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Addendum

Chapter II

Recommendations and decisions

F. Other matters

1. Membership of the Committee

1. The Committee noted the requests for membership in the Committee that had been submitted by Saudi Arabia and Slovakia.
2. The Committee also noted that Cuba, Peru and the Republic of Korea had requested that the practice of sharing seats on a rotating basis be ended in order that they might become full members of the Committee.
3. Some delegations expressed their support for those requests. Some delegations expressed the view that accession of new members would strengthen the role of the Committee.
4. Some delegations expressed the view that, while consensus was a practice of the United Nations, the rules of United Nations decision-making had been established expressly in the Charter of the United Nations.
5. Some delegations were of the view that the Committee should establish a standard for States to become members and should then determine how many new members should be admitted.

6. Some delegations expressed the view that those States which had demonstrated interest and capacity in conducting space activities and had participated in the work of the Committee should be considered for membership of the Committee.

7. Some delegations were of the view that States having important space activities should not be excluded from membership of the Committee.

8. Some delegations expressed the view that there had been absenteeism among some members of the Committee.

9. Some delegations expressed the view that equitable geographical representation should be taken into account in the limited enlargement of membership of the Committee.

10. Some delegations expressed the view that analysis of the membership of other United Nations bodies should be carried out, including the criteria for membership and the average number of members.

11. The view was expressed that the Committee should take into account the agreement that it had reached at its thirty-seventh session, in 1994, the year in which the last expansion of membership had been agreed upon, that no additional enlargement of the Committee should take place until a comprehensive assessment and thorough examination had been conducted of the impact that the enlargement would have on the efficiency of the Committee and that any further expansion of the membership of the Committee would be based on consensus of member States of the Committee.

12. The view was expressed that the enlargement of membership should be considered within the framework of an overall review of the organizational structure of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, including their working methods.

13. The Committee recommended that the question of enlargement of membership of the Committee be included as an item in the agenda of its forty-fourth session, in 2001.

2. Organization of a colloquium on the theme “The human dimension in space science and technology applications”

14. The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (A/AC.105/736, annex II, para. 45) that a colloquium on the theme “The human dimension in space science and technology applications” be organized during the forty-fourth session of the Committee, in 2001, with the participation of eminent scientists, sociologists and philosophers and others.

3. New agenda item of the Committee

15. The Committee had before it a proposal submitted by the United States of America (A/AC.105/2000/CRP.9) concerning the inclusion of a new item entitled “Space and society” in the agenda of the Committee.

16. Some delegations supported the inclusion of the proposed item in the agenda of the Committee at its forty-fourth session. Those delegations expressed the view that the new item would contribute to increasing awareness among decision makers and the general public of the importance of peaceful space activities in improving the common economic and social welfare of humanity and in providing children and youth, especially females, with opportunities to learn more about space science and technology and their importance to human development, as recommended in the Vienna Declaration.

17. Other delegations expressed reservations about the proposal. Some of those delegations were of the view that the Committee was not an appropriate body for discussing the proposed item. The view was also expressed that implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III should be conducted in a comprehensive manner, rather than through the selective approach implicit in the proposal, and that the Committee had before it other important issues to discuss.

4. Medium-term plan

18. The Committee had before it the text of programme 4 (Peaceful uses of outer space), of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (Prog. 4)).

G. Schedule of work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies

19. Some delegations expressed the view that a more flexible and result-oriented approach should be taken in scheduling meetings of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies and that the duration of the sessions of those bodies should be adjusted in accordance with their actual work.

20. The Committee agreed on the following tentative timetable for its session and those of its Subcommittees in 2001:

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
Scientific and Technical Subcommittee	12-23 February	Vienna
Legal Subcommittee	2-12 April	Vienna
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	6-15 June	Vienna