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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE 266th TO 283rd MEETINGS*

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Corrigendum

The present corrigendum contains delegation and Secretariat corrections to the English text of the summary records of the meetings of the Legal Sub-Committee at its sixteenth session (A/AC.105/C.2/SR.266-283).

With the issuance of the present corrigendum, the summary records of the above-mentioned meetings are to be considered final.

266th meeting

Paragraph 25

Replace the paragraph by the following:

25. In future agreements on international space law, the formula "the province of all mankind" should continue to be used. Several recent events had shown that space activities were indeed the province of all mankind; the representative of the Soviet Union mentioned the signing of the Convention on the International Organization for Maritime Satellite Communication (INMARSAT), by which maritime communication by satellite would be made available to all States, and the announcement of 16 February 1977 (A/AC.105/C.1/L.96) in which the Soviet Union had stated that it was prepared to carry out work on remote sensing of the territory of other States and to make the resulting data available to the States concerned on the basis of the appropriate agreements. Cosmonauts of all Socialist States participants in the Interkosmos programme would participate in space flights on

* No summary record has been issued for the 278th meeting.

266th meeting (continued)

board Soviet space ships and stations in 1978-1983. The Sub-Committee would be able to do much to ensure that outer space activities would continue to promote peace, friendship and international co-operation.

Paragraph 26, line 1

For conclusion read elaboration

Paragraph 27

Line 4: for reach read complete the drafting of

Line 6: for reach agreement on the so-called read adopt the

269th meeting

Paragraph 18, line 13

Delete and its Optional Protocol

273rd meeting

Paragraph 19

Replace the paragraph by the following:

19. In conclusion the representative of the United States suggested that one could list all the benefits enjoyed by nations throughout the world as a result of five years of remote sensing by satellite but there is no record of alleged damage and adverse economic effects of remote sensing to which reference had already been made.

275th meeting

Paragraph 7

Line 11: for its own satellites. read its own satellite or terrestrial services.

Replace the last sentence by the following:

In either case, the technical constraints referred to in paragraph 11 of document A/AC.105/C.2/L.110 reduced to a minimum the practical possibility of programmes being received in the spill-over area on the national receivers of the adjacent country.

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275th meeting (continued)

Paragraph 11

Replace the paragraph by the following:

11. Mr. KOLOSSOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) expressed satisfaction over the fact that, in the working paper submitted by the United Kingdom (A/AC.105/C.2/L.110), and in the statement made by the United Kingdom to the Sub-Committee, the need to elaborate generally accepted legal principles governing direct television broadcasting by satellite had not been rejected, and that the idea of prior consent had not been entirely rejected, although doubts had been expressed about the need to discuss it further. While some countries maintained that freedom of information could not be restricted, the working paper stated that the ITU Conference had practically ruled it out in the case of direct television broadcasting by satellite and he wondered how the countries that supported freedom of information had agreed to the adoption of the ITU decisions.

Paragraph 12

Replace the third sentence by the following:

For example, in paragraph 12 it was concluded that the question of prior consent must be reconsidered radically.

Replace the last sentence by the following:

In any case, the fact that the working paper recognized the need for the prior consent of the administrations of the States affected by such broadcasts was an encouraging sign.

Paragraph 13

Replace the first two sentences by the following:

13. Referring to the problems posed by prior consent, the representative of the Soviet Union said that in the Soviet Union technical co-operation in direct broadcasting came only under the responsibility of the Ministry of Communications. The Conference had not dealt with the problem of programme content which awaited solution.

Lines 16-22: replace the last three sentences by the following:

In paragraphs 10 and 11 of the working paper, mention was made of other technical possibilities for raising obstacles to direct broadcasting, in particular, for reception by individual television sets. In that regard the delegation of the Soviet Union proceeded from the assumption that the regulations approved by ITU applied both to individual reception and to community reception. The working paper submitted by the United Kingdom delegation proposed no solution to the question in cases of community reception.

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275th meeting (continued)

Paragraph 14

Line 4: for should reaffirm read should enjoy

Line 6: replace the second sentence by the following:

That question could only be solved politically and within the United Nations. It did not come within the purview of ITU.

Line 8: for instructions read provisions

Paragraph 15

Line 10: for almost equivalent to read in the form of

276th meeting

Paragraphs 31 and 32

Replace the paragraphs by the following:

31. Mr. MATSUOZAWA (Japan) said his delegation wished to express its sincere hope that direct television broadcasting by artificial earth satellites would be put to wider use without complications and would thereby bring about increased benefits to the international community in many fields, such as the promotion of mutual understanding, co-operation and cultural exchanges among all States and peoples. His delegation noted with satisfaction that at its most recent session, the Legal Sub-Committee had made considerable progress towards that goal by formulating nine draft principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting. His delegation was also pleased to note that at the most recent session of the Legal Sub-Committee, its Working Group had decided not to formulate a principle relating to "spill-over" in the light of the fact that the question of spill-over was entirely different in nature from that of direct television broadcasts specifically aimed at a foreign State.

32. With regard to three outstanding issues, namely, consent and participation, programme content, and unlawful/inadmissible broadcasts, on which there had been an incomplete exchange of views in the most recent session, his delegation wished to express once again its strong doubts over the wisdom of introducing the principles of "prior consent" and "participation", since in the view of his delegation, they would likely become barriers in the advancement of applications and technology of direct broadcast satellites which would assuredly bring about benefits to all mankind. At the same time, however, his delegation took the view that the legitimate concern of any State in which broadcasting was received deserved their due consideration because of the extent of the potential impact brought about by direct broadcast satellites upon its society; they believed therefore that, in order to conduct international direct television broadcast by

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means of artificial satellites, full consultations should be held between the broadcasting and receiving States or their duly authorized broadcasting entities, in accordance with the principle regarding purposes and objectives already agreed upon. As for the other two issues relating to direct television broadcasting satellites, his delegation would express its views later as it deemed necessary to do so.

277th meeting

Paragraph 11

Replace the paragraph by the following:

11. Mr. MAIORSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) said that, without wishing to comment on the substance of the statement made by the representative of Colombia, he considered it necessary to express his deep regret at the supposition voiced by that representative that the Committee might become "an instrument which served the interests of the highly industrialized States and harmed those of the developing countries". Such remarks should not be made either in the Committee or in its subsidiary bodies, since they acted in accordance with the principle of consensus, which ensured that the views of all countries, both developed and developing, received an equal hearing and proper respect. The attitude of the representative of Colombia was perhaps due to the fact that his country was not a member of the Committee and was not familiar with the latter's traditions and methods of work. However, the USSR delegation was obliged to declare that the forum of the Sub-Committee should not be used for remarks of that nature which did not in any way contribute to its effective work.

281st meeting

Page 10, line 10

Delete A/AC.105/C.2/L.112

Paragraph 41, line 2

Delete A/AC.105/C.2/L.112

282nd meeting

Page 2, line 4

For (A/AC.105/C.2/L.114) read (A/AC.105/C.2/L.111/Add.4)

Paragraph 1, line 2

For (A/AC.105/C.2/L.114) read (A/AC.105/C.2/L.111/Add.4)