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### **Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

Legal Subcommittee

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#### **Agenda item 10**

**Proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses  
of Outer Space for new items to be considered by  
the Legal Subcommittee at its fortieth session**

**Proposal by the Russian  
Federation for a new agenda item  
for consideration by the Legal  
Subcommittee at its fortieth  
session  
as a single issue/item for  
discussion**

1. The introduction of any changes in one or two of the five basic treaties on outer space

would inevitably necessitate the introduction of changes in the other treaties. It is not possible in practice to synchronize the process, but a lack of synchronization is liable to result in clashes between the provisions of the five treaties.

2. The report on the proceedings of the Workshop on Space Law in the Twenty-first Century, held as part of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), contains a list of issues that could be included on the agenda of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. One of those issues is the investigation of the possibility of developing a comprehensive treaty on the law of outer space.<sup>1</sup>

3. In view of the foregoing, it is proposed that a single issue/item for discussion entitled “Advisability of developing a single comprehensive United Nations convention on the law of outer space” be included on the agenda for the fortieth session of the Legal Subcommittee.

*Notes*

<sup>1</sup> See *Proceedings of the Workshop on Space Law in the Twenty-first Century organized by the International Institute on Space Law with the Office for Outer Space Affairs* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.I.5), p. 32.

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