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## Report of the Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space

1. At its 561st meeting, on 25 February 2002, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee re-established its Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space under the chairmanship of Sam A. Harbison (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).
2. At the 1st meeting of the Working Group, on 25 February 2002, the Chairman recalled the tasks before the Working Group and the work plan approved by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its thirty-fifth session (A/AC.105/697 and Corr.1, annex III, appendix).
3. The Working Group had before it a note by the Secretariat, entitled "National research on space debris, safety of space objects with nuclear power sources on board and problems relating to their collision with space debris" (A/AC.105/770 and Add.1).
4. The Working Group also had before it a draft of its report to be prepared and submitted to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee in accordance with the work plan (A/AC.105/C.1/L.256 and Corr.1 and Add.1).
5. On the basis of the draft report mentioned in paragraph 4 above and the comments made by delegations during its deliberations, the Working Group finalized and adopted its report to the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee entitled, "A review of international documents and national processes potentially relevant to the peaceful uses of nuclear power sources in outer space" (A/AC.105/...).
6. At its 11th meeting, on 6 March 2002, the Working Group adopted the present report.

