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**Near-Earth objects**

## **Draft report of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects**

1. Pursuant to paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 61/111 of 14 December 2006, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-fourth session, established, for one year, a working group on near-Earth objects, in accordance with the workplan under that item. The Working Group held [...] meetings, on [...] February 2007.
2. Mr. Richard Tremayne-Smith (United Kingdom) was elected Chairman of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects at the 670th meeting of the Subcommittee, on 20 February 2006.
3. In accordance with the workplan under the item on near-Earth objects (A/AC.105/848, annex I, para. 20), the Working Group considered:
  - (a) Reports by Member States and international organizations on the range of activities related to near-Earth objects;
  - (b) Work and proposals of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects related to near-Earth objects;
  - (c) The range of, and suitable mechanisms for, further work on near-Earth objects.
4. The Working Group noted with satisfaction that intersessional work of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects had resulted in the interim report of the Action Team (A/AC.105/C.1/L.290).
5. The Working Group had before it a note by the Secretariat with information on research in the field of near-Earth objects carried out by Member States, international organizations and other entities (A/AC.105/863/Add.1 and 2).



6. The Working Group noted that member States had held informal consultations during the forty-fourth session of the Subcommittee, from 20 to 21 February, in order to consider the multi-year workplan for the agenda item on near-Earth objects.
7. The Working Group recommended that the Subcommittee should continue to consider the item on near-Earth objects in accordance with the following new multi-year workplan:
  - 2008 Continue intersessional work and consider the reports submitted in response to the annual request for information on near-Earth object activities. The presentations would focus on national, regional and internationally collaborative activity for observation and analysis of near-Earth objects. While much progress is being made to reach current targets and new targets are under consideration, there remains a need to better coordinate observations and ensure timely follow-up. Update the interim report of the Action Team on Near-Earth Objects.
  - 2009 Continue annual reporting on near-Earth object activities and intersessional work in preparation for the 2009 theme, which will include an update on near-Earth object missions and submission of draft procedures related to threat handling at the international level. Review and update the interim report.
  - 2010 Continue drafting (or agree on) international procedures for threat handling and review progress with international cooperation and collaboration on observations. Review and update the interim report.
8. At its [2] meeting, on [22] February 2007, the Working Group adopted the present report.