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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the year 2020

(Item 3 (a))

Programme 5

Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 16th meeting, on 13 June 2019, the Committee considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme plan for 2020 and programme performance information for 2018 ([A/74/6 \(Sect.6\)](#)). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the review of the proposed programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies ([E/AC.51/2019/CRP.1/Rev.2](#)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed broad support for the programme as an important mechanism to strengthen international cooperation in space and the use of space science and technology. In that regard, a delegation emphasized the need to strengthen North-South and South-South cooperation in exchanging skills and knowledge in the area of space science and technology. The work of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in support of the international framework that governs space activities and in bringing space technology to countries around the world was also highlighted.

4. Delegations also expressed appreciation for the work carried out by the Office in respect of leaving no one behind. In that regard, the successful launch of Kenya's



first satellite, deployed from the Japanese module on the International Space Station in 2018, and the focus of the programme on developing countries that might wish to launch their first satellite into outer space were noted. A delegation noted that the performance measure for the programme was the number of countries to have launched their first satellites into space in 2018 (one country), 2019 (two countries) and 2020 (three countries) and queried the identity of those countries.

5. A delegation sought clarification on the proposed objective, whether any change had been made from the approved biennial programme plan for the period 2018–2019 and the reasons for the change. A concern was expressed by a delegation with respect to the alignment of the objective of the programme with all the Sustainable Development Goals instead of a more specific alignment with fewer Goals, for example, Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions; the delegation further queried whether there were gender, hunger or poverty issues, as they related to the peaceful use of outer space.

6. A delegation noted the highlighted result in 2018 on space solutions to support disaster risk reduction: the case of the Dominican Republic and sought clarification as to the Office's initiatives in assisting countries in using satellites for early warning for drought and other agricultural assistance. Clarification was also sought on the planned result for 2018 set out in paragraph 6.20, on the means of implementation of capacity-building and training activities in space science and technology and related applications and on the countries involved.

7. On the highlighted planned results for 2020, in connection with the implementation of the new initiative on access to space for all, a delegation noted that a new initiative on access to space for all was being implemented and requested information on key elements of the new initiative and how it compared to previous initiatives. The delegation further noted that workshops and training courses were the main activities in that regard and sought further clarification as to whether there were other activities envisaged to implement the new initiative. A delegation also requested information and examples on the engagement of the Office with the private space sector as part of the new initiative.
