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Chairman: Mr. T. Brisibe (Nigeria)

The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Good afternoon distinguished delegates. I now declare open the 876th meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

This afternoon we will continue and conclude our consideration of agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee on New Items for Consideration by the Subcommittee.

We will begin with the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee but before we carry on, I should reopen item 7 on national space legislation to hear the statement by the distinguished representative of Kazakhstan.

National legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space (agenda item 7)

Mr. S. SATAYEV (Kazakhstan): Thank you Mr. Chairman. *(Continued in Russian)* Mr. Chairman, the delegation of Kazakhstan would like thank you for this opportunity to address the fifty-second session of the Legal Subcommittee. We are grateful to the Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Secretariat for excellent work carried out in organizing this session of the Legal Subcommittee where we tackle issues that are of paramount importance to the international community, including the development of international space law.

At the fifty-first session of the Legal Subcommittee, the Republic of Kazakhstan informed delegations of a new law enacted in Kazakhstan on space activities. The law on space activities is based on international legal provisions, is aligned with the international legal framework and it is designed to give a new emphasis to the development of space exploration in the Kazakhstan and in pursuance of that law.

In 2012, the Republic of Kazakhstan carried out major work to legislatively address such issues as the definition of national space operators and their functions, the established rules for planning space photography, remote sensing data processing and distribution by the national operator of the remote sensing system, rules for licensing transponders and space-based transmission systems to legal and natural persons, establishing rules for making decisions the launch of space objects from the territory of Kazakhstan and outside Kazakhstan in case Kazakh actors are involved, rules for established for processing and approving results on completed space projects and procedures were established for labelling space objects launched by Kazakhstan.

Thus, the Republic of Kazakhstan now has a full complement of legal instruments regulating space activities.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Kazakhstan for his statement.

Proposals to the Committee on new items for consideration by the Subcommittee (agenda item 13)

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

I would like to continue our consideration of this agenda item by considering the proposals for new agenda items and, as you distinguished delegations were advised during the morning session, informal consultations were held with respect to the proposal for a new agenda item on "General Exchange of Information on Practices in Relation to Non-Legally Binding Instruments for Outer Space Activities", as proposed by Japan and co-sponsored by Austria,

Canada, France, Nigeria and the United States, detailed in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.291.

The informal consultations were widely attended by delegations from several States and, to sum up the results, the proposed will be revised, taking into account its objectives, the methodology by which the objectives will be met and its scope.

I have also been informed that the delegation of Japan will conduct further consultations with member States on their proposal for a new agenda item in the intersessional period leading up to the fifty-sixth session of the Committee in June this year. And at that session, a revised version of the proposal will be made available for consideration by the Committee.

Are there any delegations wishing to make a statement on proposals for new agenda items?

Yes, I see the distinguished representative of Indonesia and then Japan.

Mr. A. RAMON (Indonesia): Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia would like to express its deep appreciation to the Japanese delegation and co-sponsors for having made efforts and considering a way that would serve to gather information on practices relating to non-legally binding instruments for outer space activities.

Indonesia of the view that the process of exchanging information among the member countries on their respective implementation on various legal instruments in the field of outer space activities is a very important process and it could potentially serve as a tool to enhance the awareness of member countries of the discrepancies among them in perceiving and understanding the legal instruments related to outer space activities.

However, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia also believes that clear modalities should be available for member countries to follow to enable them to participate in such a mechanism for the exchange of information.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, Indonesia believes that we currently need considerable additional time to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the proposal put forward by the Japanese delegation. Furthermore, the Indonesian delegation also believes that the amount of time available at this year's Legal Subcommittee would not be sufficient to conduct such important and comprehensive deliberations and would,

therefore, recommend discussing the proposal at next year's Legal Subcommittee.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Indonesia for his statement and should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Japan.

Ms. S. AOKI (Japan): Thank you Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the delegations for thorough consideration of our draft proposal for the agenda and for the support. Many delegates participated in the informal consultations and we had fruitful discussions and exchange of views.

On the basis of discussions we had with the distinguished delegates, we hope to continue consideration of this agenda item but in all I would like to put forward and revise the draft, may I address to the delegations of China, a question as to what the problems exactly and how would it be made more satisfactory so that it will be acceptable and until when the time is required for the delegations to consider this item so that it can be taken.

We thank you very much again.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Japan for her statement and give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all, please allow me to join with the other Indonesian(?) delegates to thank our distinguished delegates of Japan for their efforts to move forward and it is very important the agenda item proposal and we appreciated the efforts and the flexibility to accommodate our concerns and organize a quite intensive informal consultation to help all of us to have a clear picture what we will achieve through this new initiative. We are ready to work with our distinguished delegates of Japan as well as others during the margin of the COPUOS sessions this year to improve the proposal which is already tabled and involve it in the L.291 to come up with something which is more or less addresses the concerns which was voiced by many delegations and we hope that it will be a good starting to work what we achieved in this session and to carry on to rationalize and to bring more efficiency to the work of this Legal Subcommittee.

Thank you Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of China for his statement and give the floor to the distinguished representative of France.

Mr. P. CLERC (France) (*interpretation from French*): Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. Let me start by once again thanking the Japanese delegation for having carried out substantive work regarding this proposal. It is an important effort designed to have the broadest possible consultations on the issue. Substantially, it is something that we support.

Obviously, there is a lot of work that remains to be done here and I note the comments of our Chinese colleague in this regard. It is important that we are informed every step of the way and that we are clear about the methods, the results, the conditionalities but it is also important that we make progress.

The solution you proposed to have consultations in the margins of the next plenary session seems to be quite satisfactory and again the Japanese proposal should be considered within COPUOS and we should continue working together with a view to reaching consensus on the work and its modality.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of France for his statement.

Distinguished delegates, just to be clear, and as I indicated earlier, and as far as the next steps are concerned, the delegation of Japan will conduct further consultations with member States on their proposal for a new agenda item in the intersessional period leading up to the fifty-sixth session of the Committee in June of this year. And at that session, a revised version of the proposal will be made available for consideration by the Committee.

Is this acceptable to delegations?

I see none.

We have, therefore, concluded our consideration of agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee on New Items for Consideration by the Subcommittee.

Adoption of the report

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to begin with the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee and I would like to begin with the

adoption of the first part of the report, document A/AC.105/C.2/L.290, containing the following parts: Introduction, General Exchange of Views; and Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space.

Do all delegations have before them document A/AC.105/C.2/L.290?

We shall now begin with a paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the first part of the report.

Paragraph 1.

Adopted.

Paragraph 2.

Adopted.

Paragraph 3.

Adopted.

Paragraph 4.

Distinguished delegates, I should bring to your attention, there will be an amendment to paragraph 4 inserting "attendance by delegations from Niger" before "Nigeria".

Are there any comments to paragraph 4?

Paragraph 4 is adopted.

Paragraph 5.

Adopted.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Iran.

Mr. H. SHAFTI (Islamic Republic of Iran): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Concerning paragraph 4, I think the number of representatives should be 58, yes?

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Iran for bringing that to our attention. Indeed, the number shall be 58.

Paragraph 5.

Any comments to paragraph 5?

I see none. It is adopted.

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

Ms. R. M. RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO (Mexico) (*interpretation from Spanish*): I apologize Mr Chairman. We are looking at document CRP.25 which refers to application for membership of the Committee of COPUOS. It is a note by the Secretariat and it contains an application from the Republic of Belarus. I am not sure whether we have pronounced ourselves on that document.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Mexico for bringing this point to our attention.

I shall give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just to respond to the question posed by the distinguished delegate of Mexico. Paragraph 5 deals with the States of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee that have asked to attend this session of the Legal Subcommittee as observers for this particular session. So that is paragraph 5.

Now, if I understood it correctly, the point made by the distinguished representative of Mexico related to the application of membership in the Committee that we received from Belarus, which is contained in Conference Room Paper 25. That is a matter that we will deal with under paragraph 10 and consequently when we come to paragraph 10, the Secretariat has a suggestion of how to rephrase that paragraph accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. We shall continue with our process of adopting and we are at this time at paragraph 6.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 6 is adopted then.

Paragraph 7.

Adopted.

Paragraph 8.

I see no comments. Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Paragraph 9.

Adopted.

Paragraph 10.

And the Secretariat will provide some clarification here.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Indeed, as I said, paragraph 10 relates to information that the Subcommittee has before it during this session regarding application for membership in the Committee and what is reflected accordingly in that paragraph is the application of Ghana for membership in the Committee with a reference to Conference Room Paper 3. What delegations also have before them is Conference Room Paper 25 which contains an application by Belarus. So the Secretariat proposes that this paragraph be amended as follows.

“The Subcommittee had before it information concerning the applications of Ghana ...” and then a reference to Conference Room Paper 3, “and Belarus ...” and the reference to Conference Room Paper 25, “for membership in the Committee”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

I take it the proposal for wording paragraph 10, as put to delegations by the Secretariat, is acceptable.

In that case, paragraph 10 is adopted, as amended.

Paragraph 11.

Adopted.

Paragraph 12.

Adopted.

Paragraph 13.

Any comments to paragraph 13?

I see none.

Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14.

Adopted.

Paragraph 15.

Paragraph 15, with amendments, is adopted.

Paragraph 16.

Are there any comments to paragraph 16?

I see none.

Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Paragraph 17.

Adopted.

Paragraph 18.

Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19.

Paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20.

Paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21.

Adopted.

Paragraph 22.

I see no comments to paragraph 22.

Paragraph 22 is adopted.

Paragraph 23.

Paragraph 23 is adopted.

Paragraph 24.

Paragraph 24 is adopted.

Paragraph 25.

Paragraph 25 is adopted.

Paragraph 26.

Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27.

Adopted.

Paragraph 28.

Adopted.

Paragraph 29.

Adopted.

Paragraph 30.

Adopted.

Paragraph 31.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of France.

Mr. P. CLERC (France) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Chairman. Sorry to take the floor. It is important to have the paragraphs reflect all of the national statements. It seems to me that several delegations had stressed the effectiveness and the quality of the organization of the work of COPUOS when they spoke in their national statements and possibly it would be advisable to have a couple of lines here to reflect this under this item of the agenda of this Legal Subcommittee session. And I would like to come out with a couple of lines. I will be reading them out in English and if the Committee is in agreement possibly this could be inserted.

(*Continued in English*) "... delegations have emphasized the need, in order to facilitate and contribute to revitalization of the work of the Legal Subcommittee, to consider restructuring the agenda and that further consultations would be necessary to this end."

(*Continued in French*) Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of France for his proposal and should give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is not, of course, a judgement or a comment to what the distinguished delegate of France just read out. I would just like to make delegations aware of the fact that in

the last part of the report, which will be proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its fifty-third session, it is constructed in two sub-sections. The first one deals with the agenda proposed for next year's session and after that there is a sub-section on organizational matters, as we have had in the report from the previous year, containing document 1003. There, the Secretariat has taken note of statements and views expressed by delegations. Some delegations expressed certain views and other delegations expressed other views. And we have reflected, as far as we have been able to capture, the views expressed by delegations in this regard relating to the efficiency of the work, streamlining the agenda, rationalizing the work of the Subcommittee, cutting down time of the Subcommittee, retaining time of the Subcommittee, etc., and it is reflected in six paragraphs.

Of course, I just wanted to inform in that regard we could, of course include the points raised by France under the "General Exchange of Views" but possibly we would need to take the other parts also and reflect it under the "General Exchange of Views" and lift it out from "Organizational Matters".

Just a remark, thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the Secretariat for providing that clarification and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Chile.

Ms. T. ALVAREZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. Thanks to the Secretariat for this clarification. I agree indeed with my French delegate and here I am speaking not in my national capacity but on behalf of GRULAC. I would like to second what France has said that the report should really reflect what has been said. We have been taken note of the Secretariat's explanations. However, I think we could include usefully here that some delegations have expressed the view that the duration of the session of the Legal Subcommittee should be maintained for the reasons presented by my delegation on behalf of GRULAC. I could give you this proposal in writing if this could be useful

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Chile for her statement and should give the floor to the distinguished representative of France.

Mr. P. CLERC (France) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Chairman. Of course, the important thing for this report is to have the substance right so I would like to thank the Secretariat for the explanation tendered so if the Secretariat feels that it would be more proper to transfer this reference to the corresponding section, we would not mind that being done.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of France for his statement and I believe, if we were to approach the issue with the proposal that has been made by the Secretariat, based on the text that is already at the end of the report from the Subcommittee's session for last year, it should accommodate the interventions which have been made or the proposals which have been made, both by the distinguished representatives of France and Chile, on behalf of GRULAC.

If that is acceptable, then we can continue with the process of adopting our report and I believe we were at paragraph 32. Well, these changes in attempting to reflect what was said broadly under the umbrella of organizational matters, based on interventions by both the distinguished representative of France and the distinguished representative of Chile on behalf of GRULAC, will be reflected following paragraph, will be approached, as the Secretariat has described.

I will give the floor to the Secretariat so there is no ambiguity here.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, I think it is maybe good that we really are clear on what we are doing. The Secretariat, obviously what delegations will see when we go through the draft report is that delegations that raises issues pertaining several items under the agenda of the Subcommittee in general statements, the Secretariat makes a careful research and merges those points raised by those delegations with points raised by delegations that speak under each of the dedicated agenda items and place it under that particular agenda item in question. It is not that we relate to everything that is raised under the "General Exchange of Views" in this particular section of the report because then that would mean that we would possibly have nothing to report under certain points elsewhere raised in the report. Of course, the Secretariat is open to streamline the report and change the methodology that we are operating within the Subcommittee but I just wanted to be careful that if we

make the changes now, it will impact on other parts of the report.

So, Mr. Chairman, to answer your question, I thought that France said that we could proceed by reflecting those points that have been raised right now by France and by Chile and also, as I indicated, other points that have been raised in the course of this Subcommittee relating to organizational matters and methods of work in that particular section of the last part of the report that relates to organizational matters.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for that clarification. So I understand then if we were to go via the precedent from the previous session of the Legal Subcommittee, these changes were made in that report which is in A/AC.105/1003 under "Organizational Matters" further down in the report to which we will come in the course of adopting this report.

So if we continue with our adoption then, we were at paragraph 32.

Are there any comments to paragraph 32?

Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33.

Adopted.

Paragraph 34.

Yes, I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Chile.

Ms. T. ALVAREZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. I would like to go back to paragraph 33, if I might. Thank you for having referred to us here but unfortunately we made no statement, GRULAC made no statement under item 4.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Chile on behalf of GRULAC and give the Secretariat the floor.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Just to clarify with the distinguished delegate of Chile, what is reflected in paragraph 33 is first those States that made statements

under this particular agenda item, item 4, and then it is referred to that during the general exchange of views, statements were made by other member States and also by the representative of Guatemala on behalf of GRULAC. And if that is correct, then it is reflected.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments to paragraph 34?

Subject to amendments which will be made by the Secretariat on the details on the dates, can I take it that paragraph 34 is adopted?

Very well, paragraph 35.

We have sub-bullets (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

Are there any comments to paragraph 35?

I see none.

Paragraph 35 is adopted.

Paragraph 36. Paragraphs 36(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

Adopted.

Paragraph 37.

Adopted.

Paragraph 38.

Adopted.

Paragraph 39.

Adopted.

Paragraph 40.

Yes, the distinguished representative of Brazil.

Mr. A. J. RYPL (Brazil): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sorry, we would just like to go back to paragraph 36 and make a suggestion for consideration of the Subcommittee.

I believe there is a document that is published and updated every year in the website of COPUOS with updated information on individual countries' status of ratification of each one of the treaties. Could

we not add a reference to these documents under this agenda item? This would make it much easier when we needed to consult which individual States have ratified which particular instrument. I do not know if this suggestion is acceptable.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Brazil for this proposal and note, just for your information, that in the preceding paragraph 35(a), you will see that the Conference Room Paper on the status of international agreements relating to activities in outer space as of 1 January 2013 is exactly what it is you are referring to.

Are there any comments to paragraph 39?

Paragraph 39 is adopted.

Paragraph 40.

Paragraph 40 is adopted.

Paragraph 41.

Are there any comments to paragraph 41?

I see none.

Paragraph 41 is adopted.

Paragraph 42.

Adopted.

Paragraph 43.

Paragraph 43 is adopted.

Paragraph 44.

Paragraph 44 is adopted.

Paragraph 45.

I see no comments. Paragraph 45 is adopted.

Paragraph 46.

Paragraph 46 is adopted.

Paragraph 47.

Adopted.

Paragraph 48.

Paragraph 48 is adopted.

Paragraph 49.

Adopted.

Paragraph 50.

Paragraph 50 is adopted.

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

I should give the floor to the United Arab Emirates.

Mr. O. A. SHARAF (United Arab Emirates): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On behalf of my delegation, I should like to highlight a few observations that I noticed in the translation. Is it OK to bring up these issues now or should I bring it up to the Secretariat? In the Arabic report, there are some inconsistencies and differences in translation. So if we start with the paragraph 41, if you look at it, and the translation into Arabic does not really resemble what is written here. The last sentence, for example, in the middle part where it says “those delegations were of the view that the legal regime governing activities in outer space should ensure that space research and space activities benefit the quality of life and wellbeing of human beings and the prosperity of current and future generations.” There are two parts of this.

The last part actually was not translated correct in Arabic. It referred to quality of life and wellbeing. If I literally translate it into English as “improving the type of human life and wellbeing”. So an alternative word in Arabic would be, if I may, it is actually “_____” (*Arabic – no translation*) would be a more appropriate word for that.

And the other thing I would like to highlight also, in the same sentence, and part of it could be understood in a different way. For example, if when we say “should ensure the space research and space activities benefit the quality”, in Arabic, if I translate it to English, there is one way of understanding could be (*not clear*) “should ensure that it benefits space research and space activities”. So this has to be reworded and I can suggest a rewording for this part, for the last sentence and that would be, I will say it in Arabic, “_____” (*Arabic – no translation*). That would be a more better translation, more specific that resembles the English version.

That is just what I have but also if I may, there are some inconsistencies that I noticed, like, for example, if you look at the English, French and Spanish reports, when they use the words "some delegations expressed". In Arabic, this is what keep changing so a condition from our side would be maybe to use consistent words similar as the English, French and Spanish reports.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United Arab Emirates for his observations and proposals and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (Saudi Arabia): First, we would really like to thank the representative of the United Arab Emirates but since a long time ago, we are talking about the translation into Arabic. It is really not with good English completely and it is really a mess. Therefore, we just one time and read it correct. This is just going to be taking a lot of time and we have to take some kind of consideration in how we are going to do this, either by sitting with the translators and giving the accurate ways of the translation. Even if they say they are good Arabic speakers, I think the Arabic language, this has been modified and it has been changed and it has been like any other language.

And there is another vocabulary, it has been added to the Arabic language and we have to really think about this and if you allow us some time to sit with the interpreter and we just think about because even listening when they are interpreting from English or Russian or Spanish, it does not fit with what it is we are really hearing from the other groups.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for these observations and comments which we have taken note of and I should request perhaps if the distinguished representative of the United Arab Emirates, if you could provide the text of the proposal that you have made before amending paragraph 41 to the Secretariat.

Distinguished delegates, we shall now proceed with a paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the second part of the draft report, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.290/Addendum.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 Review and Possible Revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.

Do all delegates have a copy of this second part? Once again, that document is A/AC.105/C.2/L.290/Addendum.1.

Distinguished delegates, you may take a few minutes to review the document before we begin our paragraph-by-paragraph adoption.

I see the distinguished representative of China has requested to take the floor.

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Chairman. I think that perhaps a question of clarification. If we look to the report, Part 1, that we just adopted, at the end of this report that is Part 3, but if we look at Addendum 1, it starts with Part 5. So maybe there is some part in the other part we were dealing with. Maybe we need some clarification from the Secretariat.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. I shall give the floor to the Secretariat to clarify this question.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, indeed, I will clarify it. And the distinguished representative of China is correct that in those addendas that delegations have before them, the substantive items are not in the order that they will appear in the final report of the Subcommittee for the reason that we send down texts that have been drafted on the basis of conclusions of agenda items. And, as you know, in the scheduling of our agenda for this particular session, we have put addenda items with a lower number after agenda items with a higher number and in order to maximize the efficiency and flexibility in the way the way they work and so that is the reason we have to do it in this way. So we can assure all delegations that when we are compiling document L.290 and its addenda 1, 2, 3 and 4, all parts will be exactly in accordance with the addenda that has been adopted by the Subcommittee. Just as a clarification. So that is the reason why items are jumping in those addendas.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the Secretariat for providing that clarification and hope that it provides an acceptable answer and if delegations are now familiar with the document, can we proceed with our paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of document A/AC.105/C.2/L.290/Addendum.1?

Paragraph 1.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 1 is adopted.

Paragraph 2.

Any comments to paragraph 2?

I see none.

Paragraph 2 is adopted.

Paragraph 3.

Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4.

Paragraph 4, as amended, is adopted.

Paragraph 5(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

I see no comments to paragraph 5.

Paragraph 5 is adopted.

Paragraph 6.

Paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 8.

Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Paragraph 9.

Paragraph 9 is adopted.

Paragraph 10.

Paragraph 10 is adopted.

Paragraph 11.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 11 is adopted.

Paragraph 12.

Adopted.

Paragraph 13.

Any comments to paragraph 13?

I see none.

Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14.

Adopted.

Paragraph 15.

Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 17.

Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Paragraph 18.

Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19.

Paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20.

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

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Looking through this section of the report that I believe addresses 6(b) on the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, we did not see a view that we had expressed and we thought had heard others express as well and so we would suggest the addition of a paragraph, perhaps at the end of this section, to the effect of "the view was expressed that, from a legal point of view, the geostationary orbit is part of outer space and as such a Party of the Outer Space Treaty cannot appropriate an orbital location in the geostationary orbit, either by

claim of sovereignty or by means of use or even by repeated use of such orbital position.” I would be happy to provide in writing as well.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for the proposal and understand you will provide the text of this proposal to the Secretariat.

In the absence of any comments, we will proceed with our adoption of the document. We are at paragraph 21.

Paragraph 21 is adopted.

Paragraph 22.

Adopted.

Paragraph 23.

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

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. With respect to paragraph 23, I note the sentiment that in the latter half of the paragraph that the Safety Framework on Nuclear Power Source Applications in Outer Space by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee constituted important steps with regard to the progressive development of international space law and considerably advance international cooperation. I have some questions. First, I do not remember that view being expressed. Perhaps it was but I am not sure it is appropriate to say to characterize the Safety Framework as a progressive development of international law as opposed an otherwise very valuable achievement in contribution and facilitating international cooperation and the safety of outer space.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for bringing this point to our attention. May I request if you have some text that you would propose so we can phrase this paragraph 23 differently to avoid any ambiguity.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman for this opportunity. I would suggest that after the word “important”, replace “steps” with “contribution” and then delete “with regard to the progressive development of international space law” and retain “and considerably advance international

cooperation in ensuring the safe use of nuclear power sources in outer space”.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for this proposal and before we come back to it so we are sure that we have captured it exactly as you suggested, I gather the distinguished representative of Venezuela wishes to take the floor.

Mr. M. CASTILLO (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I apologize but I do not think I fully understood the proposal. Can we hear it again what exactly was being proposed?

Thank you.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman and I thank the distinguished delegate of Venezuela for the invitation to repeat my proposal which I appreciate was probably not very clear.

After 2009, in paragraph 23, as proposed, it would read: “constituted an important contribution and considerably advance international cooperation in ensuring the safe use of nuclear power sources in outer space.”

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for providing that clarification and assume that this is acceptable to our colleague, the distinguished representative from Venezuela.

Thank you very much and that paragraph 23 will be amended and taking into account the proposals that we have just received and the text which the Secretariat will put that change into effect.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

Mr. M. CASTILLO (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Chairman. In view of the proposal we heard, my delegation would like to make its own proposal regarding this language that the endorsement of the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Applications is or constitutes progress in the development of outer space law and its qualification. We will submit it to the Secretariat.

This was an expression, this is a view expressed by my delegation in the course of the discussion on this item.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Venezuela for his proposal and I should give the floor again to the distinguished representative of the United States.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman and my thanks to the distinguished delegate of Venezuela for his proposal as well. My concern is that the paragraph 23 refers to something the Legal Subcommittee noted with satisfaction which I understand to represent a consensus view of this Subcommittee and it is not our understanding that the Safety Framework is necessarily a contribution to space law as such and so perhaps given that the distinguished delegate of Venezuela made this point in his statement, it could be reflected or captured in the section of the report that reflects the statements of delegations.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for this proposal on how to deal with the current wording of paragraph 23.

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

Mr. M. CASTILLO (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, thank you Chairman, and I apologize for asking for the floor yet again. To our delegation, it would be good if the Legal Subcommittee noted with satisfaction the endorsement of the Safety Framework. This would certainly please our delegation. Perhaps such a statement on behalf of the plenary. Having said that, it is also important for us that our own delegation specifically under this agenda item, expressed the view read out. So it is important to clarify that, that this view was expressed by our delegation and that somewhere in the report it should be noted that this view was expressed. So that was our proposal.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Distinguished delegates, please bear with us and thank you very much for your patience. We are essentially trying to find the most efficient way to address the comments which have been made by delegations with respect to the wording of paragraph 23. And, in summary, what we could propose here would be to have paragraph 23 as it is

worded, subject to amendments to reflect the comments and proposal made by the distinguished representative of the United States, following which, in order to accommodate the proposal that has been made by the distinguished representative of Venezuela, to have a paragraph 23 *bis* as one option because it is impossible for us to say both things in this same paragraph. So we can have an amended paragraph 23 that reflects the proposal by the United States and a paragraph 23 *bis* which reflects the proposal the distinguished representative of Venezuela as one option. The other, which perhaps you may also distinguished representative of Venezuela, wish to consider would be that we include your proposal in the scope, the wording of your proposal in the scope in what is now paragraph 26 to which we will come to during the course of adopting the report.

And whilst you, distinguished representatives of Venezuela and the United States, dwell on these recommendations, I should give the floor to a number of delegations that have requested an audience, starting with the distinguished representative of Mexico.

Ms. R. M. RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO (Mexico) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In fact, there are more paragraphs that refer to agenda item 8, the use of nuclear power sources in outer space. I recall, and correct me if I am mistaken, that on that item we heard views that it is not necessary to review or revise the existing Principles or Safety Framework. Mexico, for its part, made a statement against the militarization of outer space activities and ways to guarantee that outer space be used entirely for peaceful purposes and that with reference to nuclear power sources as well. We made a fairly topical statement on this item, in fact. And I understand that the distinguished delegate of Venezuela also posed a similar point, similar to what Mexico had to say. I do not remember how many more delegations spoke on this subject. It would be interesting to know but I remember that there were a lot of comments made.

Mexico could raise that when we come to the subsequent paragraphs but with regard to paragraph 23, the final part of this paragraph says “considerably advance international cooperation and ensuring the safe use of nuclear power sources in outer space”. Which delegation said that? It would be interesting to know because I was here at the meeting when we discussed it and I do not recall any delegation saying these specific words actually, Mr. Chairman. In fact, what I heard from a number of delegations was almost the opposite. Mexico’s statement on item 8 and that of Venezuela I remember very well but I do not remember any

delegation saying what it says here in the very last part of paragraph 23 in what I understand it to mean at least. Maybe someone did say that and then it should be here but Mexico would not like to see that stated unless it specifically attributed in terms of considerably advancing international cooperation and ensuring the safe use of nuclear power sources in outer space. I really do not remember it being said and I apologize again if I am mistaken or if my recollection is not correct. But most of us, I think, agreed that the use of nuclear power sources is not sufficiently regulated, that there are issues threatening security and that we need to do more to ensure safety, security and non-militarization of outer space. So, again, we need to be clear as to who said what.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Mexico for her statement and questions and I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Chile.

Ms. T. ALVAREZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On behalf of GRULAC, we would like to refer to the proposal made by the distinguished delegate of the United States, namely to eliminate from paragraph 23 the phrase “constituted important steps with regard to the progressive development of international space law”.

Unless I am mistaken, last year the same Subcommittee approved this language. Now we would like to know why, for what substantive, essential reasons does the United States delegates proposed that now we delete this language even though last year we did adopt it by consensus. So it is a question I am posing on behalf of my regional group. Maybe the distinguished colleague from the United States could elaborate on his reasons for his proposal.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Chile on behalf of GRULAC for her statement and should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Brazil.

Mr. A. J. RYPL (Brazil): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My intervention goes along the same lines as the one made by the distinguished representative on behalf of GRULAC. It is not very clear to us why the distinguished representative of the United States has proposed this change since we have not seen any change in the debates here that would justify the deletion of the reference to the development of

international space law which is the ultimate objective of the work in this Subcommittee. So I would ask the distinguished representative of the United States to elaborate on the issue.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Brazil for his intervention and should give the floor to the distinguished representative of Canada.

Ms. D. ST.-ARNAUD (Canada): Thank you. I would simply want to support the wording proposed by the United States and the position of Canada is clearly that at this time, there is no further regulation that is necessary. I was going to intervene on paragraph 31. In that same sense, I will pre-empt, if you may, just to make the point that it says there that the view was expressed that the revision was not necessary at present. I was going to say that, it is my understanding that more than one delegation expressed the view so I see a link there with the other paragraph where we do not feel that further regulation is necessary. In that sense, we can support the wording proposed by the United States.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Canada for her intervention and proposal and now give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have listened quite carefully about those ideas proposed by the United States delegation and views of others on this paragraph 23. We came up with other suggestions to amend this paragraph slight. We do share some sympathies(?) whether there will be some implication that the Safety Framework will be taken as a legal document we should word it. But at the same time, we do see the value that merits adoption of the Safety Framework should be reflected in this paragraph.

My proposal goes like this and I will read it out and then to seek the feelings from this conference room: “The Legal Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Application in Outer Space ...”, then with a number, “adopted by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session, and endorsed by the Committee at its fifty-second session in 2009 considerably advance the safety of use of

nuclear power sources in outer space and facilitate the progressive development of international space law.”

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I can read it again.

“The Legal Subcommittee noted with satisfaction that the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Application in Outer Space, adopted by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session, and endorsed by the Committee at its fifty-second session in 2009, considerably advance the safety of use of nuclear power sources in outer space and facilitate the progressive development of international space law.”

Thank you Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of China for this proposal and at this time, one, to declare if delegations would accept that proposal as a means for rewording this paragraph 23 with text that has just been offered by the distinguished representative of China.

I see Chile would like to take the floor.

Ms. T. ALVAREZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I wanted to thank the distinguished delegation of China for proposing this paragraph but the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States believes that it is acceptable. I hope the United States will pronounce in the same way.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Chile for her intervention and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Venezuela.

Mr. M. CASTILLO (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We like the proposal made by China. Just one thing. I would like to know it will also include the last part of the text, the very final part, because that, in our opinion, has some value as well, the part regarding international cooperation.

Yes? Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Venezuela for his question and in the meantime, I should give the floor to the distinguished representative of the United States.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman and I would like to thank the distinguished delegate of China for his proposal which would be acceptable to my delegation.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for his intervention and I believe, at this time, we have a text that is acceptable to all delegations, and in response to the question raised by the distinguished representative of Venezuela, yes, the amended text would include the last part of that paragraph.

I now give the floor to the distinguished representative of Mexico.

Ms. R. M. RAMÍREZ DE ARELLANO (Mexico) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We accept China’s proposal.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Mexico for her intervention and, at this time, we can proceed with the adoption of our report which we were at paragraph 24.

Paragraph 24?

I see no comments.

Paragraph 24 is 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 Arabic, there is a big mistake and it says, and I will read it in English and not in Arabic.

“During the forty-eighth and forty-ninth meeting of the Scientific and the Legal Committee” and that it is not, it is the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee because absolutely the two are for the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. In Arabic, they have it for the Scientific and the Legal and that is not true. It is the Scientific and Technical.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Saudi Arabia for bringing that point

to our attention. The necessary changes will be made to paragraph 24.

Are there any comments to paragraph 25?

I see no comments.

Paragraph 25 is adopted.

Paragraph 26.

Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27.

Paragraph 27 is adopted.

Paragraph 28.

Adopted.

Paragraph 29.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of China.

Mr. Y. XU (China): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Paragraph 29, I know that is a view or is just by certain delegations but we do hope that on the second line to replace the word “treaties” with “by international instruments” because that talks about the Principles. I hope that idea can be accommodated because the Principles that it is not a treaty. So that is my suggestion.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of China for this observation and recommendation and give the floor to the distinguished representative of Spain.

Mr. R. MORO AGUILAR (Spain) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We would like to join the distinguished delegate of China and I wanted, in fact, to suggest the same thing, replace “treaties” by “instruments”.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Spain for his intervention and the changes will be made in an amendment.

Paragraph 30.

Paragraph is adopted.

I believe there were some comments made by the distinguished representative of Canada to paragraph 31.

Ms. D. ST.-ARNAUD (Canada): Yes, it was simply to reflect, well, we would suggest to indicate some delegations expressed the view that instead of the view was expressed.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Canada for the intervention and proposal. Paragraph 31 will be amended.

And in the absence of any comments is adopted, as amended.

Paragraph 32.

Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33.

Paragraph 33 is adopted.

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

We shall now proceed with a paragraph-by-paragraph adoption of the third part of the draft report, as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.290/Addendum.2.

This part of the draft report contains the section on: Examination and Review of the Developments Concerning the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Space Assets; and General Exchange of Information and Views on Legal Mechanisms Relating to Space Debris Mitigation Measures, Taking into Account the Work of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

Do all delegates have a copy of this third part? Once again, the document is A/AC.105/C.2/L.290/Addendum.2.

If delegates want to take two or three minutes to review the document before we begin our paragraph-by-paragraph adoption.

Distinguished delegates, I propose we begin our adoption of the third part now of our report and we will begin with paragraph 1.

Paragraph 1 is adopted.

Paragraph 2.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of France.

Mr. P. CLERC (France) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Allow me to make a comment that refers to something we mentioned in our national statement. This paragraph refers to a number of statements, including ours, but they are not the same. As far as we are concerned, we made it very clear that we were asking for this agenda item to be removed and, if necessary, in future just have reporting regarding UNIDROIT activities. I do not know how to deal with this. It should be mentioned either in paragraph 8 or here but this is a view that was supported by Belgium, Greece, Canada, United States and Germany. So the content of that statement should be reflected either or elsewhere. We have no preference in that regard.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Canada for his intervention and to address the issue properly. I will give the floor to the Secretariat. I beg your pardon distinguished representative of France, that was a Freudian slip because I recall Canada made a statement in that respect, so you will forgive the relationship but I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, indeed, what we see here in those introductory paragraphs to this particular section on the UNIDROIT Space Protocol is a reflection of what was considered at this session which means that we, *de facto*, considered the item as a single item for discussion. Delegations will recall that when we debated this substantive item, we did not make a conclusion on how we would deal with this item at the agenda of the Subcommittee at the fifty-third session next year. However, when we came to that particular agenda 13 of this session where we reviewed the agenda that we have agreed to, we clearly made an agreement to discontinue this particular single issue item for discussion which means that it is a one-year item that has to be reviewed every year. So we agreed to discontinue and we also agreed that UNIDROIT would be invited to update the Subcommittee on developments relating to the Protocol under the agenda item entitled "Information on the Activities of International Intergovernmental and Non-

Governmental Organizations Relating to Space Law". And that is an agreement, so it is Subcommittee language and that is to be reflected under agenda item 13, Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for New Items to be Considered by the Legal Subcommittee at its Fifty-Third Session, and it will be in Addenda.4 which delegations will have before them tomorrow morning. So it is a Subcommittee decision to discontinue that item.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for providing that clarification. I shall give the floor again to the distinguished representative of France.

Mr. P. CLERC (France) (*interpretation from French*): Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman, and we thank the Secretariat for the suggestion which we find fully acceptable. The Francophone family is very big and maybe Canada will be next.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we proceed with our adoption of the report now?

Very well, and we were at paragraph 3.

Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4.

Adopted.

I should give the floor to the United States.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a small proposal with respect to paragraph 4 that I think better reflects the discussion sentiment of the Subcommittee. That would be to replace the word "commended" with "noted". Then after UNIDROIT to delete the words "for it continuous".

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for the proposal and, in the absence of any comments, I will take it that paragraph 4 is adopted, as amended.

Paragraph 5.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 5 is adopted.

Paragraph 6.

Paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7.

Any comments to paragraph 7?

Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 8.

Adopted.

Paragraph 9.

Adopted.

Paragraph 10.

Adopted.

Paragraph 11.

Adopted.

Paragraph 12.

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

Ms. M. SMUCLEROVA (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Please allow me to propose to add a formula, "*inter alia*" into paragraph 12, "the Subcommittee noted that the exchange of information under agenda item 11 would, *inter alia*, assist States in understanding the different approaches, including the development of national regulatory frameworks that States had taken to mitigate and prevent the increase in space debris" and to ascertain whether the scope of item 11 was or would be restricted only to this phrase that figures now in the report. I think that the focus on the different approaches that States had taken to mitigate and prevent the increase in space debris is only one element covered in item 11. So I would prefer to add "*inter alia*" if possible.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic for her intervention and proposal and, in the absence of any comments to this proposal, I take it that paragraph 12 is adopted, as amended.

Paragraph 13.

Any comments to paragraph 13?

I see none.

Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14.

I give the floor to the United States.

Mr. B. ISRAEL (United States of America): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In paragraph 14, I propose to replace the words "enforce the implementation of" with the word "incorporate".

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the United States for his intervention and proposal and, in the absence of any comments, I take it that paragraph 14 is adopted, as amended.

Paragraph 15.

Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Paragraph 17.

Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Paragraph 18.

I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Chile.

Ms. T. ALVAREZ (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Chairman, I just wanted to make sure that our opinions were reflected. Maybe in paragraph 15 or the Secretariat might suggest another appropriate place, but we suggest adding "the opinion was expressed that it is important for States to implement Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines, taking into account the fact that future space activities largely depend on such mitigation.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of Chile for her intervention and proposal.

I take it that this will be an amendment to this paragraph 15, or 18, you referred to, depending on how best we can approach this.

With respect to the proposal that has just been made by the distinguished representative of Chile, would it be acceptable to have that text as 15 *bis*, and if you could kindly provide the text to the Secretariat, it will be incorporated.

And continuing with our adoption of the report, we were considering paragraph 18.

Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19.

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

Ms. M. SMUCLEROVA (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Czech Republic would like to recommend to add the words “for the near future” at the end of the phrase. It means “and that the adoption of the Guidelines by the General Assembly could be a satisfactory option for near future” since this corresponds more precisely to the view expressed.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic for her intervention and proposal, and to be clear, it might be best if we have the words “in the near future” after the sentence.

Ms. M. SMUCLEROVA (Czech Republic): This is exactly what I meant to suggest.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: In which case then, we can take it that paragraph 19, as amended, is adopted.

Paragraph 20.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21.

Adopted.

Paragraph 22.

Adopted.

Paragraph 23.

Adopted.

Paragraph 24.

Adopted.

Paragraph 25.

Adopted.

Paragraph 26.

Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27.

Adopted.

Paragraph 28.

Adopted.

Paragraph 29.

Adopted.

Paragraph 30.

Adopted.

Paragraph 31.

I see no comments.

Paragraph 31 is adopted.

Paragraph 32.

Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33.

Paragraph 33 is adopted.

I will now give the floor to the Secretariat that is going to propose an addition to paragraph 33.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat had not reflected in the report the Seminar you remember that was held last week and organized by ESPI entitled “The Relevance of General

International Law for Debris Questions". The proposal by the Secretariat is, therefore, to add a paragraph 33 *bis* that could read as follows:

"The Subcommittee noted with appreciation the Seminar entitled "The Relevance of General International Law for Debris Questions", organized by ESPI on 11 April.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, and in the absence of any comments to the proposal just made to have a 33 *bis*, can I take it then, distinguished delegates, that we have, therefore, adopted the third part of the draft report?

Distinguished delegates, I will shortly adjourn this meeting. Before doing so, I would like to inform delegates of our schedule of work for tomorrow morning and I should give the floor to the Secretariat.

Mr. N. HEDMAN (Secretary, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat has consulted with the Conference Management Services and we have been informed that the two remaining parts of the report, namely Addenda.3 and Addenda.4, will be available in all languages tomorrow morning. Addenda.3 will be distributed around 9.00 a.m. tomorrow morning and Addenda.4 should be ready for distribution at around 10.00 a.m. And if the last part, Addenda.4, is not available before 10.00 a.m., then it will be distributed in the room so that we can proceed with an efficient and timely adoption of the final part of the report.

The suggestion is that we reconvene the plenary as usual at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for that clarification and, as indicated, we will meet promptly at 10.00 a.m. At that time, we will continue with the adoption of the report of the Legal Subcommittee.

Are there any questions or comments on this proposed schedule?

I see none.

The meeting is now adjourned until 10.00 a.m. tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 p.m.