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Chairman: Mr. Tare Charles Brisibe (Nigeria)

The meeting was called to order at 10.19 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN Good morning distinguished delegates, I now declare open the 857th 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.

I will shortly suspend our meeting so that the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space can hold its final meeting with a view to adopting its report.

We will then reconvene our meeting to continue and hopefully 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 first endorsing the final report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/CRP.9/Rev.2 and then endorsing the report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/LEG/L.1.

We will then continue the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule? I see none.

I now invite the chair of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space to hold the final meeting of the working group.

The 857th meeting of the Legal Subcommittee is suspended.

The meeting was suspended at 10.19 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 11.48 a.m.

Distinguished delegates, following the suspension of the session to adopt the report of the working group, we shall now continue the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee. We will continue where we finished yesterday, that is with paragraph 54 on page 9 of A/AC.105/C.2/L.287. This is the section on information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law.

Once again we will continue with paragraph 54 on page 9 of A/AC.105/C.2/L.287. We shall now continue with a paragraph by paragraph adoption of the first part of the report.

Are there any comments to paragraph 54?

Adopted.

With respect to paragraph 55 I should mention that the Secretariat has brought to my attention that it is intended to include the acronym the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

If there are no comments to this I will consider paragraph 55 as adopted.

Paragraph 56.

Adopted.

Paragraph 57.

Adopted.

Paragraph 58.

Adopted.

Paragraph 59.

Adopted.

Paragraph 60. I should again give the floor to the Secretariat to advise us on a number of changes that will be made to paragraph 60.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (*Secretariat*) As delegations may understand, this part of the report was drafted before we heard the statement by the Permanent Court of Arbitration and, in order to reflect the course of the debate during this item, we propose to insert at the end of paragraph 60 the following, so the last line would read 'provided by the observer for the Permanent Court and invited the Permanent Court to inform the Subcommittee at its future sessions on the Optional Rules of Arbitration of Disputes Relating to Outer Space Activities'. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the Secretariat for making this change, I think it is satisfactory to all delegations. If there are no comments to the amendment proposed by the Secretariat may I take it that paragraph 60 as amended is acceptable and we should adopt it.

Paragraph 60 is adopted.

Paragraph 61. I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT.

Mr. C. ROISSE (*EUTELSAT, interpretation from French*) Thank you Chairman. I would like to ask you to add two things to paragraph 61. The first one is when we speak of periodic reports to be sent to member States of my organization regarding radio and television broadcasts via EUTELSAT, I would like to add in English 'repeated deliberate interference' because if this is interference from an ill-calibrated station, one that is not working well, then that is not deliberate interference. I have always talked about deliberate interference, so I would like that to be made specific 'repeated deliberate interference'.

My second comment, Mr. Chairman if you would allow me, is to say that in the last report published there is a big increase in this deliberate interference. I would like to propose that at the end of paragraph 61 we add 'with the last report stressing that there is a high increase of such deliberate interference'. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT for making these

proposals. To assist us, the Secretariat and all the distinguished delegates, it is clear the first proposal you would like to have us make i.e. to insert the word 'deliberate' after 'repeated' in the second to the last line of paragraph 61. May I request that you repeat slowly the words you would like to have at the end of paragraph 61 again.

Mr. C. ROISSE (*EUTELSAT, interpretation from French*) Thank you Chairman. Yes, what I would like to see at the end of the paragraph and I will say it in English now 'the last report stressing that there is a high increase of such deliberate interference'.

The CHAIRMAN Distinguished delegates thank you for your patience. With respect to the two proposals that have been made by the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT, the first proposal is clear with the insertion of the word 'deliberate' after 'repeated'. The second however, in order to ensure that we capture the essence of what it is you are proposing, will require a specific drafting exercise. What I would propose is that we continue our deliberations and perhaps return to it when the appropriate text has been prepared by the Secretariat and read it to all delegates so it is clear what the amendments will be to paragraph 61.

In the interim, may I ask if there are any comments to paragraph 62?

Paragraph 62 is adopted.

Distinguished delegates thank you again for your patience. I shall give the floor to the Secretariat to read out the draft of an amendment that has been prepared to paragraph 61.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (*Secretariat*) The Secretariat is now going to read out what we think would work in redrafting the proposal made by EUTELSAT for the second amendment to this paragraph, which could read as follows.

There will be an addition to the last sentence, it would read 'several radio and television channels broadcast via EUTELSAT satellites, stressing that since its last report, there had been a high increase in such deliberate interference.'

I will read it again. So, after EUTELSAT satellites, it will be added the following ' , stressing that since its last report, there had been a high increase in such deliberate interference.' Thank you Mr. Chair.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the Secretariat for articulating the proposal of the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT.

May I now ask if there are any comments from distinguished delegates in this proposal to amend paragraph 61 as has been read to the Subcommittee?

I should give the floor again to the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT.

Mr. C. ROISSE (*EUTELSAT, interpretation from French*) Thank you so much Mr. Chairman for having helped me clarify my thoughts and for making it very clear. I would like to thank the Secretariat for their proposal which is entirely satisfactory to me.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of EUTELSAT for his appreciation and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (*Saudi Arabia*) I think this is not only for EUTELSAT, there are other organizations being affected by the same things. EUTELSAT and others, it is not only EUTELSAT. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for this clarification.

Are there any other delegates that have comments to paragraph 61 as amended.

In the absence of any comments to the amendments that have been made to paragraph 61, I shall take it that this paragraph is now adopted.

Distinguished delegates we have therefore adopted the first part of the report.

We shall now proceed with a paragraph by paragraph adoption of the second part of the draft report as contained A/AC.105/C.2/L.287/Add.1. This part of the draft report contains the sections on 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 and general exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space in respect of which we have not concluded the consideration of the draft report, as you recall in the

earlier session and to which we will return subsequently.

In the interim, may I ask if all delegates have a copy of this second part? Once again that document is A/AC.105/C.2/L.287/Add.1. Considering the time constraints perhaps we should proceed with a paragraph by paragraph adoption of the report then.

Paragraph 1. Are there any comments to paragraph 1?

Adopted.

Paragraph 2.

Adopted.

Paragraph 3.

Adopted.

Paragraph 4.

Adopted.

Paragraph 5.

Adopted.

Paragraph 6. As distinguished delegates consider paragraph 6 I should also highlight, as I did yesterday in the course of considering the earlier parts of the report, that the use of the term 'delegates' will be amended and streamlined throughout the report to read as 'some delegations'.

Are there any comments to paragraph 6 taking into consideration the editorial changes that will be made throughout the document by the Secretariat.

In the absence of any comments I take it that paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7.

Adopted.

Paragraph 8.

Adopted.

Paragraph 9. I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (*Saudi Arabia*)
Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to have a clarification, 'the view' will be changed to 'some delegates' or 'delegations'?

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia and if I was not clear in my explanation of what it is the Secretariat will be doing, in some of the paragraphs you will observe that for instance in paragraphs 6 and 7, the paragraphs begin with the words 'some delegates' and in such instances the word 'delegates' will be replaced with 'delegations'. The change will not be made to for instance paragraph 8 where 'the view was expressed' so the change is only related to the use of the two words 'some delegates' such that the word 'delegate' will be changed to 'delegations'. I hope that this is clear.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (*Saudi Arabia*)
Yes Mr. Chairman this is clear but if I look into 2 that the representative of Canada, Ecuador and Saudi Arabia. We have mentioned these things concerning the limitation and things like that and we should change 'the view' to 'some delegations', in 8 and 9.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for his statement and proposal. May I put the floor to distinguished delegates if there is any objection to having paragraphs 8 and 9 begin with the words 'some delegations'?

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Canada.

Mr. C. SCHMEICHEL (*Canada*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I caught a suggestion there that Canada had expressed one of these views, I would just like to put on record that Canada did not express any one of these views but I am not prejudging whether any other delegation did, just to make it clear Canada did not. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Canada for this clarification and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Ecuador.

Ms. R. VASQUEZ OROZCO (*Ecuador, interpretation from Spanish*) Thank you Chairman. Ecuador, on behalf of GRULAC, made this statement and it is better to say 'some delegations'. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Ecuador for making this clarification and will repeat the proposal which is to have the two words starting in paragraphs 8 and 9 'the view'

changed to 'some delegations expressed the view' as already is the case in paragraphs 6 and 7.

Are there any comments?

If there are no comments then I will take it that paragraphs 8 and 9 are adopted taking into account the proposals that have been made and the changes that the Secretariat will implement to add the words 'some delegations' at the beginning of both paragraphs 'expressed the view'.

May I ask if delegations have any comments to paragraph 10?

Adopted.

Paragraph 11.

Adopted.

Paragraph 12. I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic.

Mr. V. KOPAL (*Czech Republic*)
Mr. Chairman, a very minor editorial change. If we use the phrase 'some delegations expressed the view' so also in paragraph 11 it should read 'some delegations expressed the view' not 'were of the view'.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic for making this clarification. I have also been informed by the Secretariat that this editorial change will be effected, as I can already see in subsequent paragraphs of the report, throughout the document.

Are there any comments to paragraph 12? I see none.

Paragraph 12 is adopted.

Paragraph 13. Any comments to paragraph 13?

Adopted.

Paragraph 14.

Adopted.

Paragraph 15. Any comments to paragraph 15? I see none.

I will take it that paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16. Any comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 17.

Adopted.

Paragraph 18.

Adopted.

Paragraph 19.

Adopted.

Paragraph 20. This is taking into account the editorial changes that will be made by the Secretariat.

If there are no comments to paragraph 20, I will take it that paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (*Saudi Arabia*)
Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have a comment about this. We have mentioned this should be done the cooperation between the Legal Subcommittee and ITU even though we know there is an agreement between the two but we need more sufficient work to be done through the cooperation between COPUOS and ITU. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for stressing this point and now give the floor to the distinguished representative of Iran.

Mr. A. SHAFAGH (*Iran*) Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor. I want to recall that it is necessary for cooperation between this Subcommittee and ITU not only in the area of the possible abuse of the use of the geostationary orbit. It is just a suggestion, it is not controversial, maybe it is good to express the idea that this cooperation would be in a wide range of activities related to these institutions not only in the area of the abuse of the use the geostationary orbit. We could express our intention that we welcome all cooperation between the two subcommittees and ITU. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Iran for this proposal. To help the Secretariat would it be possible that we request your

assistance in proposing language to reflect the intention of your proposal. I can either wait for your proposal immediately or we should continue with the adoption of the report.

Very well then, so we will come back to the proposal and possible amendment of the text of paragraph 21 and in the interim continue with our adoption of the report and so I will ask if there are any comments to paragraph 22?

Any comments to paragraph 22? I see none.

Paragraph 22 is adopted.

Paragraph 23.

Adopted.

Paragraph 24.

Thank you distinguished delegates for your patience. In order to streamline our efforts we will now return and suspend this ongoing process of adopting the report of the Subcommittee in order to allow the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space to continue the finalization and adoption of its report.

I shall now invite the chair of the working group Madam Irmgard Marboe to continue the work of that group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space.

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

The CHAIRMAN Distinguished delegates I would now like to reconvene 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 first endorsing the final report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/CRP.9/Rev.2 as amended. Then endorsing the report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/LEG/L.1.

I would like to give the floor to the chair of the working group on national legislation relevant to the

peaceful exploration and use of outer space, Madam Irmgard Marboe of Austria, to present both reports to the Subcommittee.

Ms. I. MARBOE (*Chairman, working group on agenda item 12*) 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 has, by this session, fulfilled its mandate under its multi-year workplan 2009-2012 with the following two reports.

First, the final report of the working group under its multi-year workplan as adopted by the working group and contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/CRP.9/Rev.2 as amended.

Second, the report of the working group on its work at this year's session as adopted by the working group and contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/LEG/L.1 as amended.

It is my pleasure to submit these two reports to the Subcommittee for its action. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN Thank you Madam Marboe for that report. Distinguished delegates I would now like to endorse the final report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan as contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/CRP.9/Rev.2 as amended.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee endorses the final report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan as amended?

The final report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan as amended is endorsed.

Distinguished delegates I would now like to endorse the report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space as contained in A/AC.105/C.2/2012/LEG/L.1 as amended.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee endorses the report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space as amended?

The report of the working group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space as amended is endorsed.

Distinguished delegates 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 the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee. You will recall earlier this morning we were considering A/AC.105/C.2/L.287/Add.1 and we had requested the Secretariat to draft what would be an amendment to paragraph 21 based on language provided by the distinguished representative of Iran when that paragraph came up for adoption. I shall give the floor to the Secretariat to read to distinguished delegates what the amended text of paragraph 21 would read like.

Ms. N. RODRIGUES (*Secretariat*) Thank you Mr. Chair we have slightly reworded the paragraph to capture the contribution that we received from the distinguished delegate of Iran and we would suggest that perhaps the paragraph could read as follows

'The view was expressed that the Subcommittee should cooperate with ITU in all possible aspects of outer space activities, including with respect to avoiding an abuse of the use of the geostationary orbit by some States and international organizations and coordinating the application of international treaties.'

I will repeat *'The view was expressed that the Subcommittee should cooperate with ITU in all possible aspects of outer space activities, including with respect to avoiding an abuse of the use of the geostationary orbit by some States and international organizations and coordinating the application of international treaties.'*

The CHAIRMAN I thank the Secretariat for this proposal and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (*Saudi Arabia*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. We suggest that it is some delegations because it is our view too. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia and yes, you mean that the paragraph will begin with the words 'some delegations expressed the view'.

May I put the question to the Subcommittee and distinguished delegates if there are any comments to what will now be an amended paragraph 21?

I see no comments, I will take it that paragraph 21 is now adopted.

We will continue with our adoption of this document in the subsequent part at paragraph 24.

Are there any comments to paragraph 24?

Adopted.

Paragraph 25.

Adopted.

Paragraph 26.

Adopted.

Paragraph 27.

Distinguished delegates, in your consideration of paragraph 27, I should also highlight that CRP.22 will be included on that list which, at the moment, has three subparagraphs (a) (b) and (c).

Are there any comments to paragraph 27?

Paragraph 27 is adopted.

Paragraph 28.

Adopted.

Paragraph 29.

Adopted.

Paragraph 30. I shall give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. R. LEFEBER (*Netherlands*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately this page is a good example of the problems that we have with the report of the Subcommittee. It is unfortunate because ___? more than passing significance. It is also unfortunate because the well-deserved tribute to Irmgard Marboe is

somewhere lost and buried in the middle of this page and then also a reference is made to a report of the working group but then, in paragraphs 28 and 29, there are different reports so it is not clear what is meant.

The page starting with paragraph 30 has agreed and noted, agreed, noted, expressed, agreed, noted, encouraged, agreed, without it being very clear what we are doing here. This is too much to fix for this year but we wanted to point it out that this is the sort of thing we are talking about when we are expressing concerns about reporting and when we wanted to discuss that under organizational matters.

Two paragraphs we could usefully improve and that is paragraphs 30 and 37 so I will limit myself to paragraph 30. It refers to an agreement here where what we really want to do here is we want to recommend that the Committee considers the report and takes a decision so, our proposal would be to change the paragraph as follows, we replace the words 'agreed that' by 'recommends the Committee to consider' and then delete 'should be considered by the Committee' on the second line and then delete the phrase 'that the Committee should' on the third line and replace that by the word 'to'. So the paragraph as a whole will read as follows 'The Subcommittee recommends the Committee to consider the appendix to the report of the working group contained in annex III at its fifty-fifth session and to decide in which form the text should be submitted to the General Assembly as recommended by the working group'.

One more time at dictation speed. You replace 'agreed that' on the first line by the phrase 'recommends the Committee to consider'. In the second line you delete 'should be considered by the Committee'. In the third line you replace 'that the Committee should' by the word 'to'. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Netherlands for his proposal and the amendments we would be making to the text of paragraph 30. I was not quite clear, you had a comment regarding paragraph 37?

Mr. R. LEFEBER (*Netherlands*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I should wait until we get to that point.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Netherlands. Taking the proposal from our colleague and distinguished representative of the Netherlands, are there any comments to what the amended paragraph 30 would now read like.

I see the distinguished representative of Austria.

Ms. I. MARBOE (*Austria*) Thank you very much. I just see that we have now two recommendations in this paragraph or did you also suggest to delete the last six words 'as recommended by the working group' or should they remain? Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I shall give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. R. LEFEBER (*Netherlands*) I did not propose deletion of the last six words because they are relevant here. Those refer to the recommendations of the working group and in the first line it is a recommendation of the Subcommittee.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Netherlands. I suppose this is sufficient clarification for the chair of that working group and the distinguished representative of Austria.

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

Mr. A. SHAFAGH (*Iran*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am a little confused after this suggestion. We have now an agreed text on the table but my colleague suggests to use 'recommends' for the first line. Could you please clarify what we are doing. During these days we agreed on a text or we want to recommend the text to another stage. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Iran for this clarification. In my mind the amendments, and I would call on the distinguished representative of the Netherlands to clarify this if my explanation is not quite accurate. We understand here that by making the amendments that have been proposed the Subcommittee would be recommending to the Committee that the appendix to the report of the working group, which is now contained in an annex, should be submitted to the General Assembly. If I understand it correctly, simply put we are referring to the annex that is appended to the report of the working group which contains the draft recommendation of a resolution. Is that a fair description of your proposal?

Mr. R. LEFEBER (*Netherlands*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, it is. At the same time the delegate of Iran raises an important question and that is that we have start looking into, in this Subcommittee, what we are actually doing here. Here the word 'agreement' does not mean much, we agree among ourselves but

then nothing happens, we want the Committee to do something and therefore it has to be a recommendation to the Committee rather than an agreement amongst ourselves. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Netherlands for his very fair comment. Returning to the issue and the process ongoing regarding the adoption of our report. Taking into consideration these changes to paragraph 30, should I take it that paragraph 30 is acceptable to delegates and is adopted based on the amendments that will be made.

Paragraph 30 is adopted.

Paragraph 31. If there are no comments to paragraph 31 I will take it that paragraph 31 is adopted.

I should also note the comments that have been made by the distinguished representative of the Netherlands with respect to the words reflected at the start of each paragraph, 31 through 37.

Are there any comments to the wording of paragraph 32? I see none.

Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33.

Adopted.

Paragraph 34. Distinguished delegates in considering paragraph 34, I should highlight the fact that in the second sentence, which will be the third line of the paragraph, we would delete the word 'report' and replace it with the word 'final'.

Are there any comments to paragraph 34 including replacing the word 'report' in the third line with the word 'final report'.

If there are no comments, paragraph 34 is adopted.

Paragraph 35.

I should give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (*Secretariat*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Regarding paragraph 35, this section was drafted before we concluded our debate under new

agenda items, so the Secretariat proposes a slight change.

In the first sentence by replacing the phrase 'an item entitled general exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space' by item 12. It would read 'The Subcommittee agreed that item 12 should continue to be a regular item on the agenda', so that is then no confusion to what we are saying here, it is a general item. Then in addendum 3, delegations will see that we have amended the title so that it will be 'national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space' but that came after we considered this particular item. This is just to make it clear that it is not a new title proposed here. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Brazil.

Mr. L. H. SACCHI GUADAGNIN (Brazil) Thank you Mr. Chairman and thanks to the Secretariat for this clarification. Still, we are under the impression that this discussion might be more suitable to be under item 13 and we could delete this whole part saying 'an item entitled' or 'item 12' and it would read 'The Subcommittee agreed that it would be beneficial to continue the exchange' I am already in line 4 and go on from there. We could retain this language for item 13 but I have some modifications for that later. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of Brazil for this comment and I shall give the floor to the Secretariat to read to us what the proposed wording will look like regarding the text of paragraph 35.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretariat) The proposed amendments by Brazil would then make this paragraph read as follows 'The Subcommittee agreed that it would be beneficial to continue exchanging, on a regular basis, information on developments in the area of national space-related regulatory frameworks' and so forth. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN Thank you very much, I hope this clarifies the proposal from the distinguished representative of Brazil and in which event, given the amended text as has been read by the Secretariat, can I take it then that paragraph 35 is acceptable to distinguished delegates and we can adopt it?

Paragraph 35 is adopted.

Paragraph 36. Are there any comments to paragraph 36? I see none.

Paragraph 36 is adopted.

Paragraph 37. I give the floor to the distinguished representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. R. LEFEBER (Netherlands) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you for correcting paragraph 34 along the way because I said that I would not intervene until this paragraph and also I would like to state again that I let slip a few times where the word 'agreed' was used in paragraph 32 and 34 that I am not happy with but as I said it is too much to start correcting that now, that is also true for some of the other parts of the report in particular relating to capacity-building, I will let that go as well.

This one, paragraph 37, we should correct as we did it this morning because what we want to do here is to request the Secretariat to do something. So the proposal would be to delete the words 'agreed that' and replace it by 'request the Secretariat to include' and then delete the phrase 'should be included' in the third line. It would probably also be better to delete the words 'under its multi-year workplan' in order to be consistent with the change you made to paragraph 34. Then the paragraph would read as follows 'The Subcommittee requests the Secretariat to include the final report of the working group together with the schematic overview of national space-related regulatory frameworks in the database'. So you replace 'agreed that' by 'request the Secretariat to include', you delete at the end of the first line 'under its multi-year workplan' because it is redundant and you delete in the third line 'should be included'. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN I thank the distinguished representative of the Netherlands for this proposal to amend paragraph 37 which is acceptable to me and I should request if there are any comments from distinguished delegates.

In the absence of which I shall take it that paragraph 37 is adopted.

Distinguished delegates we have therefore adopted the second part of the draft report.

Distinguished delegates I will now adjourn this morning's meeting, before doing so I would like to inform delegates of our schedule of work for this afternoon.

We will meet promptly at 3 p.m. today. At that time we will continue and conclude the adoption of addendum 2 and I have been informed that addendum 3 is being printed and you will be able to obtain same from your pigeon holes during lunchtime.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule? I see none.

This meeting is adjourned until 3 p.m. today.

The meeting closed at 1.14 p.m.