Recommendation 1 for Committee Decision

Prepared by: Working Group C

Date of Submission: 13 November 2013

Issue Title: ICG Website Design and Content

Background/Brief Description of the Issue:

–   A follow up on the Working Groups workplan actions C7 and C8 on the revision of the ICG Information Portal;

–   A well-constructed proposal to change the ICG website was made by the US delegation at the ICG meetings in 2011 and in 2012;

Discussion/Analyses:

The Office for Outer Space Affairs, as the ICG Executive Secretariat introduced a coherent and comprehensive plan to increase the quality and relevance of the ICG website. The underlying approach of the web strategy was about how to plan and manage data/information and knowledge sharing that support communications and ICG goals.

ICG website must be structured in a way that it can be easily searched and presented online. This will be used to raise awareness and understanding of ICG's challenges and achievements.

Recommendation of Committee Action:

Changes to be made to the website content structure along already accepted the website standards of the Office for Outer Space Affairs;

Recommendation 2 for Committee Decision

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Issue Title: Collaborative Portal for Workgroups

Background/Brief Description of the Issue:

The need to create a web-based forum for the working groups use that could include advance/draft meeting materials. This will allow working groups to better communicate and coordinate organization of meetings and regular discussions.

Discussion/Analyses:

The Working Group noted the limitations of the ICG Executive Secretariat and restrictions to set such a portal especially in terms of cost and time to implement.

It was understood that it would be mutually beneficial if such a portal could be set up by one of the members who would volunteer hosting space and time to create a portal. The Working Group took note of the Forum hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) that was set up to assist the ICG Working Group A Subgroup members to exchange information and working documents.

Recommendation of Committee Action:

Working group agreed to find a solution for collaborative online workspace that will allow to facilitate documents distribution and files sharing. It was highlighted that if such a website was set up, the link will be included in the ICG website.

Recommendation 3 for Committee Decision

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Issue Title: Collaboration on Education and Information Dissemination

Background/Brief Description of the Issue:

Different efforts have been made by organizations in the Working Group to promote education in GNSS and outreach activities.

Discussion/Analyses:

The presentations made by the members of the Working Group highlighted the possibility for cooperation on different levels within the different institutions.

The Beihang University proposal for collaborating with the United Nations-affiliated Regional Centres was discussed by the working group; with a conclusion that there should be a stepped approach for collaboration and a GNSS education program should be set as a future plan.

Recommendation of Committee Action:

The working group recommended that the United Nations-affiliated Regional Centers, the Beihang University of China, the Moscow State University of Geodesy and Cartography of the Russian Federation, the Geospatial and Space Technology Consortium for Innovative Social Services (GESTISS) of Japan and other GNSS centers of excellence to work together where possible in order to promote better outreach activities, knowledge sharing and to learn from each other's experience in terms of information dissemination.

Recommendation 4 for Committee Decision

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Issue Title: Information Dissemination between GNSS Users and Providers

Background/Brief Description of the Issue:

The issue was raised during the Seventh Meeting of the ICG, in 2012 by the US delegation for better information dissemination from GNSS systems to governments, scientific, commercial and other users.

Discussion/Analyses:

The U.S. Global Positioning System Service Interface Committee was presented as a successful model for information dissemination to users.

The Working Group agreed that this is a successful example for information dissemination and can be used as a baseline for developing a method/guidelines through the Working Group.

Recommendation of Committee Action:

The Civil Global Positioning Systems Service Interface Committee to be used as a successful example for dissemination of information between GNSS users and providers.