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COMMITTEE I: ORGANIZATION OF WORK

At its first meeting, Committee I agreed to organize its work in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.184/2) and the following measures as proposed by its Chairman:

1. The Committee shall consider the draft report of the Conference on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis;
2. At the beginning of our consideration of each agenda item, delegations who wish to do so will be given an opportunity to make brief general remarks on the text of the relevant sections of the draft report of the Conference, bearing in mind that general exchange of views takes place in the Plenary. Time permitting, the Committee would provide a similar opportunity to the permanent observers of the General Assembly and the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
3. In order to facilitate the discussion and adoption of paragraphs of the draft report of the Conference, any delegations wishing to propose a substantive amendment to the text are invited to submit its proposal in writing to the Secretariat, so that the proposal can be circulated in this Committee before the respective paragraph is considered for adoption;
4. Each paragraph should be adopted by consensus, and once it is agreed upon in earlier meetings, it should not be re-opened for discussion. Where necessary, the Committee may decide to suspend the consideration of particular paragraphs in order to allow interested delegations to hold consultations to reach agreement on the text. When the Committee receives from the Chairman of the Technical Forum results and proposals emanating from activities of the Technical Forum, the Committee would determine, at an appropriate time, whether those proposals should be included in the draft report;
5. Delegations may conduct at all times informal consultations among themselves in order to reach agreement on all elements of the work of this Committee;
6. The agenda of this Committee should be followed in a flexible manner. Agenda items should be considered consecutively, unless otherwise decided, and should be considered closed when there are no more delegations wishing to speak. The Chairman may propose that consideration of items could be suspended to allow additional discussion at future meetings.