the Remote Sensing Principles. These sets have proved their usefulness and have helped very much to honour the rules and included in these Principles. I believe that the series of United Nations Principles which are included in the brochure "United Nations Treaties, Principles and Resolutions" should be enriched during the years to come. And one such series should be, in our opinion, the set of Principles on Space Debris.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that in this list of possible topics for the next sessions of the Legal Subcommittee might read as follows: "Review of legal aspects of the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, with a view to transforming them into a set of Principles on Space Debris to be worked out in the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee and adopted by the General Assembly." So I would like to ask the Secretariat to take note of it and I will repeat once again this title which is rather long, I know it, but I recognize it, but still I think it should be like that: "Review of legal aspects of the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, with a view to transforming them into a set of Principles on Space Debris to be worked out in the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee and adopted by the General Assembly."

I would still like to say one more note. The up-to-date item that I mentioned earlier under (b), Review of Existing Norms of International Law Applicable to Space Debris, that was proposed by the Czech Republic and Greece, should, in my opinion, remain because our distinguished colleague and friend from Greece is absent so that I could not discuss my new proposal with anybody from the Greek delegation but I hope that the next time when the representative of Greece shows up again, we will have the opportunity to consult whether we would continue keeping this item on the list or simply replace it by the new item that I have suggested today if it should be acceptable for the delegation of Greece.

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman for your attention.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished of the Czech Republic for your statement. Of course, the Secretariat have taken note and your suggestion.

The next speaker on my list is the distinguished representative of France.

No? Are there any delegations wishing to make a statement under this agenda item?

Spain. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Spain.

**Mr. R. MORO AGUILAR** (Spain) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, thank you very much Chairman. I think there is a group of mostly European countries and we are discussing the option of putting a proposal to the COPUOS Legal Subcommittee on a new agenda item on the Subcommittee's programme. Nonetheless, we do not yet have all the information necessary to put forward that proposal until this afternoon. Hence, might we, through you, ask the Secretariat whether perhaps we could maintain this item still on the list under item 3 and to keep it open for a little more time until this afternoon.

Thank you Chair.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of Spain. Of course, the floor is open this afternoon for your suggestion.

Are there any other delegations?

The distinguished representative of China. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

**Mr. Y. XU** (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a question of clarification through the interpretation. My understanding that item 3 will be opened this afternoon, so maybe we seek your clarification which item will be open this afternoon because item 3 for a long time has been closed. So if item 13 is up to the clarification of the Secretariat.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Yes, I thank the distinguished representative of China. I think 13 not item 3, item 13, Proposals to the Committee for New Agenda Items, for the afternoon.

Are there any other delegations wishing to make a statement?

I see none.

If the Subcommittee has no further statements under this item, may I take it that it wishes to consider ...

Distinguished delegates, we will, therefore, continue our consideration of agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee for New Agenda Items, in the afternoon.

Now I give the floor to the Secretariat for their comments about the report and review the document please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Secretariat would like to brief delegations on the status of the draft report of the Legal Subcommittee and the respective Working Groups.

This morning we have distributed in the pigeon holes of all delegations, the draft report of the Legal Subcommittee, contained in document L.279, in all languages. We have also distributed in the pigeon holes this morning, in all languages of the United Nations, document L.279/Add.1 and these are the two parts of the report of the Legal Subcommittee that are available at this moment.

We have also distributed in all languages the draft report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/TRE/L.1.

And finally, we have also distributed in the pigeon holes in all United Nations languages the draft report of the Chair of the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/DEF/L.1.

Mr. Chairman, these documents have been distributed in the pigeon holes of delegation. The Secretariat suggests that we give the Legal Subcommittee a couple of minutes to collect the documents.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Secretariat. Have we distributed the report to all delegates?

Distinguished delegates, we have 10 minutes to collect our documents through the Secretariat, or the pigeon holes outside of the room.

*Break*

**The CHAIRMAN:** OK, distinguished delegates, I hope all delegates have the documents.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 5 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/TRE/L.1, and the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a) can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/DEF/L.1.

We will then reconvene the plenary to continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 5, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, and agenda item 7(a), the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Groups on Agenda 5 and 7(a).

As you aware, the Chairman of the Working Group of Agenda Item 5 had to leave and he has requested me to serve as Acting Chairman for the final meeting of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5 this morning.

Do I hear any objection?

If I see no comments.

*It is so decided.*

I have also been informed that the Chairman of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a) had to leave and he has requested Mr. Luis Alexandre Iansen De Sant'Ana of Brazil to serve as Acting Chairman of the final meeting of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a), this morning.

Do I hear any objection?

If I see no objection.

*It is so decided.*

I, therefore, suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Groups on Agenda Item 5 and

Agenda Item 7(a) can hold their final meeting to adopt their reports.

We will then resume our meeting.

This meeting of the Legal Subcommittee is now suspended.

*The meeting was suspended at 10.51 a.m.*

*The meeting resumed at 11.20 a.m.*

**The CHAIRMAN:** Distinguished delegate, I now reconvene the 817<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

I would like to continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 5, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Group.

#### **Report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5**

I would like to present the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5 in my capacity as Acting Chairman for the Working Group.

Distinguished delegates, as you know, the Chairman of the Working Group, Mr. Jean-François Mayence, 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 this work and present here. Therefore, please allow me to present the report as the Acting Chairman of the Working Group.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the work of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space, at the current session of the Legal Subcommittee, was very productive. The Working Group held three meeting during which time it was able to present a good foundation for its future work. The report of the Working Group which has just been adopted by its members is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/TRE/L.1.

It is my pleasure to submit the report of the Subcommittee for its adoption.

I would now like to endorse the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/TRE/L.1.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee endorses the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5, as amended?

The distinguished representative of the Czech Republic, I give the floor to you.

**Mr. V. KOPAL** (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. ... (*no microphone*) ... it should be still said that this document is amended because we made small amendments in paragraph 4 and in paragraph 11.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished delegate from the Czech Republic. Of course, with your comments, the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 5 as amended.

We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 5, Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

#### **Report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a)**

I would like to continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 7, the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Group.

I would like to give the floor to the Acting Chairman of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a), Mr. Luis Alexandre Iansen De Sant'Ana from Brazil, to present the report of the Working Group of the Subcommittee.

Mr. Sant'Ana, you have the floor please.

**Mr. L. A. IANSEN DE SANT'ANA** (Brazil): Distinguished delegates, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Working Group on Agenda Item 7, the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space, has concluded its work at the current session of the Legal Subcommittee.

The Working Group held four meetings during which it was able to elaborate a number of recommendations and to adopt a set of decisions which constitute a good foundation for its future work at its meeting during the fiftieth session of the Legal Subcommittee in 2011.

The report of the Working Group, as it has just been adopted by its members, is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/DEF/L.1.

It is my pleasure to submit the report to the Subcommittee for its adoption.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Mr. Sant'Ana for your report.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to endorse the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a), as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/DEF/L.1.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee endorses the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7?

The report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 7(a) is endorsed.

We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 7, the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space.

#### **Report of the Legal Subcommittee**

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to begin the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee, adoption of A/AC.105/C.2/L.279.

We shall now proceed paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the first part of the report, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279. This part contains the section on Introduction, General Exchange of Views, and Information on the Activities of International Intergovernmental and Non-governmental Organizations Relating to Space Law.

Do all delegates have the first part?

I think so. Therefore, we have five minutes time for to review the document.

*Break*

**The CHAIRMAN:** Distinguished delegates, paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of A/AC.105/C.2/L.279.

Paragraph 1.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 2.

No objections.

*Adopted.*

Attendance. Paragraph 3.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 4.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 5.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 6.

China. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

**Mr. Y. XU** (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under this paragraph, under Page 3, the fourth line from the beginning of this page, “the session was attended by observers from the following non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status with the Committee”. I checked very carefully with last year’s COPUOS report and last year’s Legal Subcommittee’ report, we do not have that thesis(?) to qualify the non-governmental organizations. So that is a question homed to the Secretariat whether we are sure that all the following NGOs have permanent observer status or not. If that is not the case, maybe we just go back to the standard wording of the COPUOS report as well as last year’s Legal Subcommittee report, thus deleted as having permanent status with the Committee.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of China. I give the floor to the Secretary.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes,

this paragraph on attendance by intergovernmental organization and non-governmental organization with permanent observer status with the Committee, as pointed out by the distinguished delegate of China, is changing from year to year. Now, during the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee we wanted to restructure the paragraphs so the first reflect the attendance by international intergovernmental organizations with permanent observer status and then the non-governmental organizations having permanent observer status. So there is a separate.

Before, as you are aware all delegations, in previous time we had a mix of all these organizations but there was a request to separate these two categories.

Now, in the case of the non-governmental organizations, all these organizations listed there, ESPE, ILA, IISL, Secure World Foundation and SGAC, they are permanent observers of the Committee. If there would have been another organization attending, that would have been reflected separately but the Secretariat is, of course, in the hands of the delegations how to deal with this paragraph.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Dr. Hedman for your explanation towards the Secretariat.

Any comments?

The distinguished representative of China. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

**Mr. Y. XU** (China): Thank you for the Secretariat’s clarification. May I draw attention to last year’ COPUOS report, that is paragraph 10 of the document A/64/20. They have two categories of observers and we have most of the 10 days of this Legal Subcommittee was supposed to be reflected in the paragraph 10. But in that paragraph, when we are talking about non-governmental organizations, it reads “the session was also attended by observers of the following non-governmental organizations”, if, in that report, we did not mention the permanent observers. My question is that whether at that time although organizations are permanent observers or not, because that is the standard we have to follow, that is COPUOS standard wording. If at that session there are new organization required to become observer status, it is OK, but that is the question.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of China. I give the floor to the Secretary please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, paragraph 10 of last year's COPUOS report in document A/64/20, as delegations will see, it is a separation between intergovernmental organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee, and then, as it is reflected here, non-governmental organizations. The non-governmental organizations reflected in that paragraph 10 of last year's report of COPUOS, which means ASC, ESPE, EURISY, IAEA, IAF, IISL, Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz International Prize for Water, Secure World Foundation, and SGAC are permanent observers of the Committee.

Now, for information, when I look at this paragraph now, it is actually an error from the Secretariat when we drafted that paragraph, we intended to say the following non-governmental organizations with permanent observer status with the Committee, to have it exactly in line with the first part. But it was adopted and it was an error on behalf of the Secretary, it was adopted, so we are in the hands of delegations whether delegations wish to retain the classification as we have in the current paragraph 6 or whether delegations would like to strike out the reference to the non-governmental organization that having permanent observer status with the Committee.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished Secretary for your explanation.

The distinguished representative of Venezuela. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, thank you Chairman. We would like to add our voice to the request from the delegate of China. We agree with what he is saying as well as what the Secretariat adds that the Committee is studying or still discussing the status of observers from some of the groups here present, in particular ECOSOF(?) (ECOSOC?) and they still have not set out clear patterns. Hence, I think, we must make a correction that which the Secretariat has just accepted. That must be corrected otherwise there cannot be an agreement within the Committee.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Venezuela for your comments.

Are there any comments?

I give the floor to the Secretary to read again the paragraph.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat understood the proposal by the distinguished delegate of Venezuela that the second part of this paragraph 6 that we are considering on Page 3, the third line, starting of the third line, would read as follows: "The session was attended by observers for the following non-governmental organizations:", it means that the phrase having permanent observer status with the Committee is proposed to be deleted. And that is the question, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Secretariat.

Any comments?

The distinguished representative of the United States. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the United States.

**Mr. S. McDONALD** (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I missed something but did the Secretariat say that all of these NGOs were, in fact, permanent observers? And, therefore, if they are, it is not clear to my delegation what is wrong with the factual statement that these observers with permanent observer status, what would be the problem with that statement?

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the United States.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

**Mr. V. KOPAL** (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As a matter of fact, I just wanted to raise the same question. I believe that these non-governmental organizations that have been listed here indeed enjoy permanent observer status so it should be indeed left here in the text as originally proposed.

Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

I give the floor to the Secretary. Do you have any comments?

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Secretariat just recalled the proposal made by the distinguished delegate of Venezuela and just a point of clarification, as the Secretariat pointed out in its earlier intervention, the organizations that are listed in paragraph 6, being non-governmental organization, they all have permanent observer status with the Committee, as decided by the Committee in previous years.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you the Secretariat for the explanation about paragraph 6.

Any other comments on paragraph 6 please?

Are there any comments with the clarification of this paragraph with the idea of the Secretariat?

I see none.

Therefore, paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 8.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 9.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 10.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 11.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 12.

The Czech Republic. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

**Mr. V. KOPAL** (Czech Republic): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we have had on our agenda a special point, Election of the Chairman, it means item 2 of our agenda. But there is nothing about the election. There is only the expression of the satisfaction of the delegation during the general exchange of views. This is correct, of course. It was done so by many delegations but we do not have here any special sentence about the election itself that was effected and it was effected before the Symposium was held and, of course, also before the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee. So I would like to suggest to include a special sentence on your election before 'D'.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

I give the floor to the Secretariat for the sentence.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat is grateful to the distinguished delegate of the Czech Republic for having observed this error. In fact, the Secretariat has gone through previous reports and in this case, what the Secretariat proposes is that Section I, Introduction, Sub-section A, should be 'Opening of the Session' and 'Election of the Chairman' and we would then reflect the paragraphs of the election of the Chairman who was elected, we are relying on that sentence. So apologies from the Secretariat and thank you once again to the distinguished delegate of the Czech Republic.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished delegation of the Czech Republic and thank you Secretariat for your explanation.

Therefore, paragraph 12 is adopted.

Now we are going to paragraph 13.

No comments.



*Adopted.*

Paragraph 14.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 15.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 16.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 17.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 18.

For paragraph 18, I give the floor to the Secretary that he wants to give an explanation.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In the English version at least, the two presentations in paragraph 18 made by Tunisia have their French title. We have requested the translator to translate it into English. We will align that.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the Secretary for your statement.

Therefore, paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19.

Venezuela. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, thank you Chairman. I would simply like to recall something and would like to know, through you, whether the Secretariat mentioned the following, precisely in

paragraph 19, there is a statement made by GRULAC and for us it is always better that you actually put GRULAC. Now we remembered that this was going to be dealt with in the Subcommittee under 'Any Other Business'. I simply wish to remind the Secretariat just to bear that in mind so we do the agenda under 'Miscellaneous' and we were going to discuss how we were going to deal with this when a regional group made a statement and this should remain reflected and the name of the regional group should also be reflected. That was all.

Thank you Chair.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Venezuela for your statement.

I give the floor to the Secretary. Do you have an explanation please?

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, in this paragraph 19, as it is reflected in the document "some delegations" because it expresses the view expressed by more than one delegation. There is, however, a proposal from the distinguished representative of Venezuela to replace "some delegations" with, in fact, "the GRULAC State" so there would be Costa Rica and then "on behalf of GRULAC expressed the view that ...". This is the proposal by the distinguished delegate of Venezuela, Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you to the Secretary for your explanation.

Are there comments?

The distinguished representative of Venezuela. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, that is what we would like but my contribution is not to make that correction now, rather simply to remind the Secretariat that this issue has to be dealt with in the Committee so that in the future it would be clear just what form we include the statements from regional groups in. For us, it seems clear. We think it wiser that we actually put the name of the regional group concerned rather than just some delegations. I simply wish to remind you of that so it would be borne in mind and for it to be discussed within the Committee.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Venezuela for your comments.

Saudi Arabia. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is the view of other countries not just only one group or one region so I think it should be “some delegations” otherwise we have to put name of each country who has stated the same things.

Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for your comments.

I give the floor to Dr. Hedman please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Hedman. Yes, in the case of paragraph 19, the Secretariat now understands the distinguished representative of Venezuela that there is not a proposal to change this particular paragraph in the report of the Legal Subcommittee. However, Venezuela has reminded the Secretariat that this issue is actually going to be addressed in the session of COPUOS in June this year for a review and a discussion by the full Committee and the Secretariat is fully aware that that issue is going to be prepared and to be discussed in COPUOS.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank you Secretary for your explanation.

The distinguished representative of Bolivia. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Bolivia.

**Mr. P. MARCA** (Plurinational State of Bolivia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chair. I simply would like to underline the idea as I see it from the point of view of the Bolivian delegation that within the United Nations all countries have the right to join groupings and through their regional grouping or other type of group, so we cannot stop any country or countries from actually clustering with others, whether on a geographical or other basis or on common issues in other aspects. Now, this aspect is going to be dealt with in the Committee, I think, at the next session in June, and then, without doubt, we will define how ideas presented by regional groups are to

be taken up in different meetings of this Committee and the Subcommittees, that is the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and this Subcommittee as well as in plenary.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of Bolivia for your comments.

OK, if there are no comments, paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 21.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 22.

The distinguished representative of China. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

**Mr. Y. XU** (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Very briefly. According to my memory, there is more than one delegation has the view and have some concerns about an arms race in outer space. So maybe we can ask the Secretariat to reflect that to replace the “view was expressed” by “some delegations expressed the view that”.

Thank you Mr. Chair.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of China.

Iran. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Iran please.

**Mr. N. SHIRAZI** (Islamic Republic of Iran): Thank you Chairman. Just briefly to add my delegation’s voice to what has been said by the distinguished delegate from China.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of Iran.

Any comments?

I give the floor to the Secretary for correction of the paragraph.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, with this proposal, the paragraph would read, paragraph 22 it is, “some delegations expressed the view that problems and challenges” and then it continues, “some delegations expressed the view that ...”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Secretary for your explanation.

Any comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 23.

The distinguished representative of Spain. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Spain please.

**Ms. T. ZABALA UTRILLAS** (Spain): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Spain would like to know which delegations expressed and eventually it could be convenient to change “the view was expressed” to “some delegations expressed”.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Spain.

I give the floor to the Secretary please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The proposal by the distinguished delegate of Spain is to change the paragraph 33 so it reflects that “some delegations expressed the view”. So it means “some delegations” ... .

**The CHAIRMAN:** OK, I give the floor again to the distinguished representative of Spain please.

**Ms. T. ZABALA UTRILLAS** (Spain): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The proposal was

dependent upon the answer to my previous question which was which delegations expressed this view.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Spain.

I give the floor to the Secretariat please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat has recorded that one delegation expressed this view and it is up to the delegation to speak up.

**The CHAIRMAN:** OK, the distinguished representative of Russia. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Russian Federation.

**Ms. L. V. KASATKINA** (Russian Federation) (*interpretation from Russian*): Thank you very much. It was our view, it was our delegation speaking and that is reflected in our main statement.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Russian Federation for your comment.

If there are no comments on paragraph 23.

Spain. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Spain.

**Ms. T. ZABALA UTRILLAS** (Spain): I understand that it was only one delegation. I suggest to express that one delegation expressed, etc.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Spain.

Saudi Arabia. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): Thank you for the clarification from the Russian Federation and I think we side with them for this so that means it would be some delegations and not just only one country.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Are there any comments?

None.

Therefore, paragraph 23 is adopted.

Of course, paragraph 23 started with “some delegations”.

Paragraph 24.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 25.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 26.

No objection.

Therefore, paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27.

Germany. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Germany please.

**Mr. T. MUETZELBURG** (Germany): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Actually we do not have a comment specifically to make on paragraph 27 but we would like to suggest a new paragraph in our II. General Exchange of Views and, Mr. Chairman, we are in your hand where to include this point and I would like to read out our suggestion with your indulgence: “Some delegations expressed the view that the jamming of telecommunication satellites by the Islamic Republic of Iran constitutes a violation of Article 1 of the Outer Space Treaty”.

As I said, Mr. Chairman, we are in your hands where to include this. We would also be open to include this under 32 where the EUTELSAT’s presentation is mentioned.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank you distinguished representative of Germany for your suggestion.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Iran please.

**Mr. N. SHIRAZI** (Islamic Republic of Iran): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I carefully listened to the suggestion and proposal made by the distinguished delegate of Germany. In that case, the report also should clearly reflect the response provided by my delegation and my delegation explained that this is a matter that is already under the consideration of ITU and this is a matter that was raised on a political motivation and may jeopardize and be harmful to the consensus prevailed at the Committee’s meeting and all deliberations that our delegation provided should be reflected in the report duly.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank you distinguished representative of Iran for your statement.

I give the floor to the Secretariat please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat has the text, the proposed text of what was read out by the distinguished delegate of Germany. The Secretariat would need to consult further with the distinguished delegate of Iran so that we get the appropriate language there proposed and the Secretariat will then, when it has these two proposals, then look into the placement of the two paragraphs and then, of course, put it for adoption to the Subcommittee. The Secretariat proposes that these two paragraphs be, in fact, reflected under General Exchange of Views and will look into the exact placement of the two paragraphs.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. We will come back to this later.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Secretary for your explanation. Therefore, we will come back.

The distinguished representative of EUTELSAT. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT please.

**Mr. C. ROISSE** (European Telecommunications Satellite Organization) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Chairman. Just to be consistent, you are also asking reference to be made to the statement made by EUTELSAT-IGO in the context of the framework of the re-opening of agenda item 4.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of EUTELSAT. According to the explanation of the Secretary, of course, we will open what kind of part we can at the further suggestion of the distinguished representative of Germany and the distinguished representative of Iran too.

Paragraph 27 again.

The distinguished representative of Canada. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Canada please.

**Mr. B. LEGENDRE** (Canada): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before we consider paragraph 27, I would like to signal to the Secretariat the heading preceding paragraph 27. In the French version, this heading is numbered on number three and in the English version it is numbered as number four.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Canada for your comment.

Spain. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Spain.

**Ms. T. ZABALA UTRILLAS** (Spain): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The same is applicable to the Spanish version.

**The CHAIRMAN:** OK, thank you distinguished representative of Spain.

Any other comments on paragraph 27?

I see none.

Therefore, we have adopted paragraph 27.

Paragraph 28.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 28.

Now paragraph 29.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 30.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 31.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 32.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 33.

No objection.

Paragraph 33 is adopted.

The Czech Republic. I give the floor to the Czech Republic.

**Mr. V. KOPAL** (Czech Republic): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. With your permission, I would like to return to paragraph 30 because I observed here that in the activities for which ESA, the European Space Agency, and the European Centre for Space Law is responsible and which indeed deserve our admiration and gratitude, the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition is also quoted but to my knowledge this is the activity that is being exercised by the International Institute of Space Law and not ESA or ECSL. So I regret to bring it to your attention.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

The distinguished representative of the European Space Agency, I give the floor to you.

**Ms. U. BOHLMANN** (European Space Agency): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Actually what should be referred to here in this paragraph are the European Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of the European Space Agency for your comments.

Paragraph 33 again.

Any comments?

Paragraph 33 is adopted.

Paragraph 34.

No objection.

Paragraph 34 is adopted.

Paragraph 35.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 36.

No comments.

Therefore, paragraph 36 is adopted.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 37.

No comments.

Therefore, paragraph 37 is adopted.

Paragraph 38.

No comment.

Paragraph 38 is adopted.

Paragraph 39.

Paragraph 39 is adopted.

We have, therefore, adopted the first part of the report. Of course, the Secretariat has received comments from the distinguished representative of Germany and the distinguished representative of Iran. Of course, they have to prepare the paragraph and later on they will give it to some part of the report.

We shall now proceed paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the second part of the draft report, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.1.

This part of the draft report contains the section of matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union, capacity-building in space law, general exchange of information on national mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures.

Do all delegates have a copy of this third part? Sorry, the second part, not the third part.

I will read paragraph-by-paragraph for adoption document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.1.

Paragraph 1.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 2.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 3.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 4.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 5.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 6.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 7.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 8.

No comments.

Paragraph 9.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 10.

No comment.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 11.

No comment.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 12.

Saudi Arabia. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): Thank you Mr. Chairman. According to this, I really would like to know to have something in view of this. During 2008 INTERSAT(?) Limited was acquired by Savina(?) Holding Limited as an entity created by private equity, funded by partners and others. Since the transaction involved the transfer of control over the INTERSAT licences to the new owner and in particular the licence for use by INTERSAT of the parties, common heritage. This is in view that the provision of Articles 1 and 2 of the Outer Space Treaty made it clear that a party of the Treaty could not appropriate any part of outer space such as an orbit, fully taking into account the interests of States in the use of the geostationary orbit, either by claim of sovereignty or by means of use, including repeated use. Also in the view that the geostationary orbit was integrated part of outer space and that, therefore, its use should be governed by the provisions of the United Nations treaties on outer space and that equitable access to it should therefore guarantee for all State taking into account any particular needs and interests of the developing countries.

So maybe actually there is no common heritage in the geostationary orbit and INTERSAT and the other private international organizations, it is our concern the geostationary orbit as a common heritage. So we would like to make the comment that it should be looking into it as a common heritage.

Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for your comments.

I give the floor to the Secretariat please.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat has listened carefully to the statement by the distinguished delegate of Saudi Arabia. Paragraph 19 on Pages 3 and 4 attempt to deal with this issue because it was brought up in the presentation, in the document provided by IPSO. The distinguished delegate of Saudi Arabia, is this, do you want to propose amendments to paragraph 19 or do you want to replace paragraph 19 with a completely new paragraph or have both paragraph reflected, a new one that you read out, together with paragraph 19.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Secretary for your explanation.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): We would like to include both please. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** OK, thank you distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

The distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia, if it is possible, could you prepare a draft and give it to the Secretary please?

I give the floor to you please.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): Yes, I will and I have it already being drafted in English and in Arabic too. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you so much.

Therefore, any other comments on paragraph 12?

The distinguished representative of the United States. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the United States.

**Mr. S. McDONALD** (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, our delegation has no objections to revising paragraph 19 or adding another paragraph but on the basis of the statement by our distinguished colleague from Saudi Arabia, that would seem to have been a fairly detailed and extensive addition to our report and I think we have tried to keep our report as short and concise as possible. So I think at this stage, we would like to reserve our views on this additional paragraph pending our ability to review that.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank you distinguished representative of the United State for your comments.

Any other comments?

Canada. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Canada.

**Mr. B. LEGENDRE** (Canada): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a technical point in the English version. On the second line of this paragraph, after the comma it says "should not only be rational use but should be made available to all States". I think it should read "should not only be used rationally but should be made available to all States".

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Canada for your comments.

The distinguished representative of Canada, it is possible, please repeat the sentence.

**Mr. B. LEGENDRE** (Canada): To re-read the sentence? OK. So the sentence actually would read, I am going to begin with the beginning of the paragraph: "Some delegations were of the view that the use of the geostationary orbit which was a limited natural resource should not only be used rationally but should be made available to all States".

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Canada.

The distinguished representative of the United States. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the United States please.

**Mr. S. McDONALD** (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We agree with the distinguished delegate of Canada. There was, in fact, a grammatical issue but we would correct it differently. We would note that what this follow-on phrase modifies is use of the geostationary orbit, not geostationary orbit. So it should read "Some delegations were of the view that use of the geostationary orbit, which was a limited natural resource, should not only be rational ..." and then delete "use" "but should be made available to all States.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of the United States.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Canada.

**Mr. B. LEGENDRE** (Canada): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the distinguished colleague from the United States and he is actually right so I would support his proposal.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representatives of Canada and the United States for their comments.

Are there any other comments to paragraph 12?

*It is adopted.*

Paragraph 13.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 14.

Ecuador. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Ecuador.

**Mr. J. ROSENBERG** (Ecuador) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. A minor change. My delegation, with regard to this paragraph, in the fourth line, at least in the Spanish



language, where it talks about the needs of developing countries, would like us to make it link-up a little bit better in what was put in 12. So in 14 we would talk about the needs and interests of developing countries and the geographical position of certain countries, so and interests.

Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Ecuador for your comments.

Any comments?

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 15.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 16.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 17.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 18.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 19.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 20.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 21.

The distinguished representative of Venezuela. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. On this particular issue, I think it is not actually reflected this idea of definition and delimitation of outer space has to be discussed when we come back to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. That is what we put in our statement and we would like this to be reflected in the report.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Venezuela for your comments.

With your suggestion, therefore, the Secretariat will in the process later on.

No comments to paragraph 21.

Therefore, paragraph 21 is adopted.

Paragraph 22.

I give the floor to the Secretary for paragraph 22.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is a correction to paragraph 22 (e). As delegations are aware, we have circulated this morning Conference Room Paper 8, Addenda 1, with information received from the Netherlands on building capacity in space law. So we would, therefore, include the Netherlands in the list of States under (e) and we would put the reference Conference Room Paper or CRP.8 and Add.1.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Secretary for your comments.

No objections.

Paragraph 22 is adopted.

Paragraph 23.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 24.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 25.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 26.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 27.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 28.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 29.

No objection.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 30.

Japan. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Japan.

**Ms. A. HAHIMOTO** (Japan): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Reading through all the capacity-building in space law papers(?), our delegation finds that our statement in this agenda item is not duly reflected in relating description of this year's report so we are not so sure if it is after paragraph 29 or after 32 or something. It is \_\_\_\_\_(?) our delegation has concerned with you, with the Chairman and the Secretariat. But this new paragraph should be contained and I will read the new paragraph.

“The Subcommittee noted that the financial support provided by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, JAXA, for sending students in the Asia-Pacific region to the International Astronautical Congress, IAC, and other opportunities given by JAXA, in particular, in the framework of the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, APRSAF.”

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you distinguished representative of Japan for your comments. If it is possible, please give it in writing to the Secretariat who will add this paragraph to the report.

If there are no comments to paragraph 29, it is adopted.

Paragraph 30.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 31.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 32.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 33.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 34.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 35.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 36.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 37.

No comments.

*Adopted.*

Paragraph 38.

*Adopted.*

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (Saudi Arabia): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think it is in the capacity-building there were requests to build up a Centre for the Arabic language and then, in my understanding, the Office has received a letter coming from the Royal \_\_\_\_\_(?) saying that actually they will establish a Centre over there but the Centre it is going to be for the \_\_\_\_\_(?) Asia(?) countries and that means it will be the teaching is in English. Therefore, we really would like to get from the Secretariat, through you, we would like to ask the Office if it is actually the Centre it has to be for the Arabic language exactly as what it came in the United Nations UNISPACE III request.

Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN:** I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for your comments.

No comment from the Secretary. I will get back and we will explain to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Distinguished delegates, now I think time has finished. I give the floor to the Secretariat. They have some comments.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat just to look into the afternoon. In the afternoon, we will continue and hopefully conclude our consideration under agenda item 13, New Agenda Items of the Subcommittee. So that will be taken up first in the afternoon and then we will proceed where we ended today with the adoption of the report, which means that we will bring up Addenda 1, Part 9, General Exchange of Information on National Mechanisms Relating to Space Debris Mitigation Measures.

We will then look into all the pending proposals that we have referred to during this morning's session in the adoption of the report. And, Mr. Chairman, through you, the Secretariat would like to ask the delegations that have already proposed new texts for the report to come to the Secretariat right after the adjournment of this morning's session now with 1.00 p.m.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN:** Thank you Secretary for your application.

Therefore, this meeting is adjourned until 3.00 p.m.

Thank you for your attention.

*The meeting adjourned at 1.03 p.m.*