

NON-PAPER

Language used in the reports of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies
for reflecting the views and participation of regional groups

Compilation prepared by the Secretariat

Procedural terminology adopted at the 21st session of the Committee

The Committee welcomed the decision of its Legal Subcommittee on the terminology to be used in its reports when the views of delegations are referred to in the them, as reflected in paragraph 18 of its report (A/AC.105/218). The decision of the Legal Subcommittee was as follows: “the term “The views was expressed” will be used when reference is made to a view expressed by only one delegation; the term “Some delegations” will be used when reference is made to a view expressed by more than one delegation; and when reference is made to a contrary view expressed by more than one delegation the term “Other delegations” will be used. Terms such as “few”, “a number”, “certain”, “several”, “many”, “most” will no longer be used”. The Committee decided that this terminology will be henceforth used in its reports as well as the reports of its subsidiary bodies when referring to the views of delegations.

Report of the Committee on the work at its 21st session (1978), document A/33/20, para. 82.

View expressed by a regional group (only one precedent exists)

The observer for Bolivia, speaking on behalf of the members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, expressed their interest in the rational, efficient and equitable use of the geostationary orbit and the necessity of finding the means and tools to implement an effective mechanism that would allow those principles to produce concrete results.

Report of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee on the work at its 42nd session (2005), document A/AC.105/848, para. 176.

Other examples

The Committee noted that Colombia, in its capacity as pro tempore secretariat of the Fourth Space Conference of the Americas, had, in accordance with paragraph 21 of General Assembly resolution 59/116, presented a report on the work accomplished. (The report, which had been circulated as a conference room paper (A/AC.105/2005/CRP.7), would be made available as document A/AC.105/L.261 following the forty-eighth session of the Committee.)

Report of the Committee on the work at its 48th session (2005), document A/60/20, para. 110.

The Committee noted with interest that the Subcommittee, at its forty-second session, in 2005, had heard a presentation made by the representative of Colombia on behalf of the pro tempore secretariat of the Fourth Space Conference of the Americas, entitled “Geostationary orbit analyser tool”, illustrating the non-homogeneous use of the orbit-spectrum resources, which increased the saturation risk for some regions.

Report of the Committee on the work at its 48th session (2005), document A/60/20, para. 167.

