



Summary of Discussions

Fifth Meeting of the Providers' Forum

United Nations Office at Vienna, Vienna International Centre

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The Fifth Meeting of the Providers' Forum, co-chaired by the European Union and the United States, was held in conjunction with the 53rd Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) on 8 June 2010 in Vienna, Austria. The meeting agenda is attached as Annex I. China, Japan, the Russian Federation and the United States, as well as the European Union, were represented at the meeting.

The meeting noted that the Working Group A conducted a workshop on 7 June 2010 in Vienna, Austria. The workshop focused on multisystem GNSS compatibility for the benefit of the Providers' Forum.

The meeting also noted that the report entitled "Current and planned global and regional navigation satellite systems and satellite based augmentation systems" (ST/SPACE/50) consistent with the template for information sharing between service providers had been published and available at the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG) Information Portal¹.

The meeting took note of the Working Group A workshop on global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) interoperability that was held on November 30, 2009, Queensland, Australia in conjunction with the iGNSS 2009 Conference and Exposition. The workshop focused on the subject of interoperability from the perspective of GNSS users and manufacturers.

The meeting noted that the template for sharing and disseminating information on open service signal specifications and service standards would be reviewed by the Working Group A.

The meeting also noted that the United States would provide an updated presentation on spectrum protection at the fifth meeting of the ICG, Turin, Italy.

The meeting took note of the presentation on "Multi GNSS demonstration project" made by the representative of Japan. It was noted that the main objective of the project was to promote GNSS services in Asia. It was also noted that the first regional workshop was held on 25 – 26 January 2010, in Bangkok, Thailand, and that the second workshop would be held in November 2010.

¹ See http://www.unoosa.org/pdf/publications/icg_ebook.pdf

In reference to glossary of terms related to the work of the ICG and the Providers' Forum it was recommended that it would be reviewed and presented at the fifth meeting of the ICG.

The meeting heard the presentation on "Providers' Forum: Outreach" made by the representative of the United States and agreed to include major outreach activities in the Providers' Forum agenda as a regular item. A joint Providers' Forum outreach activity was also proposed by the United States and the members agreed to each provide a Point of Contact to further define the activity.

The Providers' Forum agreed that the European Commission and the United States would co-chair its next meeting, to take place in conjunction with the fifth meeting of the ICG, in Turin, Italy, in October 2010.