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FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS
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PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 33/16 of 10 November 1978 and 36/36 of 18 November 1981, the Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space continued its consideration of questions related to the preparations for the Conference. The Preparatory Committee held its fourth session during the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (22 March to 6 April 1982) under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Jankowitsch (Austria). The Preparatory Committee held five meetings between 22 March and 6 April 1982. In addition, an informal working group was established which held a series of meetings under the chairmanship of Mr. Carlos Antonio Bettencourt Bueno (Brazil). The verbatim records of the Preparatory Committee's meetings are contained in documents A/AC.105/PV.231, 233, 240, 242 and 244.

II. REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2. The Preparatory Committee noted that the Advisory Committee to the Preparatory Committee had met in the course of the nineteenth session of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee (11-22 January 1982) under the chairmanship of Professor J. H. Carver (Australia) and that the Advisory Committee had completed important work in preparation for the Conference. The Committee endorsed the recommendations and considerations of the Advisory Committee as reflected in paragraphs 5 to 31 of its report (A/CONF.101/PC/6).

III. DRAFT REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

3. The Preparatory Committee had before it a revised draft of the final report of the Conference (A/CONF.101/PC/L.20, Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2) prepared by the Secretary-General of the Conference, taking into account the comments and observations made in the Advisory Committee and those received from specialized agencies with regard to the first draft (A/CONF.101/PC/L.16 and Add.1-4). The Preparatory Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General of the Conference relating to the preparation of the draft report (A/CONF.101/PC/L.22) and an informal note concerning the draft report (UNISPACE-82/PC/CRP/1).

4. The Preparatory Committee commended the valuable work done by the Secretary-General of the Conference and his staff in preparing the revised draft report.

5. The Preparatory Committee established an open-ended working group under the chairmanship of Mr. Carlos Antonio Bettencourt Bueno (Brazil) in order to assist the Preparatory Committee in its consideration of the draft report.

6. During the consideration of the draft report, delegations, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations presented their comments on the draft. The Preparatory Committee proceeded, through its working group, to a section-by-section consideration of the draft report.

7. The Preparatory Committee expressed its gratitude to the Chairman of the Working Group and the Chairmen of the informal drafting groups which had been formed on various subjects to assist the Working Group.

8. The Preparatory Committee requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to circulate the draft report as considered and revised by the Preparatory

Committee to all States at least 90 days before the opening of the Conference in all the six languages of the Conference, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/67 of 5 December 1979. In this connexion, it was recommended that, in the case of the unagreed paragraphs, the original text should be placed in square brackets immediately followed by the text proposed by Member States also placed in square brackets and that an annex to the report should list the authors of those proposals with an explanatory note on their status. The Preparatory Committee requested that the draft report be accompanied by a statement of financial implications.

9. The Preparatory Committee noted that the General Assembly, in resolution 36/36, had requested the Conference to submit a report to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

IV. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

10. The Preparatory Committee recalled that the General Assembly, in resolution 36/36, had endorsed the agreement reached at its previous session on the officers of the Conference. ^{1/} The Preparatory Committee noted with satisfaction that several nominations of officers of the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference in response to his letters of 4 March 1982 which conveyed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee at its latest session on the desirability of the earliest possible nominations. The Preparatory Committee suggested that it would be desirable for all regional groups to convey their decisions to the Secretary-General of the Conference concerning this matter as soon as possible.

V. OTHER PREPARATORY WORK

11. The Preparatory Committee noted with satisfaction that the preparation for the Conference was progressing on schedule both in New York and Vienna, as reported to the Committee by the Secretary-General of the Conference in his progress report (A/CONF.101/PC/L.23 and Corr.1).

12. The Preparatory Committee further took note of the fact that facilities for pre-Conference consultations would be provided for 8 August 1982.

13. The Preparatory Committee expressed its appreciation to the Government of Austria for the arrangements it is making for the Conference.

VI. REPRESENTATION AT THE CONFERENCE

14. The Preparatory Committee expressed the hope that, in view of the importance of the Conference for the further development of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space, all States would endeavour to be represented at the highest possible level.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 46 (A/36/46), paras. 14 and 15.