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*Chairman:* Mr. Yasushi Horikawa (*Japan*)

*The meeting was called to order at 3.22 p.m.*

**The CHAIRMAN** Distinguished delegates. Good afternoon, distinguished delegates. I now declare open the 659th meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Since the consultation on the agenda item, Other matters, is still continuing, so I would like to continue our consideration of the adoption of our report. Yesterday we started our report, the document A/AC.105/L.284 and there still remains several paragraphs in this report but in order to save time, I would like to continue our consideration on the adoption of the report from the document A/AC.105/L.284/Add.1 (Addendum 1). Is that acceptable for you? I see none.

I will start the first page of this document. Draft report, chapter II, "Recommendations and decisions", section C, "Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-ninth session". Paragraph 1; is there any comment on this paragraph? I see none. It's adopted.

Paragraph 2; any comments? I see none. It is adopted.

Paragraph 3; is there any comment on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 4 is adopted, with sub-items.

Next section, "United Nations Programme on Space Applications", and sub-item (a) "Activities of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications". Paragraph 5; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 5 is adopted.

Paragraph 6; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7; any comments? Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 8; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Paragraph 9; is there any comments? I see none. Paragraph 9 is adopted.

Paragraph 10; any comments? Paragraph 10 is adopted.

Paragraph 11; is there any comments on paragraph 11? I see none. The paragraph 11 is adopted.

Paragraph 12; any comments. Paragraph 12 is adopted.

Paragraph 13; is there any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 14 is adopted.

Paragraph 15; any comments on this? I see none. Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Paragraph 17; I see none. Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Next is (i), paragraph 18; is there any comments on the paragraph 18? No comments. Paragraph 18 is adopted. I recognize the distinguished representative of Argentina, you have the floor.

**Ms. G. HUARTE** (*Argentina, interpretation from Spanish*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm not entirely sure if this is the right place for the proposal I am about to make but it's a question of space technology in activities. It's a GRULAC proposal and we would like to ask that this be included as possible 19bis or 18bis, and it would say the following "taking into account the scope and achievements of sustainable development workshops in the mountainous areas of the Andean regions carried out in Argentina, in 2007,

Peru, 2009 and the Plurinational State of Bolivia in 2010, GRULAC asks the Office of Outer Space Affairs to allow for the possibility to continue with these further, including these on the agenda of space technology application activities for 2013, with a new practical course in our region". That would be the end of the paragraph, and if this isn't the right place then I'd like to ask the Secretariat where this would fit as a bis paragraph. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished representative of Argentina for her question. Thank you very much for waiting, Secretariat wants the exact text what you propose now, so we will take it later and we will continue our consideration of the adoption of report.

The paragraph 19; any comments? No comments. Paragraph 19 is adopted.

The next is (ii), the paragraph 20; is there any comments on the paragraph 20? Any comments? I see none. The paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21; no comments? Paragraph 21 is adopted.

Paragraph 22; is there any comments on paragraph 22? No comments. I see none. Paragraph 22 is adopted.

Next is (iii) "Technical advisory services", paragraph 23; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 23 is adopted.

Paragraph 24; is there any comments? I see none. Paragraph 24 is adopted.

Paragraph 25 are there any comments? I see none. Paragraph 25 is adopted.

Paragraph 26; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Next we have sub-section b "International Satellite System for Search and Rescue", paragraph 27; any comments on this paragraph? No comments. I see none. Paragraph 27 is adopted.

Paragraph 28; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. The paragraph 28 is adopted.

Next sub-section 2, paragraph 29; this is relating to the remote sensing of the Earth.

Paragraph 29; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 29 is adopted.

Paragraph 30; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 30 is adopted.

Paragraph 31; any comments on the paragraph 31? I see none. Paragraph 31 is adopted.

Paragraph 32; I see no comments. Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33; no comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 33 is adopted.

Paragraph 34; this is various meeting will be held and the past results. Paragraph 34; No comments. I see none. Paragraph 34 is adopted.

Next is section 3, "Space debris". Paragraph 35; any comments? Paragraph 35 is adopted.

Paragraph 36; any comments? Paragraph 36 is adopted.

Paragraph 37; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 37 is adopted.

Paragraph 38; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 38 is adopted.

Paragraph 39; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 39 is adopted.

Paragraph 40; any comments on this paragraph. Paragraph 40 is adopted.

Paragraph 41; any comments? Paragraph 41 is adopted.

Paragraph 42; I see no objection. Paragraph 42 is adopted.

Paragraph 43; no comments? Paragraph 43 is adopted.

Paragraph 44; Paragraph 44 is adopted.

Paragraph 45; I see no comments? Paragraph 45 is adopted.

Paragraph 46; I see no objection. Paragraph 46 is adopted.

Paragraph 47; I see none. Paragraph 47 is adopted.

Next section is “Space-system-based disaster management support”. Paragraph 48; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 48 is adopted.

Paragraph 49; I see none. Paragraph 49 is adopted.

Paragraph 50; I see none. Paragraph 50 is adopted.

Paragraph 51; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 51 is adopted.

Paragraph 52; I see no comments. Paragraph 52 is adopted.

Paragraph 53; I see no comments. Paragraph 53 is adopted.

Paragraph 54; I see no comments. Paragraph 54 is adopted.

Paragraph 55; I see no comments. Paragraph 55 is adopted.

Paragraph 56; I see no comments. Paragraph 56 is adopted.

Paragraph 57; no comments. Paragraph 57 is adopted.

Next is section 5, “Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems”. Paragraph 58; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 58 is adopted.

Paragraph 59; any comments on this? I see none. Paragraph 59 is adopted.

Paragraph 60; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 60 is adopted.

Paragraph 61; I see no comments? Paragraph 61 is adopted.

Paragraph 62; any comments? Paragraph 62 is adopted.

Paragraph 63; yes I recognize the distinguished representative of Russia, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. May I kindly ask you to a

bit slow down please, because it is impossible to adapt. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you, distinguished delegate of Russian Federation, I am sorry, I will be more slower.

Paragraph 63; any comments? Paragraph 63 is adopted.

Paragraph 64; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 64 is adopted.

Paragraph 65; yes I see the distinguished delegate of Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask through you, the Secretariat, how come there is not a single reference to GLONASS system in this section. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Russian Federation for your question. Secretariat will answer your question. Niklas Hedman, you have the floor.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Yes, in this section as delegations will see, not all the systems are mentioned but of course we would be happy to see what the Russian Federation would like to have reflected in this particular section. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Secretariat, do you have any wishing to insert you GLONASS system?

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. We will prepare it as a later stage ok? Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished representative of the Russian Federation, we will consider the new text, but for the time being, this paragraph 65, do we agree on this 65? No comments. Paragraph 65 is adopted.

Paragraph 66; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 66 is adopted.

Paragraph 67; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 67 is adopted.

Paragraph 68; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 68 is adopted.

Next is section 6, "Use of nuclear power sources in outer space". Paragraph 69; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 69 is adopted.

Paragraph 70; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 70 is adopted.

Paragraph 71; any comments on this paragraph? Yes, I recognize the distinguished representative of Venezuela, you have the floor.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) Interpretation from Spanish*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. My delegation would like to make a proposal and that would be for a paragraph to be introduced after 71, and not to hold up our work now, my colleagues are translating the text into English so that the Secretariat can have it, and then once it's received by the Secretariat, perhaps they can read it out, and we can keep moving for now. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Venezuela, yes we will come back later for your proposed new text inserted here. Later, after we received your text. Then we proceed the adoption of the report. Paragraph 71 is acceptable for you. I see none. Paragraph 71 is adopted.

Paragraph 72; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 72 is adopted.

Paragraph 73; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 73 is adopted.

Paragraph 74; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 74 is adopted.

Paragraph 75; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 75 is adopted.

Now I will continue to the next section 7, "Near-Earth Objects". Paragraph 76; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 76 is adopted.

Paragraph 77; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 77 is adopted.

Paragraph 78; any comments on paragraph 78? I see no comments. Paragraph 78 is adopted.

Paragraph 79; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 79 is adopted.

Paragraph 80; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 80 is adopted.

Paragraph 81; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 81 is adopted.

Paragraph 82; I see no comments. The paragraph 82 is adopted.

Paragraph 83; any comments on this paragraph 83? I see no comments. Paragraph 83 is adopted.

Paragraph 84; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 84 is adopted.

Paragraph 85; any comments on paragraph 85? I see none. Paragraph 85 is adopted.

Paragraph 86; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 86 is adopted.

Next is section 8, this has a long title. Paragraph 87; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 87 is adopted.

Paragraph 88; I see no comments. Paragraph 88 is adopted.

Paragraph 89; any comments on paragraph 89? Any comments on paragraph 89? I see none. Paragraph 89 is adopted.

Paragraph 90; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 90 is adopted.

Paragraph 91; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 91 is adopted.

Next section is 9, "International Space Weather Initiative". Paragraph 92; no comments? Paragraph 92 is adopted.

Paragraph 93; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 93 is adopted.

Paragraph 94; any comments on this paragraph? I see no comments. Paragraph 94 is adopted.

Paragraph 95; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 95 is adopted.

Paragraph 96; no comments? Paragraph 96 is adopted.

Paragraph 97; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 97 is adopted.

Next is section 10, I notice the distinguished representative of Ecuador, you have the floor.

**Ms. R. O. VÁSQUEZ OROZCO** (*Ecuador, interpretation from Spanish*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. If I may I'd like to go back to 97, just a point of clarification. Second to the last line, where it says, it should be "will be" instead of "would be", "to be hosted by", in English, but it's in Spanish. The, [*sorry the interpreter missed the name of the institute*], instead of the Quito Astronomical Observatory, the name of the institute. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Ecuador, do I ask to the Secretariat to correct this part? Is that only for the Spanish version of the text? May I ask to the distinguished delegate of Ecuador.

**Ms. R. O. VÁSQUEZ OROZCO** (*Ecuador*) I'm referring to the Spanish language version, I didn't check the English version. The verb, in Spanish, is conditional, should be hosted. In English it says to "be hosted", there have been exchanges of letters so it's a certainty that this will be held in October, so it should be in the future, which it is in English, it's the Spanish language version where the verb should be changed.

**The CHAIRMAN** Did you catch it? I thank the distinguished delegate of the Ecuador for your correction. The text will be corrected as you suggested. So do I take the paragraph 97 to be adopted? The paragraph 97 is adopted, be amended.

Now I got to the section 10. Paragraph 98; no comments on this paragraph? Paragraph 98 is adopted.

Paragraph 99; any comments on this paragraph? Paragraph 99 is adopted.

Paragraph 100; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 100 is adopted.

Paragraph 101; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 101 is adopted.

Paragraph 102; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 102 is adopted.

Paragraph 103; any comments on this paragraph? Yes I see the Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. The question is; probably it

makes sense to note that the expert groups in D of the Working Group, were not just meeting on the margins of the session, but also drafted some preliminary guidelines on best practice guidelines, because it would not just a meeting as is, it was a working meeting to issue some product, draft product. Maybe "aspired to draft" or something.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the Secretariat for the clarification. You have the floor.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, in this paragraph, the expert groups are in different stages in the progress, so not all expert groups have advanced, some expert groups have not advanced as far as others. So possible we could say "the Committee noted that expert groups A-D of the Working Group were meeting on the margins of the current session of the Committee to make progress in their work, in accordance with the terms of reference...". Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Secretariat, is that agreeable for Russian Federation? The paragraph 103 will be amended as proposed by the Secretariat. Paragraph 103 is agreeable? Yes?

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Mr. Chairman, we have to ask one question. We know that there was a positive input on behalf of the United States to the discussions within the Working Group in the form of draft guidelines, or possible guidelines, we just want to understand; does this document have a non-official status? Because it is not mentioned here. It is important for us to know for the sake of internal interagency coordination in Moscow because we will work with what we call a US draft, but it is not reflected in the report. So what's the status, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Russian Federation. Now I will give the floor to the Secretariat, you have the floor. We notice that the United States wants to have the floor, so I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of United States of America, you have the floor.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS** (*United States of America*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. In regards to the question from my distinguished colleague from the Russian Federation, the paper that the US provided in that particular expert group is different than the paper that's reflected in paragraph 102 because in this case, the Russian Federation and Ukraine provided a paper as governments. The paper that we provided within the expert group was only an expert contribution to the work of that expert group, so it doesn't have any real

standing in the Committee itself because it was not submitted as a CRP nor as an L document. So for the purposes of that paper, it should be considered as an input just to the expert group. It was not to the S&T Subcommittee, it was not to the Full Committee, it was not to the Working Group on Long-term Sustainability. So as I say, it just should be considered as an expert contribution, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of United States for his clarifications. Is that acceptable for Russian Federation?

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you so much, I am fully satisfied with the clarifications from the distinguished representative from the United States, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you. The paragraph 103 is acceptable? The paragraph 103 is adopted.

Paragraph 104; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 104 is adopted.

Paragraph 105; any comments? No. Paragraph 105 is adopted.

Paragraph 106; I see none. Paragraph 106 is adopted.

Paragraph 107; I see no comments, 107 is adopted.

Paragraph 108; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 108 is adopted.

Paragraph 109; I see no comments. Paragraph 109 is adopted.

Paragraph 110; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 110 is adopted.

Paragraph 111; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 111 is adopted.

Paragraph 112; no comments. Paragraph 112 is adopted.

Paragraph 113; I see no comments. Paragraph 113 is adopted.

Paragraph 114; yes, I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Venezuela, you have the floor.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. 114 doesn't fully reflect what my delegation said, as occurred in the last case, we're drafting our form of words and will hand it in once we have it in English so that the Secretariat can then read 't out, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Venezuela, yes we will take this later. So I will continue for the paragraph 115, pending on the 114. Any comments on 115? No comments? Paragraph 115 is adopted.

The next section is 11. Paragraph 116; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 116 is adopted.

Paragraph 117; there are 11 items for the agenda. Paragraph 117 is adopted.

Paragraph 118; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 118 is adopted.

Paragraph 119; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 119 is adopted.

Paragraph 120; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 120 is adopted.

Paragraph 121; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 121 is adopted.

Paragraph 122; no comments? I recognize the distinguished representative of Switzerland, you have the floor.

**Ms. N. ARCHINARD** (*Switzerland*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Not paragraph 122, if I may I'd like to look back on a linguistic question for the French text. I see that 109, 111 and 112 in English has "the view was expressed" in all three paragraphs, whereas in French for the three paragraphs we have three different version of this, "according to one view" and so on. Just for the sake of consistency to make sure that we can see straight away that it's one or several delegations, I think it would be more advisable to stay with one expression to mean that. So perhaps the French language version can be corrected. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Switzerland. Yes, Secretariat will correct for you proposal and the French text will be amended.

Distinguished delegates, now I would like to give the floor to Secretariat.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, regarding pending proposals to this document Addenda 1, the Secretariat has received in Spanish language a proposal for a paragraph by Argentina, we are waiting for the paragraph to be submitted by the Russian Federation and the GNSS section, and we are waiting for two paragraphs by Venezuela; one related to nuclear power sources section, and one related to the long-term sustainability section. In order to give those delegations a little bit more time to look into their proposals, the suggestion is that we get back to those pending proposed paragraphs at a later stage. We have also been informed that the moderator of informal consultation on the outstanding issue related to “Ways and means” section in the first part of the report, L.284, is ready to present a result of those informal presentations, so the Secretariat suggests that we go back now to document L.284, and look into those paragraphs and then we proceed with the rest of the report.

**The CHAIRMAN** Distinguished delegates, do I take this proposal? Yes I see the distinguished delegate of Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I’m very sorry but we missed something in Addendum 1 in 16, so some correction of wording is needed in order to provide better translation, so we will let us to provide the suggestion.

**The CHAIRMAN** I took a note and we will come back in Russian text later. So we will proceed just as proposed by Secretariat. I see none. Distinguished delegate of Nigeria, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. A. ABIODUN** (*Nigeria*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that you want to go back to the deliberation during the lunch period right now?

**The CHAIRMAN** We now listen to the result of consultation on the document A/AC.105/L.284, the first part of the report and from paragraph 46, 47 and 52, how we deal with this paragraph. We will have the result, yes distinguished representative of Nigeria, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. A. ABIODUN** (*Nigeria*) My delegation would like to make a suggestion to the Chairman. These are contentious issues, I think we will be making some real beautiful progress on some of the other issues. Let us leave all the contentious issues to the very end please. Let us make progress as we have been doing. That is my recommendation. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Romania, you have the floor.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*) Mr. Chairman. After new negotiations of which took part all interested parties, we finalized a version of the paragraphs that should be modified or included in the document A/AC.105/L.284. We have a final version agreed by the member States.

**The CHAIRMAN** Distinguished delegates, do I take the proposal from distinguished delegate of Romania? I notice the distinguished delegate of Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I kindly ask to clarify what was the issue and text that was agreed by member States, I kindly ask you to clarify by Romania.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the Secretariat, Mr. Niklas Hedman for clarification.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, yes, the Chair proposed that first of all to be clear, we have now considered Addenda 1 to this report, we will get back to the pending proposed paragraphs by various delegations at a later stage. The proposal by the Chair is now that we go back to the first part of the report L.284 and there we hear a report by the Romanian delegate who conducted informal consultations on pending issues related to sections of “Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes” and delegations will soon see it on the screen. So that is the issue that the Chair is proposing that we go back to now, so that we can finalize the first part of the report, which means the pending paragraphs on “Way and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes”, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Secretariat, do we agree to proceed? Yes, I will give the floor to distinguished delegate of Romania.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have under discussion the paragraphs 46, 47 and 52 and we reach an agreement to have the paragraph 46, as it was expressed in the morning with some small adds in the end, some delegations informed the Committee that an information meeting for the draft international code of conduct on space activities initiated by the European Union, took place in Vienna on 5 June 2012, and provided the outline on the concept and trust of the said

document. This is what we agreed with the entrusted parties taking part in the negotiations. Then, we will have also a proposed paragraph in the morning, 46 bis, the Committee noted that reference was made to the draft international code of conduct on space activities, *inter alia*, during the general discussions. Then a paragraph proposed by some delegations of the European Union, 46 ter, some delegations expressed their support, the initiative, in view of adopting an international code of conduct on space activities. Then we have the paragraph 47 as it is in the document A/AC.105/L.284, unchanged, that paragraph was actually not under discussion.

I could read it, some delegations expressed the view that a draft international code of conduct included transparency and confidence-building measure, and reflected a comprehensive approach to safety and security in outer space guided by the following principles: freedom of access to space for all for peaceful purposes, preservation of the security and integrity of space objects in orbit, and due consideration for the legitimate security and [...] interests of States. It was the same paragraph that was included in the report of the last year. Then we have a paragraph at the proposal of the Russian Federation, 47 bis, the view was expressed that some pivotal provisions of the draft international code of conduct on space activities seemed to be directly related to the issue of security in space and of space operations and has afforded the opportunity to establish liaison between the STSC Working Group on the Long-term Sustainability of Space Activities and the future multilateral open forum on the draft international code of conduct on space activities.

Then we have another paragraph proposed by the Russian Federation and also long negotiated, the view was also expressed that any potential rules of conduct for space activities and/or guidelines on the long-term sustainability of space activities, as well as confidence-building measures in general, should be in full conformity with international law, stipulating that a States responsibilities shall extend only to space objects of its registry unless otherwise agreed by the said State and any other State, and shall not by any means imply the possibility of exerting an arbitrary impact on the space object of a State.

Then we have the paragraph 52, proposed initially by Brazil and amended then by Algeria and Venezuela, which will sound as follows: “some delegations expressed the view that the proposed draft international code of conduct on space activities should take into account the need to keep outer space for peaceful purposes, with a negotiations timeframe and

format and content of the code to be agreed within the United Nations”. This is the last text we agreed with all involved in the negotiating countries. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Romania. Is there any objection of this proposal? I see Egypt and Brazil, so I will give the floor to the distinguished representative of Brazil, you have the floor.

**Mr. F. FLORES PINTO (Brazil)** Thank you Mr. Chairman, my delegation would agree with the amended version of paragraph 52 provided that some inclusions are made. I will read: after the words “within the” before United Nations, “to be agreed within the framework of United Nations”, and after United Nations “, in order to be legitimate”, as is stated in the original reduction of paragraph 52. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Brazil and I see the distinguished representative of Egypt, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. HELMY (Egypt)** Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. As a matter of fact I endorse the Brazilian proposal, I was going to propose it anyway so it’s very much in conformity with what I was going to say. I just have a couple of additions to the text in front of us on the board if I may; “within the framework of the United Nations, including the Conference on Disarmament”, no “in order to be legitimate” it would be right at the end, so right after the comma, “including the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, the First Committee of the UN General Assembly, and the Legal Subcommittee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space” and then “in order to be legitimate” would be at the end.

Can we go to the first paragraph on the board. I know that somehow I proposed something and somebody amended it, so if I may, re-amend that paragraph and it will read as following: “the European Union delegation” or was it “the Chair of the European Union” at that time it was Denmark, sorry? The think here is, it is the European Union who has delivered the statement stating the fact that there was a meeting on the 5th of June. If you are going to state facts here then we have to be specific otherwise things like that are very much misleading. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Egypt for his intervention, I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Romania, you have the floor.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*)

Distinguished Chairman, some delegations means that the representative of the European Union and France also, they were together when they made announcement. It means some delegations, so in the end we said, we long negotiated the past paragraph and agreed within the United Nations includes all bodies and institutions of the United Nations. If we start now to make a list, we could make a lot of departments and commissions within the United Nations. I don't think is the case here in this paragraph of COPUOS. Within the United Nations means all bodies of the United Nations including the ones said by you. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Romania, is that acceptable? So we will read that each conference just say systems of the United Nations. Yes, I give the floor to Egypt.

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) I am sorry I am not clear about the intervention that was just raised, are we here referring to paragraph 52, or are we referring to the very first paragraph on the board because I'm kind of confused, and when it's France and the EU, we have to be specific on this specific issue, it is the EU and France who have announced this, nobody else has announced it. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you delegate of Egypt. Before we move, I would like to ask Romania, he has proposed two parts; first is this 52, then the first part of 46, could you again repeat.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*)

Mr. Chairman, according to procedures of our Committee, if it is one country we express it "the view was expressed", if there are at least two members, whoever are they, we express "some delegations". It is the procedure we apply anytime in the framework of the Committee, so we don't specify the name of the countries, it's a rule in the Committee agreed many years ago by the Legal Subcommittee, and in the end in the paragraph 52, I said that "agreed within the United Nations", it means with all organizations of United Nations. We don't have to make a list now, because we negotiate the list of all organizations of United Nations. United Nations means all organizations included in the United Nations. I think for the purpose of this paragraph, it is enough. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Romania, I will give the floor to distinguished delegate of Algeria.

**Mr. A. OUSSEDIK** (*Algeria*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just would like to express my support

to what has been said by Romanian delegation. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of Algeria, now I will give the floor to France, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. DUFRESNE** (*France*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Once again I would like to thank the Romanian ambassador for all his efforts, as well as everybody else's, and I think a great deal of flexibility has been shown to help lead up to this text for consensus, which I hope to see adopted, however I do have a comment on paragraph 46; while with the statement given by the European Union, there was a reference to the kick off meeting, it should be singled out there, it was also referred to in national statements, starting off with that from France. Therefore, Mr, Chairman, I don't think there's any reason to have it in a singular form, I think we should go back to the original.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank France, and now I will give the floor to United Kingdom. Distinguished delegate of United Kingdom, you have the floor.

**Ms. L. KEYTE** (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*) Thank you Mr. Chair. Again to clarify what others have said, the statement which we referred to in 46 was made on behalf of a regional group and indeed on behalf of some other delegations also made statements. So, the phrase "some delegations" is the most appropriate in this forum. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to Egypt.

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just for the sake of clarity, I am just trying to state a fact that a couple of delegations were mentioning the issue of the code of conduct. However, it's still not so clear that it was a side event, outside the auspices of COPUOS, so we also have to state that fact, otherwise this is misleading. If we are going to revert to this report later on in the future, not everybody will be aware that it was a side event and it was outside the auspices of COPUOS. Regardless whether it was one country who announced it, several countries, we have to state facts here. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Egypt. Yes I will give the floor to the United Kingdom.

**Ms. L. KEYTE** (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*) Thank you

Mr. Chair. I understand the concerns of my colleague from Egypt. I'd just like to be clear that this paragraph that this paragraph is very clear; it talks about delegations informing the Committee of something that's happened, something that we do throughout this Committee, workshops, working groups, meetings, activities, and in this case we've said what the meeting was and when it happened, which is very clear that this was not within COPUOS. We talk about the 5th of June, when COPUOS was not meeting. I therefore personally think this paragraph is quite clear and hope that we can move forward. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of UK, I have the request from Czech Republic. I will give the floor to the delegate of Czech Republic.

**Mr. VACLAVIK** (*Czech Republic*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to, on behalf of my delegation, express the Czech delegation fully supports statement made by UK colleague and also delegation from France and Romania. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank you. Yes I will give the floor to the Egypt delegate.

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I'm not insisting anything here, but I just want to state a fact, and it has to be clear, we and everybody here who has attended the 5th of June meeting knows that it was a side event or even it was something that was carried out outside the auspices of COPUOS. Now if we revert to this report 5 years from now, 10 years from now, who would tell that it was outside or not the auspices of COPUOS, you cannot tell from the actual wording on the board at the moment. So if I may propose the follow: "some delegations", I'll keep it for the sake of the unity here, but "some delegations informed the Committee that a side event was carried out on the 5th of June by the delegation of the EU" I don't need to strike it out, we will use some of it, "side event was carried out on the 5th of June by the delegation of the EU on the international code of conduct on space activities" and then you have to strike the rest out and so and so, I think that's pretty much the fact and the factual thing that happened at that time. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the delegate of Romania.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*) Mr. Chairman. First of all it was not a side event but a standalone event. A side event means somewhere connected with COPUOS. It was a standalone activity and the text we provided was agreed by many

countries, it was long negotiated. I don't think any reason to change as simple statement of the fact that the conference was, some delegations informed about that conference, and also the 5th of June, everybody sees that it's outside, and if it's a standalone event, it's sure that it was outside COPUOS. It's not in the framework or in the margins of COPUOS. It was a standalone, it was a completely separate event. Thank you, I just propose to put aside standalone event, but the rest to leave as it was negotiated by other countries. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Romania, I will give the floor to ...

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) Ok, I am fine as a matter of fact, you excellency, I am fine "stand alone event" is fine with me. "A standalone event was carried out on the 5th of June by the delegation of the EU", that's a state of fact, we are not trying to say something else and then the rest continues. I am not inventing the wheel here, it's on the board already. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Egypt, is that acceptable?

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*) Mr. Chairman. Not reflected exactly what the meaning was of the first document, just to inform about the conference that was organized, standalone including these words, because it was outside COPUOS, and besides what was organized by the UNIDIR, and so on, we always inform that the code of conduct initiated by the European Union. Always is the European Union there, why to start now to negotiate small words and doesn't has any input, additional input to what was negotiated and said in the morning? Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you. Now I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Italy.

**Ms. PASTORELLI** (*Italy*) Thank you very much Mr. Chair. I would like to support the latest comment by the Romanian delegate because we believe we should stick to reality. The event was not organized as far as I know by the delegation of the EU, but by the EU. It was a EU decision to organize this kick off even to inform about the code. So this is just not true that it was organized by the delegation of the EU. I would very much appeal to our colleague from Egypt to reflect and in the spirit of compromise come back to the original formulation. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Italy. Yes I think this should be the final one. I give the floor to you.

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) May I just ask those on the computer there to put the track changes back again. I'm sorry because I don't see my proposal on the board.

**The CHAIRMAN** I think this is still not finalized among the delegates, so I will ask to you to have a separate consultation between Romania and Egypt and who is interested countries. I would like to continue our consideration. Distinguished delegate of Romania, you have the floor.

**Mr. D. D. PRUNARIU** (*Romania*) Mr. Chairman. I propose to approve all other paragraphs and to keep the paragraph as it was agreed in the morning because in the morning we reached an agreement on the first paragraph and proposed the second, 46 bis. The first one was agreed in the morning, Now we restart the negotiations for just a fact that an information which was made during COPUOS by some States about an event that was outside the COPUOS. It was just an information made by country in the framework of COPUOS about an event that was organized outside COPUOS. That's all, and I propose the adoption of the paragraphs.

**The CHAIRMAN** Then I would like to take the proposed text as amended by Romania delegates, is that acceptable. No? So you would like to have a consultation separately?

Distinguished delegates, the consultation will be held for the paragraph 46, I would like to ask the delegates, do we adopt the paragraph 46 bis and 46 ter and 47, 47 bis, 47 ter and 52. I will give the floor to the delegate of Brazil.

**Mr. F. FLORES PINTO** (*Brazil*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a point of order, I believe that we are quite close to consensus on paragraph 52, I am not sure that if we need to include it on the informal consultation, so I just ask you if we could try to finalize paragraph 52.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you delegate of Brazil, as proposed by Romania, we will take out the individual conference in the United Nations system so I will stop at "the framework of the United Nations." Is that agreeable? Yes distinguished delegate of Brazil.

**Mr. F. FLORES PINTO** (*Brazil*) Just a suggestions for the sake of consensus, I mean try to

conciliate the concerns of both Egypt and Romania, maybe we could replace "including, inter alia,". Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** [*Chairman and Secretariat talk among themselves*] I will give the floor to the delegate of Pakistan.

**Mr. S. RAFIQUE** (*Pakistan*) Dankeschön I won't take much of your time. Our proposal is that we simply put a period after "United Nations" and that covers all our concerns, that makes things simpler as well. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Is that agreeable? Yes, OK we will delete the last sentence and stop at the United Nations. How about any other paragraph? Is that agreeable? I see none. So all the discussion about from 46 bis to 52 and 46 we will come back later.

Now distinguished delegates, I would like to go back to the document A/AC.105/L.284 first part of the report and I will start from the paragraph 48. Is there any comment on the paragraph 48. I see none. Paragraph 48 is adopted.

Now I will move to paragraph 49; I see the delegate of the Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. Y. Barsegov** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Since this text is reminiscent of the Russian statement, I would like to propose a few editorial corrections please. Fourth line from the top "space" then instead of the word "built", we suggest to say "presupposes". Then one line further to the end at the end "legitimacy", instead of "legitimacy" "legitimate". Then we delete "of various". So "to the legitimate types of space activities" then we delete comma and the words "including activities" and then instead of "relating" we say "related". So "space presupposed confidence" then closer to the end we say "with respect to the legitimate types of space activities related to national security". Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I think the Secretariat catches the text. Russian Federation, you have the floor again.

**Mr. G. Y. Barsegov** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you again Mr. Chairman. And we have a few paragraphs 49 bis, I would like to ask the Secretariat to put them on the screen. Thank you. It also reflects the Russian statements. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Russian delegate, now I will give the floor to the delegate of China, you have the floor.

**Mr. X. MA** (*China*) Thank you Mr. President. The Chinese delegation believe that in general discussion, in this item, the statement given by the Chinese delegation is not reflected in this report. We suggest that after the paragraph 49, we should add the following paragraph: "The view was expressed that the present issues and the challenges faced in the field of outer space should be addressed through inclusive development, not only promoting the sustainable development of the outer space environment and the resources, but also ensuring space activities benefit all countries, especially development countries without space capability, as well as all mankind, including current and future generations." That is all.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of China, can you give us the text to the Secretariat? Is there any comments on this proposal made by China? I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Venezuela.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*) Thank you Chairman. The intervention by China is most relevant and we would like to support it.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Venezuela, I will give the floor to the Russian Federation.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you, I would also Mr. Chairman like to back up the Chinese proposal, it is most constructive and pertinent but I would like to remind you that we also proposed two additions to 49, so that we don't mix up all the proposals. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank you distinguished delegate of Russian Federation. Many views were expressed, so the Secretariat will combine all paragraphs 49, 49 bis, so Secretariat will clarify that.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, first of all, if the Secretariat understands it correctly, is it the intention to change the paragraph proposed by China to read "some delegations expressed the view"? That is the first question. The second question is whether following the intervention by the Russian Federation who wanted to have 49, 49 bis and 49 ter after each other, whether the proposed paragraph by China could then be a 49 quarter, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Do I have any comments from the delegates? Yes I will give the floor to the Russian delegate.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you. We would be ready to align ourselves with the China's proposal if they in turn, or somebody else would like to join us, if what they said is resembled in those two paragraphs, we would be glad to say "some delegations" blah blah blah. But this directly relates to our statements and we would like those texts to be reflected. Thank you, as well as the Chinese proposal of course, thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Russian Federation, I will give the floor to the distinguished representative of United States.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS** (*United States of America*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well Mr. Chairman, at this stage I'm not going to object to adding additional paragraphs, but I do want to make a point which is, my delegation gave an extensive statement under "Ways and means", and hardly any of that is reflected in the report and my delegation has chosen not to insist that I have to have all of those views reflected. We're now in a position where we have several delegations who are insisting that we have to add paragraph after paragraph from their statements in the report and OK, my delegation will accept that, but there has to be at least some sort of restraint here because this report is becoming very very long and we have a system now where you can go to a website and hear what each delegation had to say on each of the topics. I'm just making a point, I'm not going to object if delegates want to add their views, but I would hope that at some point we could have some restraint because this particular agenda item "Ways and means", is now not balanced as far as my delegation is concerned because we had some very specific information and views that were expressed in the course of the debate, I know that other delegation were present to hear those, they aren't necessarily reflected in the report but we're not going to insist that it has to be there. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you delegate of United States, now I will give the floor to Russian Federation.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Mr. Chairman, I would like to remind colleagues that more than half of what is called "Ways and means" does not pertain to this theme. We have reminded the Secretariat that we really should change the practice because it is a distortion of actual fact. Different things

are all mixed up in the “Ways and means”. Now we are not going to cause problems, but we would like to have this problem fixed and solved at the next session. To remind my dear colleague, this is only the fourth paragraph that Russia introduced while the Russian’s statements during the session were most extensive and only four paragraphs are included.

We have been reticent to present claims to the Secretariat that say the sustainability section featured only one small Russian proposal. In the interest of containing the emotions at this session, we decided to be silent, but only one small idea of numerous Russian proposals on the sustainability, and Russian thoughts, which are quite relevant and quite important are all missing, and I am silent. But I can ask the Committee to revisit the section. Thank you so much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Russian Federation. Now I will give the floor to the Secretariat, you have the floor. [*Secretariat does not take the floor a couple of minutes pass*]

Distinguished delegates, now about the paragraph 49; we will take this 49, 49 bis, 49 ter and 49 quater, but the 49 quater we say “Some delegations” or “some delegations expressed” is that acceptable for the delegates? If no comments, we will take it now from 49 to 49 quater was adopted.

Now I would like to move paragraph 50, any comments on paragraph 50? I see none. Paragraph 50 is adopted.

Paragraph 51; I see no comments. Paragraph 51 is adopted.

[*The Chairman did not mention paragraph 52*]

Now we will move to paragraph 53. Paragraph 53; any comments? Paragraph 53 is adopted.

Paragraph 54; no comments? I see none. Paragraph 54 is adopted.

Now we will go back to the paragraph 46 on the screen. You will read paragraph 46. Does any delegates wishing to make a comment for this new paragraph? I see none. So do we take the paragraph 46 as amended? It is adopted.

I see the delegate of France, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. DUFRESNE** (*France*) Thank you Chairman. Thank you for the option of these paragraphs and thanks also to delegates, to colleagues for the spirit of compromise. I don’t have any comment of substance to make, just an editorial comment. The exact title of the international code of conduct in English is as follows: “international code of conduct on outer space activities”. This is the title that should be used throughout the report. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of France, we will take it and we will adopt the paragraph 46 as amended. It is so decided, thank you very much.

Since we have still the text for the [...] 284, addendum 1, so I would like to move to the document A/AC.105/Add.2. Brazil you have the floor.

**Mr. F. FLORES PINTO** (*Brazil*) Can you read the final redaction of article 52?

**The CHAIRMAN** Yes, the 52 we just delete the last part of 52, so maybe on the screen you will see.

**Mr. F. FLORES PINTO** (*Brazil*) We agree to the deletion of the [...] of UN agencies but apparently it was deleted also the expression “in order to be legitimate”, I think it was not the idea. I believe the correction that was made by Pakistan did not include the expression “in order to be legitimate”.

**The CHAIRMAN** To put the words “in order to be legitimate”, do we include these wording to the text? Is that agreeable for the delegates? Delegate of Romania? Is that OK? I see none, yes we will take this text as amended.

Now I would like to move to the document Addendum 2. Now the chapter 2, “Recommendations and decisions”, section D, “Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its fifty-first session. The paragraph 1; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 1 is adopted.

Paragraph 2; paragraph 2 is adopted.

Paragraph 3; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4; no comments on this paragraph? Paragraph 4 is adopted.

Paragraph 5; I see none. Paragraph 5 is adopted.

Paragraph 6; I see no comments. Paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7; Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 8; no comments? Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Paragraph 9; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 9 is adopted.

Paragraph 10; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 10 is adopted.

Paragraph 11; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 11 is adopted.

Paragraph 12; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 12 is adopted.

Paragraph 13; any I see none. Paragraph 13 is adopted.

The section 2, paragraph 14; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 14 is adopted.

Paragraph 15; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16; I see none. Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Section 3, paragraph 17? Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Paragraph 18; I see none. Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19; I see none. Paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20; no comments? I see none. Paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21; I see no comments. Paragraph 21 is adopted.

Paragraph 22; distinguished delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (*Saudi Arabia*)  
Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think this is actually, it is the views of other, not just only the view of one. It is some delegations expressed. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** We will take this change. Is paragraph 22 acceptable? I see none. Paragraph 22 is adopted as amended.

Now move to section 4, paragraph 23; no comments?. Paragraph 23 is adopted.

Paragraph 24; I see none. Paragraph 24 is adopted.

Paragraph 25; I see none. Paragraph 25 is adopted.

Paragraph 26; I see no comments. Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27; I see no comments. Paragraph 27 is adopted.

Paragraph 28; no comments. Paragraph 28 is adopted.

Paragraph 29; no comments. Paragraph 29 is adopted.

Next, section 5, paragraph 30; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 30 is adopted.

Paragraph 31; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 31 is adopted.

Paragraph 32; no comments. Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33; any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 33 is adopted.

Paragraph 34; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 34 is adopted.

Section 6, paragraph 35; I see none. Paragraph 35 is adopted.

Paragraph 36? Paragraph 36 is adopted.

Paragraph 37; no comments. Paragraph 37 is adopted.

Paragraph 38? Paragraph 38 is adopted.

Paragraph 39? Paragraph 39 is adopted.

Section 7, paragraph 40? Paragraph 40 is adopted.

Paragraph 41; I see none. Paragraph 41 is adopted.

Paragraph 42; no comments. Paragraph 42 is adopted.

Paragraph 43; I see none. Paragraph 43 is adopted.

Paragraph 44; I see none. Paragraph 44 is adopted.

Paragraph 45; I see none. Paragraph 45 is adopted.

Paragraph 46; I see none. Paragraph 46 is adopted.

Paragraph 47; I see no comments. Paragraph 47 is adopted.

Paragraph 48; I see Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I see that this paragraph is referring to the statement made by the delegation of Russian Federation but in the second sentence, beginning with “That delegation noted that” the meaning is a little bit different than we were talking about. It is stated here that it was expected that such technical norms and standards on space debris removal would be developed by the IADC and the Scientific and by Technical Subcommittee. We never told this because neither IADC nor Scientific and Technical Subcommittee are responsible for development of technical standards. We were talking just about that Scientific and Technical Subcommittee will consider some aspects of the problem and the IADC is developing some optimal ways and means of technical [...] of principles on mitigation of space debris. So this second sentence should be changed appropriately. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Russian delegate. Can you give us the text to the Secretariat? Thank you.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Yes. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you. So we will collect the text later. Do we take this 48 as amended? Or do we wait until we open the text again? Can I

adopt this 48 as amended? I see none, so 48 is adopted as amended.

Paragraph 49; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 49 is adopted.

Paragraph 50; I see no comments. Paragraph 50 is adopted.

Section 8, paragraph 51; I see no comments. Paragraph 51 is adopted.

Paragraph 52; yes delegate of Pakistan, you have the floor.

**Mr. S. RAFIQUE** (*Pakistan*) Thank you Chair. Just for a little bit of clarity, the para. 52 says that the Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Subcommittee and its Working Group on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, but later on in the coming paras. there is another statement regarding, for instance para. 56, is it not that these revised texts of recommendations are to be presented to the next Subcommittee, Legal Subcommittee so, how is it that we can endorse the recommendations which are going to be actually presented to the forthcoming Legal Committee. I believe that there is some sort of correction which is required over here. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Pakistan, will the Secretariat clarify that? Yes, I will give the floor to the delegate of Austria, you have the floor.

**Ms. C. STEINKOGLER** (*Austria*) Thank you. Maybe could we propose to say for paragraph 52, “the Committee noted the recommendations of the Subcommittee”, instead of “endorsed” but this would then maybe be then valid for paragraph 165 of the document A/AC.105/1003, because the rest of the paragraphs are referring to other issues not the discussion on which forum the text of the Working Group — the recommendations of the Working Group — should take, but on, for example, the schematic overview and the update of the overview. For the rest of the paragraphs then, it would still be “endorsed” the recommendations.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the Secretariat for further amendment.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, yes one way would be as follows: that paragraph 52 could read “The Committee endorsed the

recommendations of the Subcommittee as contained in document A/AC.105/1003, paras. 163-164 and 170.” So there is no endorsement of the recommendations by the Working Group, which is in paragraph 6 of Annex 3 and which of course has then been deliberated during this session of the Committee. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Is this acceptable for the delegate? Yes, I will give the floor to the delegate of Pakistan.

**Mr. S. RAFIQUE** (*Pakistan*) Thank you Chair. Well we can go along with the proposal made by the respected Austrian delegate but to our understanding is it not that when we adopt a report or a set of recommendations, they are to be adopted in total — in complete — and we cannot say that a part of it has been endorsed and a part of it has not been endorsed and will be endorsed later. So just little bit of clarity is required over here probably. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Pakistan.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) What it says is that the Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Subcommittee, of course I omitted that under this item, so it has to be reflected that it is under this item, but the recommendations that are endorsed relates to the plenary recommendations of the Subcommittee as contained in paragraphs 163-164 and 170.

**The CHAIRMAN** Can we replace the recommendation to decision, we just didn't make the decision for the Annex resolutions, so does Secretariat will repeat the corrected text again? I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) It could read as follow: “The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Subcommittee under this agenda item” and then with the reference would be “A/AC.105/1003, paras. 163-164 and 170”.

**The CHAIRMAN** So only the decisions on the space part, is that acceptable? I see none. So the paragraph 52 is adopted as amended.

Now I will move to the paragraph 53; I see no comments. Paragraph 53 is adopted.

Paragraph 54? Paragraph 54 is adopted.

Paragraph 55? Paragraph 55 is adopted.

Paragraph 56? Paragraph 56 is adopted.

Paragraph 57; yes Austria, you have the floor.

**Ms. C. STEINKOGLER** (*Austria*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a very small amendment; the last line on page 7 saying “the Subcommittee should also consider” and then “that form in which”. No? Not that form? Just consider form.

**The CHAIRMAN** The form, the form. Can we put the word “the form”. We will make that correction in the text. Do I take this paragraph 57 as adopted? It is adopted, 57 is adopted.

Section 9, paragraph 58; I see no comments. Paragraph 58 is adopted.

Paragraph 59; these are the next agenda, which includes each paragraph for the agenda items. Can we adopt this 59 agenda as a whole? I see none. Paragraph 59 is adopted.

Paragraph 60; I see no comments. Paragraph 60 is adopted.

Paragraph 61; I see no comments. Paragraph 61 is adopted.

Paragraph 62; I see no comments. Paragraph 62 is adopted.

Paragraph 63? Paragraph 63 is adopted.

Paragraph 64; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 64 is adopted. Yes, I see distinguished delegate of Iran, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. SHAFAGH** (*Iran (Islamic Republic of)*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sorry for interrupting, after paragraph 63, just I wanted to raise a question that considers symposium; is it clear that under which title would be organized this symposium? Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** It is always proposed by individual organization, so there is not definite title. Is that OK?

**Mr. A. SHAFAGH** (*Iran (Islamic Republic of)*) Thank you

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you. Now, the paragraph 64; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 64 is adopted.

Paragraph 65; I see none. Paragraph 65 is adopted.

Next section G “Space and water”, paragraph 66? Paragraph 66 is adopted.

Paragraph 67; I see no comments. Paragraph 67 is adopted.

Paragraph 68; there are presentations, any comments? Paragraph 68 is adopted.

Paragraph 69; I see none. Paragraph 69 is adopted.

Paragraph 70; I see no comments. Paragraph 70 is adopted.

Paragraph 71; I see no comments. Paragraph 71 is adopted.

Paragraph 72; I see no comments. Paragraph 72 is adopted.

Paragraph 73? Paragraph 73 is adopted.

Paragraph 74; I see no comments. Paragraph 74 is adopted.

Paragraph 75; I see no comments. Paragraph 75 is adopted.

Paragraph 76? Paragraph 76 is adopted.

Now move to the section H. “Space and climate change”, paragraph 77? Paragraph 77 is adopted.

Paragraph 78? Paragraph 78 is adopted.

Paragraph 79? Paragraph 79 is adopted.

Paragraph 80; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 80 is adopted.

Paragraph 81; no comments, 81 is adopted.

Paragraph 82; any comments on this paragraph? I see none, 82 is adopted.

Paragraph 83; I see none, 83 is adopted.

Paragraph 84; I see no comments. Paragraph 84 is adopted.

Paragraph 85; Switzerland, you have the floor.

**Ms. N. ARCHINARD** (*Switzerland*) Thank you Mr. Chair. This is again a remark on the edition, because I see that some of the organizations listed in this list, some of them are named by their full names, some only by the acronyms, some others by both, and I think it would be good to have something consistent, probably each time the full name followed by the acronym. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Switzerland, yes we will have the full name of CEOS. The Secretariat told me that the word has already appeared in the previous section, then the abbreviation is appeared in the later sections, so Secretariat will check full text, then if it is so, then it will be corrected. Do we take it paragraph 85 is adopted? 85 is adopted.

Paragraph 86; I see no objection. Paragraph 86 is adopted.

Paragraph 87; I see no comments, 87 is adopted.

Paragraph 88; I see no comments. Paragraph 88 is adopted.

Paragraph 89; I see no comments. Paragraph 89 is adopted.

Next section I, paragraph 90? Paragraph 90 is adopted.

Paragraph 91; I see no comments. Paragraph 91 is adopted.

Paragraph 92? Paragraph 92 is adopted.

Paragraph 93; I see no comments. Paragraph 93 is adopted.

Paragraph 94; I see no comments, 94 is adopted.

Paragraph 95; I see no comments. Paragraph 95 is adopted.

Paragraph 96; I see no comments, 96 is adopted.

Paragraph 97; I see no comments. Paragraph 97 is adopted.

Paragraph 98; I see no comments, 98 is adopted.

Paragraph 99; 99 is adopted. I will give the floor to delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (*Saudi Arabia*) Thank you Mr. Chairman but I just think you have to endorse the whole report, not just only 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. You have to endorse the whole, together afterwards.

**The CHAIRMAN** Yes, we will adopt the full report, not original and also Addendum 1, 2, 3, 4, we will continue our adoption and then finally all the report will be adopted as a whole.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (*Saudi Arabia*) But I think this should actually be Addendum 1, Addendum 2, that it will be easier, Otherwise somebody will open [*voice trails off*]

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you. Can we ask the delegates, can we adopt the full document of L.284 Addendum 2 at this time? As amended I mean. I have no objection, so the Addendum 2 was adopted as a whole.

Now, since the time is very much limited, I will go back to the Addendum 1, document L.284, Addendum 1, we left several items. I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman, yes we have a couple of outstanding proposed paragraphs by three delegations; Argentina, Russian Federation and Venezuela, and the Chair asks whether those delegations could read out their paragraphs for adoption and then hand in the text to the Secretariat. We have received from some of them but not all. So we will start with Argentina, and that is a paragraph to be inserted in the section that deals with space application programme and the placement could be paragraph 18 or 19 bis, we have to see, but if Argentina could read out that text again and then we adopt the paragraph, and Argentina should indicate where it was wish to have that paragraph inserted. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the delegate of Argentina, you have the floor.

**Ms. G. HUARTE** (*Argentina*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Taking into account the scope and achievements of workshops on sustainable development in mountainous regions of Andean

countries in Argentina, 2007; Peru, 2009; and Bolivia, 2010, GRULAC requests OSA to consider the possibility of continuing with these and include o the agenda for space technology applications for 2013 a new practical course in the region. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Argentina, I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat proposes that this proposed paragraph begins with "The Committee noted the request of the Latin American and Caribbean Group" and then the text follows as has been read out by Argentina and that it be placed as 19 bis. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you Secretariat, could you take this 19 bis as just mentioned by the Secretariat and delegate of Argentina? Do we accept that? 19 bis is adopted.

The next is Russian Federation on page 9. Do we have the text from Russian Federation? You have the floor.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Maybe you mentioned page 11?

**The CHAIRMAN** Page 9, 64 or 65, about Russian GLONASS system.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) OK, we suggested 67 bis and we provided the text to the Secretariat. So this is the text: "The Committee noted full deployment by the Russian Federation of the GLONASS Global Navigation System, currently numbering 31 spacecraft. Global accessibility of the GLONASS navigation field reached 100 per cent. Services are provided for the socio-economic and innovative development of the regions of the Russian Federation, as well as within international cooperation." Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the Russian delegation. Do I take this to put the 67 bis as proposed by Russian Federation? Now 67 bis is adopted.

Next is distinguished delegate of Venezuela, can you provide us the text, two text on the page 9 and 15.

**Ms. R. ACEVEDO** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*) Yes Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

We have submitted our draft paragraphs to the Secretariat and I will read these out and that would be 71 bis "Some delegations expressed the view with concern that during the workshops on this matter, held in the sessions of the Scientific Subcommittee, it was expressed that the future of space activities depends on the use of nuclear power sources, making special emphasise on the use of this source in terrestrial orbits. In that context, the delegations expressed, in that view, also considered that the Sun was a source of energy that would effectively serve present and future needs of humankind, in the areas of satellite applications such as Earth observation, telecommunications, tele-health, and tele-education."

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Venezuela. Do I take this 71 bis? Any comments? I see none. We will insert this 71 bis.

Now we would like to move to the page 15, 114, there is a proposal from Venezuela. Can you provide us? I will give the floor to the delegate of Venezuela.

**Ms. R. ACEVEDO** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I will be reading this one out too and that is paragraph 114 bis "The view was expressed that decisions on the topic under consideration by the Working Group should not be adopted in meetings held in parallel of the plenary sessions due the fact that these are direct responsibility for States, and therefore shall be taken within an intergovernmental framework. The view was also expressed that the expert groups should be subject to the adopted matters of work to refrain from privilege commercial interests in detriment of the social interest of humanity." Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Venezuela. Do we take this 114 bis as proposed by delegate of Venezuela? I see no objections. The 114 bis is adopted.

Now I would like to ask the delegates do we adopt the Addendum 1 as a whole? I see no objections. The document L.284, Addendum 1 was, I have a request from the Russian Delegation, you have the floor.

**Mr. V. M. AGAPOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like just to ask whether the correction to paragraph 16 is included which we provided.

**The CHAIRMAN** The paragraph 16 is an editorial matter, so it will be included, so we will adopt the Addendum 1 as a whole.

Now I will give the floor to the Secretariat for the next work. You have the floor.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Secretariat has conferred with the conference management services and interpretation services and we are of course approaching a time when we will be without interpretation. So the proposal by the Secretariat is that we now bring up Addenda 4, document Addenda 4 to the report containing Implementation of UNISPACE III, spin-off benefits, space and society, and immediately after that we continue with Addenda 3 containing future role of the Committee and other matters.

Now the subsection 3 of Other matters, which deals with membership of the Committee, we will take up last. So that matter will be dealt with as the last final matter in our consideration. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** Thank you Secretariat. Do we accept this proposal? I see none so I would like to take the adoption of the report document A/AC.105/L.284/Add.4.

Now draft report chapter II, "Recommendations and decisions", section B, the paragraph 1; any comments on this paragraph? Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 2; I see no comments. Paragraph 2 is adopted.

Paragraph 3; the presentations, I see no comments. Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4? Paragraph 4 is adopted.

Paragraph 5; I see no comments. Paragraph 5 is adopted.

Paragraph 6; any comments? I see none. Paragraph 6 is adopted.

Paragraph 7? Paragraph 7 is adopted.

Paragraph 8; I see no comments. Paragraph 8 is adopted.

Paragraph 9? Paragraph 9 is adopted.

Paragraph 10? Paragraph 10 is adopted.

Paragraph 11; any comments? I see none.  
Paragraph 11 is adopted.

Paragraph 12? Paragraph 12 is adopted.

Paragraph 13? Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14? Paragraph 14 is adopted.

Paragraph 15? Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16? Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Paragraph 17? Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Paragraph 18? Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19? I see none. Paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20; no comments. Paragraph 20 is adopted.

Paragraph 21; I see none. Paragraph 21 is adopted.

Paragraph 22; I see no comments. 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.

Do I take the Addendum 4 as a whole? Do we adopt this document? I see none. The Addendum 4 was adopted as a whole.

Now I will move to the document A/AC.105/L.284/Add.3. The “Recommendations and decisions”, section J, “Future role of the Committee”, the paragraph 1; any comments? Paragraph 1 is adopted.

Paragraph 2? Paragraph 2 is adopted.

Paragraph 3? Yes distinguished delegate of Japan, you have the floor.

**Mr. T. YAMAMOTO** (*Japan*) Thank you. Our delegates made a statement under this agenda item so would you please include the name of Japan together with the other States. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Japan, we will do so. Do we take this paragraph 3 adopted as amended? Paragraph 3 is adopted.

Paragraph 4; any comments on this? I see none. Paragraph 4 is adopted.

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; I see no comments. Paragraph 9 is adopted.

Paragraph 10; I see no comments. Paragraph 10 is adopted.

Paragraph 11? Paragraph 11 is adopted.

Now we go to the “Other matters”, paragraph 12? I see no comments. Paragraph 12 is adopted.

Paragraph 13? Every country is incorporated in this? I see no comments. Paragraph 13 is adopted.

Paragraph 14? I see no comments. Paragraph 14 is adopted.

Paragraph 15? I see no comments. Paragraph 15 is adopted.

Paragraph 16? New Chair. Paragraph 16 is adopted.

Paragraph 17? Paragraph 17 is adopted.

Paragraph 18? Paragraph 18 is adopted.

Paragraph 19? Paragraph 19 is adopted.

Paragraph 20? Paragraph 20 is adopted.

We will move to the section 4 “Observer status”, paragraph 24? Any comments? I see none. Paragraph 24 is adopted.

Paragraph 25? I see no comments. Paragraph 25 is adopted.

Paragraph 26? Paragraph 26 is adopted.

Paragraph 27? Paragraph 27 is adopted.

Now we move to the “Organizational matters” paragraph 28? Any comments on this paragraph? I see none. Paragraph 28 is adopted.

Paragraph 29? Paragraph 29 is adopted.

Paragraph 30? I see no comments. Paragraph 30 is adopted.

Paragraph 31? Ecuador yes, I will give the floor to the delegate of Ecuador.

**Ms. R. O. VÁSQUEZ OROZCO** (*Ecuador*) Thank you Chairman. My delegation, on behalf of G-77 made this statement, but the ways it's reflected in paragraph 31 is not accurate so in the second line where it says the following “current duration of the sessions of the Subcommittees”, we would like to delete “Subcommittees” and say “the sessions of the Legal Subcommittee”. The rest would remain unchanged.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Ecuador for your proposal. I thank you, we will take that insert Legal Subcommittee. Do I take the paragraph 31 adopted? 31 is adopted as amended.

Paragraph 32? I see none. Paragraph 32 is adopted.

Paragraph 33? Paragraph 33 is adopted.

Paragraph 34? No comments? Paragraph 34 is adopted.

Paragraph 35? No comments? Paragraph 35 is adopted.

Paragraph 36? I recognize the delegate of Indonesia, you have the floor.

**Ms. E. S. ADININGSIH** (*Indonesia*) Thank you Chair. Just before we come up with the recommended provisional agenda for the next session of the Committee, that should be reflected in the report that we did make a discussion under this issue of the organizational matters that we are willing to have a consolidated agenda. So this is before the paragraph 35, should be, I don't know where is it, but paragraph that reports our discussion so we come up with this draft provisional agenda. Thank you Sir.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the Secretariat, you have the floor.

**Ms. N. RODRIGUES** (*Deputy Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. We would just seek a clarification from the distinguished delegate of Indonesia. We weren't sure we understood your request. That you mean that before paragraph 35, we have what we call a lead-in paragraph, saying something along the lines of “the Committee considered each draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session and agreed to consolidate the item on UNISPACE and space and society.” And then followed by paragraph 35?

**Ms. E. S. ADININGSIH** (*Indonesia*) Yes because delegates made a statement and also expressed some views on this regard. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I will give the floor to the Secretariat, to insert the subparagraph. [They speak among themselves without microphone.] We will come back to this paragraph. I move to the paragraph 36; any comments on paragraph 36? No comments. Paragraph 36 is adopted.

Paragraph 37? I see no comments. Paragraph 37 is adopted.

Paragraph 38? I see no comments. Paragraph 38 is adopted.

Paragraph 39? I recognize the distinguished delegate of Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. Y. BARSEGOV** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well again we would like once again to thank the Secretariat and the Committee for the initiative which is in paragraph 37, perhaps it would be wise to give the name of the first woman cosmonaut. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** Yes, we will take the first lady astronaut Valentina Tereshkova. We will insert that. So 37 is adopted as amended.

Paragraph 39? Any comments? I see none. Paragraph 39 is adopted.

Paragraph 40? I see no comments. Paragraph 40 is adopted.

Now we move to the paragraph 41, any comments? No, 41 is adopted.

We will return to paragraph 35, I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

**Ms. N. RODRIGUES** (*Deputy Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. So the paragraph that will be inserted immediately before 35, just after the heading "Draft provisional agenda for fifty-sixth session" will read follows: "The Committee considered its draft provisional agenda for its fifty-sixth session and agreed to consolidate the items on the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) and space and society."

**The CHAIRMAN** Do I take this proposal just before the paragraph 35, new paragraph? Is this agreeable. Now that this paragraph will be inserted as proposed by the Secretariat. It is adopted.

Distinguished delegates, we are informed that we can have interpretation until 19.00, so we will have another twenty minutes where interpretation will be provided, so we move to the document L.284, Addendum 3, page 4. I will give the floor to the Secretariat.

**Mr. N. HEDMAN** (*Secretary*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Under this subsection, under 3 "Membership of the Committee", delegations will see that there is an open bracket. There were extensive informal consultations held earlier today and various text proposals were considered, so the Secretariat, in order to facilitate this discussion, is going to put those various text proposals on the screen in order to facilitate our discussions on this.

**The CHAIRMAN** Distinguished delegates, before we start, I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of United States of America, you have the floor.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS** (*United States of America*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, while the Secretariat is pulling up the proposed language that might go in brackets, we do have three paragraph here that have been proposed, and I think we should go ahead and adopt these because they clearly state the obvious, which is we had three applications from three different countries, so perhaps in the interests of time we could go ahead and adopt paragraphs 21, 22, 23 and then decide what the next paragraph might be. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the distinguished delegate of United States, I will give the floor to the distinguished delegate of Azerbaijan.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to stress that without considering the further parts of these items, we cannot support the mentioned paras. 21, 22, 23. Later I will clarify my position on this issue. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan. I will give the floor to the Russian Federation, you have the floor.

**Mr. G. Y. Barsegov** (*Russian Federation*) Thank you Mr. President. I would like to back up the US proposal, we really should adopt a decision on those three paragraphs. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Russian Federation. I will give the floor to the delegate of Egypt. you have the floor.

**Mr. M. HELMY** (*Egypt*) Mr. Chairman, It's quite late now, and I think we should move on. Egypt is in complete support of all three candidates however, we need to move on. We have to find a compromise otherwise we will stay like this until midnight, and I don't think anybody would be liking this. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Egypt. I will give the floor to the delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. Tarabzouni** (*Saudi Arabia*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think we have a fact and we have paper in front of us, it is being given to us from the three countries, and I think it is being written here exactly and we have to follow on what it is written here. These are a fact, it is actually three and it is dated and everything. So thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Saudi Arabia. I will give the floor to the delegate of Turkey, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. B. KERIMOGLU** (*Turkey*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. We understand that there is no consensus on the membership application of one country. I heard these details from my colleagues who were here during the meetings. Therefore we think that this result should be put on the record, it seems so obvious, that's what I can say on this issue. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Turkey. I will give the floor to the delegate of United States, you have the floor.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS** (*United States of America*) Thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing me to take the floor again. My proposal is simply to go ahead and adopt 21, 22, 23. We don't have to take a decision quite yet, because we will still have to discuss this on the membership. But what I'm hearing from some delegations is that they're not even prepared to acknowledge the fact that there were three countries that submitted applications for membership in this Committee, and to be honest with you I find that astounding. Why can't we move forward and at least adopt these three paragraphs, and then of course we are going to have a long debate on what will go in the brackets. But now I'm hearing some delegations suggesting that we can't even acknowledge the fact that some action was taken by three member States. If we can't do that, then these three paragraphs, we should just delete and forget about the whole thing. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of United States, I will give the floor to Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to note that these paras. are reflected within the recommendations and decision part of the report of the COPUOS. This is first issue, this means that by taking note, and noting, or noting of the applications, we are accepting actually the recommendations to the GA, which my country cannot support with regard to the application of membership of Armenia. Therefore, if we will stress taking note, we should stress the recommendation exactly, which is the Committee recommends to the GA, to adopt a decision on membership of Costa Rica and Jordan, and we should also stress that the consensus on application of the membership of Armenia has not been reached in

COPUOS. This is main point, we are discussing the recommendation and decision part of the report, that is why my country cannot take note of application of Armenia. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan, I will give the floor to the delegate of Venezuela, you have the floor.

**Mr. R. BECERRA** (*Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*) Mr. Chairman, I think that this is a problem of lack of knowledge about a process the Secretariat can explain it very well. We understand the reasons of one delegation who doesn't wish to allow the admission of another one. We know that, but currently we are not deciding on the admission of any delegation, we are talking about and mentioning a real process which are request for admission by three delegations and that the Committee took note of those requests for admission. Therefore it's good to understand what is being done right now. We want to make progress. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Venezuela, I will give the floor to the delegate of Romania, you have the floor.

**Ms. S. MARIN** (*Romania*) Thank you Mr. Chair. Through you I would like to ask the distinguished representative of Azerbaijan if they will have a reply from the capital regarding the text which was proposed after one hour of discussion during this lunch time today, because it was only a text and he said that he will check with the capital, but there is not any, still no reply on this, so if he could share with us this because as I understood on that proposal, the view of Azerbaijan was onboard was included in that paragraph, and it was a compromise text and redlines of a lot of delegations. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Romania, now I will give the floor to the delegate of Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, through you I would like to stress that I have already informed the Secretariat that my country cannot support the text which was discussed in informal consultations. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan, I will give the floor to the delegate of Italy, you have the floor.

**Ms. A. PASTORELLI** (*Italy*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. My delegation of course would

support also to keep these paragraphs 21, 22, 23, we have also been flexible towards previous solutions but, which doesn't apparently accommodate everybody. In an attempt to find the solution I would ask the Secretariat to be possible to take note of the three applicants for the membership of this Committee instead under these point, this page 4, in L.284 under point D, membership of the Committee. In this case it would not be a recommendation, we are not reflecting the debate, we are just taking note of three applications. Thank you very much, I appeal to the flexibility of all delegations. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Italy for her proposal. Can you capture it? Now the distinguished delegate of Italy proposed to put the took note, in document 284, the first document under the membership section D, "Membership". Do we add the wording here as proposed by Italy? Is that acceptable for the delegates? I will give the floor to Azerbaijan.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA (Azerbaijan)** But it's not a correct place to put because those countries are not as yet, and information about the membership was in the information of the membership those applications cannot be reflected. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan, now I will give the floor to the delegate of Nigeria, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. A. ABIODUN (Nigeria)** Mr. Chairman, looking at the clock, are we going to reach a consensus on this subject this evening? I don't see it and I am not sure, I can't speak for any delegation here, but I wish people would speak out. I don't see us reaching any consensus on this subject. The United States has put up a recommendation, Italy has accepted that recommendation and has moved it forward to be part of the Membership statement in our report. We will hope that this is acceptable, if it is not then let's drop the whole thing, delete the whole thing, doesn't appear in the report, and what we would like to say is that we revisit the subject next year, and in so doing, Nigeria would like to put a notice those who are going to send in their applications to recognize our procedure of membership in this Committee as we have repeatedly stated today at this meeting. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Nigeria, now I will give the floor to the delegate of Italy, you have the floor.

**Ms. A. PASTORELLI (Italy)** Sorry to take the floor again, just in spirit of finding a way out, could

we add section D.1 in the introduction of L.284 to add after D "Membership" as section D.1 "Applications for membership" and then state the three paragraphs 21, 22, 23. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Italy for her proposal. I will give the floor to the delegate of the United States, you have the floor.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS (United States of America)** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, our distinguished delegate from Italy I think has made a useful proposal, I would call you attention to the report of the Legal Subcommittee A/AC.105/1003 and in the section B "Attendance", paragraph 11, the language reads as follows: "The Subcommittee had before it information concerning the [*Recording skips a section here, could not complete United States statement*]"

**The CHAIRMAN** I notice the delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI (Saudi Arabia)** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think we endorse the Italy and the United States in what they propose. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Saudi Arabia, I will give the floor to the delegate of Ecuador, you have the floor.

**Ms. R. O. VÁSQUEZ OROZCO (Ecuador)** Thank you Chairman. I am speaking on behalf of GRULAC to support the proposal made by the US, which is the one we ourselves were going to present. There is an undeniable legal fact here, we have a report from the Legal Subcommittee, the competent body for legal questions, and Azerbaijan as a member country attended that meeting and approved the report, this is reflected in document A/AC.105/1003, in paragraph 11. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Ecuador for her statement. I noticed the delegate of Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA (Azerbaijan)** Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to stress that the membership issue, it doesn't matter if the information about the application were mentioned in Legal Subcommittee or in Technical Subcommittee, we are considering the membership issue in COPUOS session and in agenda of the COPUOS session we have a relevant para. on membership of the Committee, which clearly says that the Committee should consider the application of the membership of the Committee. The Committee considered those applications and there

is a consensus on two countries, Costa Rica and Jordan. There is no consensus on one country, namely Armenia. Now, when we look at the history of the COPUOS, it is unprecedented that we should just note the applications. In 2002, when there was a two paragraphs on Algerian and Libyan Arab Jamahiriya applications, the Committee noted those applications, however, in the recommendation report of the COPUOS, there was a clear note that application of Algeria and Libya. The Committee drew the attention of the Committee to the paragraphs 40-42 of the resolution 56/51, which stressed that the Committee membership will not be enlarged during the next seven years but at the same time I would like to stress that this language also agreed by consensus. Now, in COPUOS we have a consensus on two applications, we don't have a consensus on one application and my countries position is that we should clearly note those reflections in the report. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan, now we lost our interpretation so now we will go in English only. I will give the floor to the delegate of Germany.

**Mr. D. RAHIMI-LARIDJANI** (*Germany*)

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. This is just to express that my delegation regrets that there has no further consensus been possible, and we find it utterly regrettable that one delegation has not shown some flexibility to come to a conclusion here. We were talking about consensus and we would have liked this issue to be referred to the General Assembly to New York, this is where it belongs, we have so far, and I think this is undisputable and has even been mentioned in the paras. that were referred to that we had discussed, there were three applications before the Committee and the result of our discussion today is that their basically sitting with us and we cannot look at them because one delegation did not show the flexibility and was determined to set a precedent by not allowing this to go to New York, but I think the proposition made by Italy deserves a certain credit and we would certainly support that and also what the US had said on this. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Germany, I will give the floor to Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like once more to reiterate that this is not the first case that COPUOS cannot reach a consensus on membership. This happened during the history of the COPUOS and we would like to note that and we are not creating a

precedence. The attitude and behaviour of those States that blocking the Costa Rica and Jordan applications is unprecedented. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan. I will give the floor to the delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (*Saudi Arabia*)

Yes Mr. Chairman, I have been a long time in this Committee and I think I will never hear that it is actually we can deny receiving something from some United Nations country. So that means, what we are saying we are here, getting an application from the three countries. We are not endorsing, we are not anything, and this is a task to go to the UN as far as it is, and we do not work on history here, we are here of what it is we are today after fifty years, we are coming back to history. I can take you back to the history of the beginning of COPUOS if you want. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Saudi Arabia for his statement.

[*half an hour break*]

Distinguished delegates, I thank you for your patience. Now I would like to reconvene the Committee, we will continue our discussion. Firstly I would like to give the floor to the delegate of Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we've considered the proposal by Italy. My delegation is ready to show the construct in this and within the spirit of constructiveness, I would like to note the following: We suggest an introduction part of the report to put new para. E which will be following: "Applications for membership" and then comes the sentence: "applications were received from the following three countries for membership of COPUOS", then after this sentence "Armenia (*[the number of the note, verbale note]*)", this is first, and second "Costa Rica (*[the numbers of the verbale note]*)", then three; "Jordan (*[number of the verbale note]*)", then another sentence: "consensus has been reached on membership application of Costa Rica and Jordan." Then we should change the number of attendance item, namely attendance to F, then subsequently the items should be changed. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan. I will give the floor to the delegate of Pakistan, you have the floor.

**Mr. S. RAFIQUE** (*Pakistan*) Thank you Chair. We appreciate the positive approach being shown by the membership of Azerbaijan, just a minor adjustment as a spirit of compromise, that we delete the second para. regarding the mentioning of consensus and then it becomes a statement of fact. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Pakistan. I notice the distinguished delegate of the United States, you have the floor.

**Mr. K. HODGKINS** (*United States of America*) Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me the floor again. I would support the proposal by Pakistan, that we just at this stage note that there were three applications made and then proceed from there. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of the United States, I will give the floor to the delegate of Turkey.

**Mr. M. B. KERIMOGLU** (*Turkey*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was going to say that I was going to support the Azeri proposal and then I heard the Pakistani addition and we are ready to support that proposal, that addition, as well for the record. So that means that we are supporting the United States proposal as well. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Turkey, I will now give the floor to the delegate of Saudi Arabia, you have the floor.

**Mr. M. A. TARABZOUNI** (*Saudi Arabia*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. First of all I really would like to note to thank the Azerbaijani group, and I will support what the Pakistan and United States have said. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Saudi Arabia, now I will give the floor to the delegate of Mexico, you have the floor.

**Mr. S. CAMACHO** (*Mexico*) Our delegation wishes also to recognize the flexibility shown by the delegation of Azerbaijan and would like to add its support to the proposal made by Pakistan.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Mexico for your intervention. Any other delegate who is wishing to further comment. Yes I recognize Armenia.

**Mr. GEVORGYAN** (*Armenia*) Thank you Mr. Chairman. As we understand, the Azerbaijani delegation is trying to act constructively and of course my delegation will be the first to welcome this change of attitude, if there is a change of attitude, and in that sense any splitting of those members of the United States who were acting in unison who were not tempted to save their own membership but to act in the spirit of United Nations, I think this should be truly recognized and we would like to urge the Azerbaijani delegation, not to try to make any divisions in the applications. In that sense, if that was the aim of the delegation of Pakistan, to delete any mentioning about which application reached consensus and which were not, in that sense we would support this proposal, if I get this proposal right. And the second as I understand, application were received from the following three States for the membership for COPUOS, then application were received from the three States for the membership of COPUOS and discussed on the deliberation of the Committee. Thank you.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank you. I will give the floor to the delegate of Azerbaijan, you have the floor.

**Mr. A. HAJIZADA** (*Azerbaijan*) Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, first of all I would like to note that my country, in order to reach a consensus on the text, agrees of deletion of the second part, and the second, the Chairman cannot reflect the position of the observer State in the text, it's not correct at all and in the case the working rules and procedures of the COPUOS, we kindly ask to keep the text as it was. Thank you very much.

**The CHAIRMAN** I thank the delegate of Azerbaijan, now I will give the floor to the Pakistan.

**Mr. S. RAFIQUE** (*Pakistan*) Thank you Chair. Just wanted to reiterate what Azerbaijan delegation has already mentioned, that it is the prerogative of the members of COPUOS to propose any amendments to the text, and observer States do not have that prerogative. Thank you so much.

**The CHAIRMAN** The distinguished delegates, do I ask you to accept this proposal made by Azerbaijan and without second sentence, just first part of this text? If I see none, can I go? Adopt this text? OK, so it is adopted.

Distinguished delegates, do I take that we adopt the report as a whole as amended today? Do you accept it? I see none. It is so decided.

Distinguished delegates, thank you very much for your cooperation and I'm sorry we extended the meeting until 8 o'clock this evening, and this is my first Chair of the Committee, I very much appreciate your cooperation to proceed this Committee. I had a good experience and I would like to appreciate the support of Office of Outer Space Affairs, all the staff of UNOOSA and also I would like to appreciate all the interpretation was made until the late evening, But all the interpreters are already gone, so I appreciate to them at this time, to take this opportunity, and so I would like to close this session. Thank you very much. The session is closed.