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### **Amendments to the draft Vienna declaration on space and human development**

#### **Working paper submitted by Cuba**

1. The following preambular paragraphs should be included in the draft Vienna declaration on space and human development (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2, chap. V):

“*Recognizing* that the use of space technology should accord with the principles set out in Agenda 21<sup>1</sup> for the benefit of all nations and peoples and that its applications should extend to the developing countries,

“*Recognizing* the role played in recent years in the field of space by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as well as the role of States in the formulation of policies and implementation of international cooperation,”

2. The ninth preambular paragraph should end after the words “the growing role of the private sector”.

3. In the title of section II of the draft declaration, the word “security” should be replaced by the word “development”, so that the title would read as follows: “Using space applications for human development and welfare”.

4. The following paragraph should be inserted in section II:

“To urge States to apply the results of space research in areas of economic and human development as a significant element in the social and cultural development of peoples.”

5. In section IV of the draft declaration, entitled “Enhancing education and training opportunities and ensuring public awareness of the importance of space activities”, the following paragraph, based on the tenth operative paragraph of the Concepción Declaration (A/C.4/53/8, annex), issued by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean meeting within the framework of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful

<sup>1</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution I, annex II.

Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), held in Concepción, Chile, from 12 to 16 October 1998, should be inserted:

“To recommend the establishment and/or strengthening of the governmental institutional machinery that will permit the appropriate development of space activities and foster participation by all sectors concerned. This will facilitate cooperation that will contribute effectively to the solution of the social and economic problems of each region.”

6. In section V of the draft declaration, entitled “Strengthening and repositioning of space activities in the United Nations system”, the following paragraph should be inserted:

“To urge the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to make precise recommendations for the formulation of a specific action plan for the practical implementation of cooperation among States.”

7. In section VI of the draft declaration, entitled “Promoting international cooperation”, the following paragraph should be inserted:

“To stress the necessity of undertaking major efforts with a view to practical implementation of the recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in the sphere of cooperation.”

8. The following paragraphs, based on the fifth, sixth and seventh operative paragraphs of the Concepción Declaration, should be inserted at the end of the draft declaration:

“*Express* the firm resolve of the States to promote international cooperation in the field of space science and technology as a basic tool for achieving the sustainable development of the less developed countries;”

“*Conscious* of the need to meet the specific requirements of each region, emphasize the importance of orienting cooperation programmes on the basis of the harmonization of compatible objectives and contributions in accordance with the human and economic capacities available in each country;”

“*Express* their conviction that cooperation projects must assist in developing the potential of States in terms of the human, technological and economic resources of each country.”

9. The following paragraph should also be added at the end of the draft declaration:

“*Recognize* that the promotion of regional and international cooperation in the field of outer space must be guided by General Assembly resolution 51/122 of 13 December 1996, entitled “Declaration on International Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for the Benefit and in the Interest of All States, Taking into Particular Account the Needs of Developing Countries”.

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