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

The meeting was called to order at 10.17 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Good morning distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I now declare open the 819th 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 adjourn the plenary so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 12 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/LEG/L.1.

We will then reconvene the plenary to continue 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, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12.

We will then continue and conclude the adoption of the remaining part of the report of the Legal Subcommittee, contained in A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.3.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule?

I see none.

**Adoption of report of the Working Group on
Agenda Item 12, General Exchange of Information**

**on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful
Exploration and Use of Outer Space**

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 12 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report, contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/LEG/L.1.

We will then reconvene the plenary to continue 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.

Do I hear any objection?

I see no objection.

It is so decided.

I, therefore, suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 12 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report.

We will then reconvene our meeting.

I give the floor to the Secretary.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Working Group on Agenda Item 12 will reconvene in about 10 to 15 minutes. I would like to refer delegations to the document, as the Chairman also has pointed out, in document LEG/L.1, which is the draft report of the Chair of the Working Group under agenda

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item 12, and delegations may wish to read the document in this time before we reconvene the Working Group.

I would also like to take this opportunity to refer delegations to the last remaining part of the report of the Legal Subcommittee, contained in document L.279/Add.3. It has been distributed in the pigeon holes this morning in all official languages. So the Working Group under agenda item 12 will be reconvened in 10 to 15 minutes.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The meeting was suspended at 10.21 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10.35 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Distinguished delegates, before starting the report, I give the floor to the Secretariat for an explanation.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have to wait a little while for the Working Group on Item 12 to be able to reconvene. The Chairman and the Secretariat has, therefore, consulted and would like to continue with the adoption of the report and it would be done in the following way.

We will adopt document L.279/Add.3, paragraph-by-paragraph, but only the Sections 6, Review and Possible Revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space, Section 7, 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, and also the final part of this document which is Section 11, 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.

Then we will suspend and reconvene the Working Group on Item 12 to adopt its report and we will come back to the final part in Add.3 which is Section 10 on National Space Legislation.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Secretary for your explanation.

Do all delegations have a copy of this part?

Adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee

Of course, yes. Therefore, we are going paragraph-by-paragraph.

Document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.3.

Paragraph 1.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 2.

No comments?

It is adopted.

Paragraph 3.

No objection?

It is adopted.

Paragraph 4.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 5.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 6.

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

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Good morning to one and all. On paragraph 6, that is where we are, right, I have the Spanish version before me, "the view was expressed that ..." and then I add "with taking special consideration of developing countries or States". So the paragraph would say here that more State should be able to benefit from this enlargement. The delegation

that spoke about this and everything that was said about the benefits and everything would be rendered possible if there would proper, positive spin-off benefits for the consumer. I think that the delegation in question had indicated that it, in particular, due consideration should be taken of developing countries or developing States.

The CHAIRMAN: Any other comments?

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

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under paragraph 6, the last line, the draft Report talks about those delegations cause(?) on the Legal Subcommittee to undertake a review of the Safety Framework. We ask the Secretariat to check with the records because it seems to me that the Safety Framework is not an outcome of this Legal Subcommittee but maybe it is a review of the Principles relevant to the use of outer space because the Safety Framework was newly adopted by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee with cooperation with IAEA so it seems to me a little bit strange to ask this Legal Subcommittee to review that Framework which was newly adopted. So maybe we can ask the Secretariat to check whether it is just a technical mistake.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of China.

I give the floor to the Secretariat to explain or check.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The issue that the distinguished delegate of China refers to is exactly taken from the points that were raised by those delegations so it is reflecting the exact meaning of what was raised by those delegations.

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

Any other comments?

Therefore, paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 8.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 9.

No objection.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 10.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 11.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 12.

Of course, no comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 13.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 14.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 15.

No objection.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 16.

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

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. Sorry, I had made a mistake when I spoke last actually.

What we wanted to propose actually had to do with the comments that had been presented by several delegations on the definitions and we observe here that the Subcommittee is noting with satisfaction or it is satisfied with the definition on outer space and since my delegation indeed had some problems with the definition of public services or outer space service, we would place this in a larger context even though it is not referred to specifically here. I do believe that we could usefully add here a sentence that would be to say that there are still legal definitions which are yet pending which have yet to be defined precisely. We could say, for example, that the Subcommittee noted that certain definitions still need further refinement or further work.

I do not know whether delegations could agree with me but we do believe that the definitions which exist at present are sufficiently accurate and precise.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of Colombia.

Any other comments?

I give the floor to the Secretariat to prepare a sentence for your solution.

OK, 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, concerning paragraph 16, this paragraph is dealing with the Subcommittee as a whole noting with satisfaction the progress made within UNIDROIT. I am not entirely certain that the proposal from our distinguished colleague from Colombia represents a Subcommittee view, so I think in the interests of having this as a structured and as concise possible that perhaps this could be reflected as a separate paragraph because paragraph 16 represents the common view of the Subcommittee. This is a new concept being introduced that I am not entirely sure that would be shared by all delegations. So in the interest of moving forward, I would suggest a separate paragraph.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for your statement.

I give the floor to the Secretariat. They have an explanation.

The distinguished representative of Colombia. If you have any suggestions, could you write it please and end it to the Secretariat.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. I believe that for the sake of consensus we are just going to say that we agree with what the United States has said and possibly we should add an additional paragraph subsequently and we will be handing that in writing.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of Colombia.

Therefore, we are going to paragraph 17.

Yes, paragraph 16, of course, adopted. We are going to paragraph 17.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 18.

The distinguished representative of the Republic of Korea. I give the floor to you please.

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just that I missed some point in paragraph 17. Can I go on? Thank you. We talk about the third session of the Committee of Governmental Experts on the first line, and on the third line, the Steering Committee of UNIDROIT, and on the fifth line we say from the fourth line "that the second session was held in Rome in 2003", while we say the third session of the Committee of Governmental Experts was held in December 2009. There are two Committees we are talking about, the Committee of Governmental Experts and the Steering Committee of UNIDROIT. I do not know much about the organization of those two committees of UNIDROIT. It seems to me that there is something wrong. Maybe I am wrong about this date, 2003. Can you clarify?

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of the Republic of Korea for your statement.

I give the floor to the Secretariat to explain.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat will give the further clarification.

When we refer to the Steering Committee, it is always put as Steering Committee. When we refer to the Committee of Governmental Experts when it appears the first time in a certain paragraph, it is spelled out Committee of Governmental Experts and when it appears in other parts of the same paragraph, it is the Committee and that is the editorial standard that we used.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Any comments?

OK, therefore adopted. OK?

The distinguished representative of the Republic of Korea.

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): Thank you Mr. Chairman. So does it mean that this Committee of Governmental Experts considered at its second session held in Rome in 2003?

I think this is not the case.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat will try the following. In paragraph 17, the second sentence would read as follows:

“The Committee had reviewed the text of the draft Space Assets Protocol resulting from its second session held in Rome from 15 to 19 December 2003 ...” and then the sentence continues. So the phrase “that it had considered at” would be replaced with “resulting from”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Any comments?

No comments on paragraph 17. Therefore, adopted.

We are going to paragraph 18.

No comments.

This paragraph is adopted.

Paragraph 19.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 20.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 21.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 22.

The distinguished representative of Korea. I give the floor to you.

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think it is a technical error, it is more a technical problem. On line four, the delegation expressing the view, was also of the view. I think it is a bit strange.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it in paragraph 22?

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): That is right. On line four.

The CHAIRMAN: I give the floor to the Secretary.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is, in fact, a standard editorial standard that is now being applied through all our documents. We have phrased it differently before and that is why maybe the distinguished delegate of the Republic of Korea wondered about this but the editorial standard is now to

say that when a view was expressed that, and there is another view expressed by the same delegation of the same content, they say the following: “the delegation expressing that view was also of the view. So this is an editorial issue.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you to the Secretariat for the comment.

Any other comments?

The distinguished representative of Colombia. I give the floor to you.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, Chairman. Well, it is a bit regrettable. It is awkward to have to intervene here but I do not know whether the distinguished colleague from Korea is right as to dissemination of these things on the editing. I am still not quite sure about the previous statement on 16 and 17 rather when it talks about the second meeting held in Paris in May of last year, and then at 17 it says the second meeting held from 15 to 19 December. Now perhaps we need to make an effort in drafting because it seems to be that the same error runs through this because when we are talking about the Committee, we are talking about, I think, about one particular committee and we are talking here about the second meeting of the Steering Committee in 2009 and then beneath it says “the Committee had reviewed the draft text of the draft Space Assets at its second session”. Now, how many second meetings does this Committee have? And if one was in 2003 and one was in 2009? I do not know whether we should point out that we are talking about the Steering Committee above and the Governmental Committee beneath. Perhaps we need to revise the drafting of this a little.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Colombia.

I give the floor to the Secretary for an explanation.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sorry for keeping you but I had to consult my expert on this point and, as the Secretariat pointed out earlier, when there is the Steering Committee, it is referred to the Steering Committee. When there is the Committee of Governmental Experts, it is referred to the

Committee of Governmental Experts the first time it is mentioned in the paragraph and when it is repeated, it is the Committee. Both bodies they have their different ways of working and they also have first and second meetings and third and fourth, etc. So Mr. Chairman, with that explanation, I hope that it is clear.

Thank you.

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

No comments. Therefore, adopted.

We are going to paragraph 23.

No comments in this paragraph.

It is adopted.

We are going to paragraph 24.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 25.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 26.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 27.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 28.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 29.

No comments.

It is adopted.

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

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you. Apologies, Niklas, for having interrupted but this delegation and I think others in informal meetings too had expressed the opinion that it would be very productive and perhaps beneficial if other committees, legal committees of the United Nations, like UNCITRAL, could accompany the efforts made here on this issue. So we would perhaps write an additional paragraph expressing these sentiments about the necessary accompaniment by other United Nations legal committees or bodies.

Thank you.

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

I give the floor to the Secretariat for an explanation about the suggestion of the distinguished representative of Colombia.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, just to tell delegations that, as agreed this morning, we will now leave paragraphs 30 to 40 and come back to them once the Working Group on Item 12 had adopted its report. We will now continue with paragraph 41, paragraph 41 in this document. When we get back to document Add.3 after the adoption of the report by the Working Group on Item 12, we will also get back to the two proposals raised by Colombia, and if the delegation of Colombia would submit to the Secretariat texts for these two paragraphs.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Therefore, we are going to paragraph 41.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 42.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 43.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 44.

No comments to this paragraph.

Therefore, it is adopted.

Paragraph 45.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 46.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 47.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 48.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 49.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 50.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 51.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 52.

The distinguished representative of Colombia.
I give the floor to you please.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, apologies, Chairman, thank you once again. Thinking about 51 where in (e) the appropriateness and desirability of drafting a universal comprehensive convention, etc., I do not know whether it is possible to add the name of Colombia, that is this delegation to the list of other countries which have sponsored this.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of Colombia. The Secretariat will add this.

Paragraph 52.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 53.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to suspend the plenary meeting so that the Working Group on Agenda Item 12 can hold its final meeting to adopt its report.

The meeting was suspended at 11.14 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11.41 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Distinguished delegates, I now reconvene the 819th 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 12, General Exchange of Information on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, with a view to endorsing the report of the Working Group.

I would like to give the floor to the Chair of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12, Mrs. Irmgard

Marboe of Austria, to present the report of the Working Group to the Subcommittee.

Ms. I. MARBOE (Austria): Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, it is my pleasure to inform you that the work of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12, National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space, at the current session of the Legal Subcommittee was very productive. The Working Group held six meetings during which time it was able to prepare a good foundation for its work at its next session in 2011.

The Working Group, at this year's session, agreed on the way forward under its multi-year Work Plan including on the intersessional preparation of its draft final report to be considered and finalized by the Working Group in 2011.

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

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

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Mrs. Marboe for that report.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to endorse the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/2010/LEG/L.1, as amended.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee endorse the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12, as amended?

Therefore, the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 12, as amended, is endorsed.

We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 12, General Exchange of Information on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to continue with the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

We shall now continue with paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the fourth part of the report, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.3, the remaining paragraphs 30 to 40.

I give the floor to the Secretariat for more explanation.

No explanation. Therefore, we are going to paragraph 30.

Any comments?

Paragraph 30 is adopted.

Paragraph 31.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 32.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 33.

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

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On paragraph 33, the first line, after the Conference Room Paper, perhaps we should mention prepared by the Secretariat because that paper does help us to have a discussion under this item so just to show credit for the Secretariat for their hard work and we welcome for that.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of China. Thank you for your suggestion.

Any other comments?

It is adopted.

Paragraph 34.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 35.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 36.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 37.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 38.

No objection.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 39.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 40.

No comments.

It is adopted.

Distinguished delegates, we will get back to the suggestion of the distinguished delegate of Colombia. Do you have any suggestions or comments?

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): On the Addenda, yes? Some delegations expressed the view that it would be necessary to proceed to define special outer space service which could result in binding legal norms or legal standards. That is for the first paragraph I wanted to suggest to you.

Now the second suggestion. Several delegations or some delegations or a few delegations stated that other bodies of the United Nations involved in the consideration of legal issues, for example, the UNCITRAL or WTO, should contribute to the work of UNIDROIT on these issues as well as other issues related to outer space.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of Colombia.

I give the floor to the Secretariat.

Distinguished representative of Colombia, could you send a text to the Secretariat please?

Distinguished delegates, any other comments to this paragraph?

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, before considering these proposals we should take into account that our task now is to approve the report of the Subcommittee and this report must reflect the discussions that were already developed during the session of the Subcommittee and there is no time for new ideas that were not touched during the session of the Subcommittee when we now have to adopt the report. This has been the constant practice in the work of the Subcommittee and I believe that it was a very good practice and we should retain it.

Thank you very much.

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

The distinguished representative of Korea, I give the floor to you please.

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Very simply. I totally agree with the opinion of the Czech Republic.

Thank you.

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

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Colombia.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia): Thank you Mr. Chairman and thanks to Professor Kopal and the distinguished colleague from Korea and all colleagues think that it is or not necessary to include things that were discussed and I think that it is a legitimate right of these and other delegations to see reflected their concerns especially when those topics were discussed during the sessions. I think that we are also talking about new ideas or new things that were or not discussed. These were topics that indeed were discussed during the sessions. I cannot be responsible if some delegations were not attentive to the topics but

it was expressed so it is not a new idea, Professor Kopal, it has been expressed and we would like these and other delegations to see it reflected in the report like the other points that have been included.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank you distinguished representative of Colombia.

Any other comments?

Are there any other delegations who have comments to this paragraph proposal from the distinguished representative of Colombia?

The distinguished representative of Korea, I give the floor to you please.

Mr. W. PARK (Republic of Korea): Although I do not have any strong opposition to the kind of suggestion to add one or two more paragraphs. If we want it, this discussion to add one or more delegations again, I think we can finish our work. As the representative of the Czech Republic pointed out, the practice of this Committee is to make a constructive atmosphere and constructive work up to the end, and we, for Korea, we made some suggestion but we understand that those suggestions were not reflected in the report. We understand that for the sake of cooperation and for the sake of a concise report, when we think it is not that important, we do not insist. We take the position to let it go unless it is really of relative interest to our national, it is very important to our national interests, I think we can be humble for the sake of a constructive meeting.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank you distinguished representative of the Republic of Korea.

The distinguished representative of Venezuela, I give the floor to you please.

Mr. R. BECERRA (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. I think what we are doing here is simply postponing the conclusions of the Subcommittee. It is perfectly clear what is happening here. The distinguished delegate of Colombia made a proposal which is not novel, it is what we discussed, and he, like other delegations, would like that to be included. So please let us not waste any more time. We know what we to do the work is to be concluded. Let us take into account what Colombia would like and let us actually

finish the work of the Subcommittee. I think we are simply unnecessarily protracting things. I mean I think I can understand that you may have mixed views about some things but I think that there was more than one delegation which wished this to be included. Hence, I think what has been said here is correct so can we please continue without work.

Thank you.

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

Any other comments?

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. Mr. Chairman, I share absolutely the sentiments expressed by our distinguished colleague from Korea. But in the interest of moving forward, I would just ask that you repeat the two paragraphs that are being proposed and where exactly they are supposed to be in the report if we are to adopt these two new paragraphs.

Thank you.

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

We have the papers here with the Spanish language. I ask the distinguished representative of Colombia to read slowly in English please, if possible. In Spanish please. Thank you.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before I read it again, I would like to underline how these delegations as well as some other GRULAC delegations, as it was pointed out by the Coordinator of GRULAC, know the procedures of this Subcommittee and of the Commission on Outer Space. It is nothing new for us and we do respect that is some delegations do not just give up their concerns and do not want to have them reflected in the report, as I said, several delegations have expressed these views, it is not only the view of these delegations so I will repeat it in Spanish for your translation.

Thank you.

(Continued in Spanish) “Some delegations expressed their opinion on the need to establish clear definitions in the area of services provided based in

space which could be translated in the drafting or conveyed in the drafting of binding norms.”

That is the first paragraph.

The second is the following:

“Some delegations stated that other United Nations entities dedicated to legal matters, such as UNCITRAL or WTO, could contribute to the work of UNIDROIT in these and other matters relating to outer space.”

That is all for the moment.

Thank you Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of Colombia. Which part of the report do you want to add it?

I give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is Part 7 on UNIDROIT. The Secretariat would like to know from the distinguished delegate of Colombia where he would like to see these paragraphs reflected.

Thank you.

Mr. J. OJEDA BUENO (Colombia) *(interpretation from Spanish)*: Yes, thank you Niklas, thank you Chairman.

Yes, Point 7, and we have no objection to any of the opinions expressed beforehand being included.

Yes, 7, or at the end. It does not matter.

The CHAIRMAN: I give the floor to the Secretariat please.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, the Secretariat, therefore, proposes that these two paragraphs, if adopted, would be inserted after paragraph 27 so it would be 27 *bis* and *ter*.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you Secretary for your explanation.

Any other comments to these two paragraphs?

If no comments, it is adopted.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, we have, therefore, adopted the final part of the report contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.279/Add.3.

Therefore, we have adopted all parts of our draft report. Do I take it that the Legal Subcommittee adopts it report as a whole, as amended?

If I see no objection.

It is so decided.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, before closing the current session of the Subcommittee, I would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank you for your support given to me and for

the constructive and cooperative spirit which we all enjoyed during our work during the past two weeks.

We had quite a challenged session and schedule of work but despite of goodwill we prevailed in this room greatly assisted us in achieving our goals and successfully completing the tasks which were before us at the current session of the Legal Subcommittee. I am looking forward to working with you at the next session of the Legal Subcommittee.

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I now declare closed the 819th meeting of the forty-ninth session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Thank you very much for your attention.

The meeting closed at 12.09 p.m.