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Provisional agenda for the fifty-second session*

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* The present document was not submitted within the period required by the 10-week rule due to the finalization date of the report on the forty-eighth session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee, held from 23 March to 3 April 2009.



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3. Statement by the Chairperson

Following the adoption of the agenda by the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee will make a statement reviewing developments of relevance to the work of the Committee that have taken place since its fifty-first session.

4. General exchange of views

The Committee will begin its substantive work with a general exchange of views. As a general guideline, statements under this item should last no longer than 10 minutes.

5. Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes

In paragraph 41 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, as a matter of priority, ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes and to report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, and agreed that during its consideration of the matter, the Committee could continue to consider ways to promote regional and interregional cooperation based on experiences stemming from the space conferences of the Americas, the African leadership conferences on space science and technology for sustainable development and the role that space technology could play in the implementation of recommendations of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

6. Implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)

In its resolution 59/2, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider at its future sessions, starting with its forty-eighth session, the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) until the Committee considered that concrete results had been achieved.

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III and noted with appreciation that additional recommendations, as set out in the Plan of Action, had been implemented and that further progress had been made in implementing the remaining recommendations (A/AC.105/933, para. 46, and annex I, para. 7).

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, endorsed a recommendation by the Working Group of the Whole that the tenth anniversary of

* The annotations and the indicative schedule of work are not part of the agenda to be adopted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

UNISPACE III be celebrated by holding a panel discussion at the fifty-second session of the Committee (A/AC.105/933, para. 47, and annex I, para. 10).

In paragraph 42 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that the Committee had established a closer link between its work to implement the recommendations of UNISPACE III and the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development by contributing to the thematic areas addressed by the Commission and agreed that the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat should continue to be invited to participate in the sessions of the Committee to inform the Committee on how it could best contribute to the work of the Commission and that the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat should participate in the sessions of the Commission to raise awareness and promote the benefits of space science and technology for sustainable development.

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, acting upon a recommendation of the Working Group of the Whole, invited member States of the Committee to provide, by e-mail to the Secretariat (oosa@unvienna.org), input to the report of the Committee on its contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development under the thematic cluster for the period 2010-2011 by no later than 30 April 2009. That report was to be finalized by the Committee at its fifty-second session (A/AC.105/933, para. 52, and annex I, para. 9).

7. Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, considered the substantive items outlined below.

United Nations Programme on Space Applications

The report of the Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session contains a review of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications and its activities for 2008 and 2009 (A/AC.105/933, paras. 24-32). The Subcommittee recommended the approval of the proposed programme of activities for 2009 (A/AC.105/933, para. 32). The Office for Outer Space Affairs will brief the Committee on the proposed activities for 2010.

In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group of the Whole, which considered, among other things, the United Nations Programme on Space Applications. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group, including its consideration of the Programme on Space Applications (A/AC.105/933, para. 22, and annex I, paras. 1 and 4).

In paragraph 18 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations, should continue to report to the Committee on their activities on an annual basis.

In paragraph 46 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider a report on the activities of the International

Satellite System for Search and Rescue as a part of its consideration of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications under the agenda item entitled “Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee”, and invited Member States to report on their activities regarding the System.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III)

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session on its agenda item on the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 41-53).

In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Subcommittee requested the Working Group of the Whole to consider the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III. The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group concerning the implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III (A/AC.105/933, para. 42, and annex I, paras. 5-10).

Matters relating to remote sensing of the Earth by satellite, including applications for developing countries and monitoring of the Earth's environment

In accordance with paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 62/217, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, heard a presentation by the secretariat of the Group on Earth Observations on the progress made in the implementation of the 10-year Work Plan for a Global Earth Observation System of Systems.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 54-63).

Space debris

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session on its agenda item on space debris are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 64-82).

The Subcommittee welcomed the information provided by the Chairman of the Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC) on re-entry prediction campaigns and requested IADC to inform the Subcommittee of any revisions made to the IADC Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines in the light of evolving technologies and debris mitigation practices. The Subcommittee also noted that the Space Debris Mitigation Guidelines of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space might have to be amended in accordance with such revisions (A/AC.105/933, para. 70).

Space-system-based disaster management support

In paragraph 39 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly noted with satisfaction the progress made within the framework of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER) in the implementation of the platform programme for the

period 2007-2009,¹ including inaugurating and making fully operational the UN-SPIDER office in Bonn, Germany.

In paragraph 40 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly noted that, in accordance with paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 61/110, the UN-SPIDER programme should work closely with regional and national centres of expertise in the use of space technology in disaster management to form a network of regional support offices for implementing the activities of the programme in their respective regions in a coordinated manner, and agreed with the guidelines proposed by the Committee for selecting and setting up the proposed UN-SPIDER regional support offices.²

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its item on space-system-based disaster management support are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 83-95).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the item (A/AC.105/933, para. 84, and annex I, paras. 11-14), and approved the UN-SPIDER workplan for the biennium 2010-2011.

Recent developments in global navigation satellite systems

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on recent developments in global navigation satellite systems. The Subcommittee reviewed issues related to the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG), the latest developments in the field of global navigation satellite systems (GNSS) and new GNSS applications. Pursuant to paragraph 16 of Assembly resolution 62/217, the Subcommittee also heard a presentation by the Chairperson of ICG on the recent and future activities of ICG.

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its forty-sixth session on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 96-118).

Use of nuclear power sources in outer space

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee continued its consideration of the agenda item on the use of nuclear power sources in outer space, under the multi-year workplan for the period 2007-2010, adopted at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, paras. 112-113, and annex II).

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 119-135).

Pursuant to paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, reconvened its Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space. The report of the Working Group was endorsed by the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/933, para. 135, and annex II).

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20)*, para. 144.

² *Ibid.*, *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/63/20)*, para. 129.

The Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, adopted the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Applications in Outer Space (A/AC.105/C.1/L.292/Rev.4).

Near-Earth objects

The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, considered its agenda item on near-Earth objects in accordance with the multi-year workplan adopted by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session (A/AC.105/890, annex III).

The deliberations of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 136-148, and annex III).

The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group on Near-Earth Objects (A/AC.105/933, para. 148, and annex III).

Examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, continued its consideration of its agenda item on examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries as a single issue/item for discussion. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 149-156).

International Heliophysical Year 2007

In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, continued its consideration of its agenda item on the International Heliophysical Year 2007 as a single issue/item for discussion. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/933, paras. 157-168).

The Subcommittee agreed to consider, beginning at its forty-seventh session, a new agenda item entitled "International Space Weather Initiative" under a three-year workplan in order to build upon the success of the International Heliophysical Year 2007 (A/AC.105/933, para. 168).

Draft provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee

Pursuant to paragraphs 10 and 13 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, requested its Working Group of the Whole to consider a draft provisional agenda for its forty-seventh session. The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole concerning the draft provisional agenda, as contained in its report (A/AC.105/933, para. 170, and annex I, para. 18).

The Working Group of the Whole recommended that the Subcommittee should continue its consideration of the agenda item on the examination of the physical nature and technical attributes of the geostationary orbit and its utilization and applications, including in the field of space communications, as well as other questions relating to developments in space communications, taking particular account of the needs and interests of developing countries as a single issue/item for discussion, without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union (A/AC.105/933, annex I, para. 17).

The Working Group of the Whole agreed that the topic for the symposium to strengthen the partnership with industry (the industry symposium), to be organized in 2010 by the Office for Outer Space Affairs in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), should be “Nurturing the development of space technology”. The Working Group agreed that the symposium should be held during the first week of the forty-seventh session of the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/933, annex I, para. 19).

The Working Group of the Whole recognized the importance of the topic entitled “Long-term sustainability of outer space activities”, which was proposed by France for inclusion as a new item in the agenda of the Subcommittee, beginning at its forty-seventh session, in 2010. The Working Group agreed that the proposal made by France for an agenda item would be submitted for a decision by the Committee at its fifty-second session, pending the results of informal consultations among all member States (A/AC.105/933, annex I, paras. 20 and 21).

8. Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-eighth session

In accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered the substantive items below.

Status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, continued its consideration of its agenda item on the status and application of the five United Nations treaties on outer space. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 30-40).

In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on the Status and Application of the Five United Nations Treaties on Outer Space. The report of the Working Group was endorsed by the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/935, para. 38, and annex I).

The Subcommittee endorsed the recommendation that the mandate of the Working Group be extended for one additional year. It was agreed that the Subcommittee, at its forty-ninth session, in 2010, would review the need to extend the mandate of the Working Group beyond that period (A/AC.105/935, para. 39).

Information on the activities of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations relating to space law

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, continued its consideration of the agenda item on information on the activities of international intergovernmental

and non-governmental organizations relating to space law. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 41-52).

Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, continued its consideration of its agenda item on matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 53-85).

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Legal Subcommittee reconvened its Working Group on Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group (A/AC.105/935, para. 84, and annex II).

Review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, continued its consideration of its agenda item on the review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 47/68) as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on its agenda. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 86-100).

The Subcommittee noted with satisfaction the adoption by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its forty-sixth session, of the Safety Framework for Nuclear Power Source Applications in Outer Space (A/AC.105/935, para. 87).

Examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered as a single issue/item for discussion the examination and review of the developments concerning the draft protocol on matters specific to space assets to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-ninth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 101-113).

Capacity-building in space law

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered capacity-building in space law as a single issue/item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-ninth session. The deliberations of

the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 114-147).

General exchange of information on national mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered general exchange of information on national mechanisms relating to space debris mitigation measures as a single issue-item for discussion. The Subcommittee agreed that the item should remain on the agenda for its forty-ninth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 148-162).

General exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered the general exchange of information on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space in accordance with the workplan adopted by the Committee at its fiftieth session.³ The deliberations of the Subcommittee on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 163-182).

Pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Subcommittee established a working group to consider the item. In accordance with the multi-year workplan, the Working Group on National Legislation Relevant to the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space examined responses received from Member States in order to develop an understanding of the manner in which Member States regulated governmental and non-governmental space activities. The Subcommittee endorsed the report of the Working Group (A/AC.105/935, para. 181, and annex III).

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

Pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 63/90, the Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, considered proposals to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for new items to be considered by the Subcommittee at its forty-ninth session. The deliberations of the Subcommittee at its forty-eighth session on that item are reflected in its report (A/AC.105/935, paras. 183-195). The Subcommittee agreed on the items to be proposed to the Committee for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee at its forty-ninth session, as contained in its report (A/AC.105/935, para. 186).

The Subcommittee agreed that the International Institute of Space Law and the European Centre for Space Law should again be invited to organize a symposium, to be held during the first week of its forty-ninth session (A/AC.105/935, para. 189).

³ Ibid., *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/62/20), para. 219.

9. Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status

In paragraph 47 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, at its fifty-second session, its agenda item entitled “Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status”.

10. Space and society

In paragraph 48 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly requested the Committee to continue to consider, at its fifty-second session, under its agenda item entitled “Space and society”, the special theme for the focus of discussions “Space and education”.

11. Space and water

In paragraph 49 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-second session, its agenda item entitled “Space and water”.

12. Space and climate change

In paragraph 51 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that a new item entitled “Space and climate change” should be included in the agenda of the Committee at its fifty-second session.

13. Use of space technology in the United Nations system

In paragraph 51 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that a new item entitled “Use of space technology in the United Nations system” should be included in the agenda of the Committee at its fifty-second session.

At the forty-sixth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs informed the Subcommittee that following the Committee’s agreement, reached at its fifty-first session, that the Inter-Agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities should report directly to the Committee, the General Assembly, in its resolution 63/90, had invited the Inter-Agency Meeting to report to the Committee on the work conducted at its annual sessions (A/AC.105/933, para. 13).

The Inter-Agency Meeting held its twenty-ninth session in Vienna, from 4 to 6 March 2009. The report of the Meeting (A/AC.105/939) and the report of the Secretary-General on coordination of space-related activities within the United Nations system: directions and anticipated results for the period 2009-2010 (A/AC.105/940), approved by the Inter-Agency Meeting at its twenty-ninth meeting, will be submitted to the Committee at its fifty-second session.

14. International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development

In paragraph 50 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-second session, its agenda item entitled “International cooperation in promoting the use of space-derived geospatial

data for sustainable development”, in accordance with the multi-year workplan adopted by the Committee at its forty-ninth session.⁴

In accordance with that multi-year workplan, the Committee at its fifty-second session will evaluate the activities undertaken within the United Nations system that are directly related to the use of space-derived geospatial information for sustainable development and consider ways and means of highlighting the links existing among those activities and of giving them stronger international recognition. In accordance with the workplan, the Committee will draft a report containing recommendations on ways and means of fostering international cooperation with a view to building up national infrastructure for the use of space-derived geospatial data.⁵

15. Other matters

Composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies for the period 2010-2011

In paragraph 53 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly noted that in accordance with the agreement reached by the Committee at its forty-sixth session on the measures relating to the future composition of the bureaux of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,⁶ on the basis of the measures relating to the working methods of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies,⁷ the Group of Asian States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States had nominated their candidates for the offices of Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, Second Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur of the Committee and Chair of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, respectively, for the period 2010-2011.

In a note verbale dated 6 March 2009, the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations (Vienna), on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States, informed the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the nomination of a candidate for the office of Chair of the Committee.

In a note verbale dated 27 March 2009, the Permanent Mission of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of African States, informed the Office for Outer Space Affairs of the nomination of a candidate for the office of First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

The nominated candidates for the bureaux of the Committee and its Subsidiary bodies for the period 2010-2011 are as follows: Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Romania) as Chairman of the Committee; Nomfeneko Majajja (South Africa) as First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee; Raimundo González Aninat (Chile) as Second Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur of the Committee; Ulrich Huth (Germany) as Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee; and Ahmad Talebzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Chairman of the Legal Subcommittee.

⁴ Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/61/20)*, paras. 301-303 and *ibid.*, *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/62/20)*, paras. 265 and 281.

⁵ Ibid., *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/63/20)*, para. 277.

⁶ Ibid., *Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, paras. 5-9.

⁷ Ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/52/20)*, annex I; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/58/20)*, annex II, appendix III.

Future role and activities of the Committee

In paragraph 52 of its resolution 63/90, the General Assembly agreed that the Committee should continue to consider, at its fifty-second session, under its agenda item “Other matters”, the issue of its future role and activities.

Observer status

The Legal Subcommittee, at its forty-eighth session, took note of the request by the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization for permanent observer status with the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. At its fifty-second session, the Committee will take a decision on this request (A/AC.105/935, para. 6).

The Committee, at its fifty-first session, agreed on the need to review, in the near future, its rules and procedures on the granting of permanent observer status, as well as the duration of such status, and agreed that non-governmental organizations that had been granted permanent observer status with the Committee should inform the Committee of any progress made in obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.⁸

Other matters

The Committee may wish to discuss matters other than those listed above, as appropriate.

⁸ Ibid., *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/63/20)*, para. 313.

Annex

Indicative schedule of work*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Wednesday, 3 June 2009	1	Opening of the session	4	General exchange of views
	2	Adoption of the agenda		Panel discussion on the tenth anniversary of UNISPACE III
	3	Statement by the Chairman		
	4	General exchange of views		
Thursday, 4 June 2009	4	General exchange of views	4	General exchange of views
	5	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes	5	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes
	6	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III	6	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III
	7	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session	7	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session
Friday, 5 June 2009	5	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes	5	Ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes
	6	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III	6	Implementation of the recommendations of UNISPACE III
	7	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session	7	Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on its forty-sixth session
	8	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-eighth session	8	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-eighth session
Monday, 8 June 2009	8	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-eighth session	8	Report of the Legal Subcommittee on its forty-eighth session
	9	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status	9	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status
	12	Space and climate change	12	Space and climate change
	13	Use of space technology in the United Nations system	13	Use of space technology in the United Nations system

* At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space agreed that member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/50/20)*, para. 169 (b)).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
Tuesday, 9 June 2009	9	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status	9	Spin-off benefits of space technology: review of current status
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	14	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development	14	Use of space-derived geospatial data for sustainable development
Wednesday, 10 June 2009	10	Space and society	10	Space and society
	11	Space and water	11	Space and water
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Thursday, 11 June 2009	10	Space and society	10	Space and society
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