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Chairman: Mr. S. Marchisio (Italy)

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN: Good morning distinguished delegates, I now declare open the 729th meeting of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

I will shortly suspend this meeting of the Subcommittee in order to allow the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects to hold its fifth meeting to adopt its report, and the Working Group on the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets to hold its eighth meeting to adopt its report.

We will then reconvene our meeting to continue and hopefully conclude agenda items 8 and 9 so that the Chairmen of the Working Groups on those items can introduce the reports of their Working Groups for our adoption. We will also continue the adoption of the remaining parts of the draft report of the Legal Subcommittee. The two remaining parts of the draft report are being circulated in all six languages as documents A/AC.105/C.2/L.257/Add.1 and Add.2.

As delegates are aware, in view of the absence of Niklas Hedman of Sweden, the Chairman of the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects, at Mr. Hedman's request, the fifth meeting of that Working Group will be chaired by me, as has been agreed. This will be followed by the eighth meeting of the Working Group on the Preliminary Draft Protocol

on Matters Specific to Space Assets, to be chaired by Professor Vladimir Kopal.

This meeting is now suspended.

The meeting suspended at 10.32 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 12.14 p.m.

Distinguished delegates, we now reconvene the 729th meeting of the Legal Subcommittee.

**Adoption of the report of the Working Group on
Agenda Item 8, Examination of the Preliminary
Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets**

I would now like to invite the Chair of the Working Group on Agenda Item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets to present his report to the Subcommittee.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, you have correctly stated that the Working Group has considered the draft report of its work on agenda item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets and I can add that both parts of this particular item, it means parts 8(a) and 8(b). The work of the Working Group has been much facilitated but by the foregoing examination of the problem of 8(a) in a special Ad Hoc Working Group that worked by

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electronic means under the guidance of our distinguished colleague from The Netherlands, René Lefeber, who, unfortunately is not here because he had other duties. He has other duties but I would like, through you and through the Office, express once again our very high appreciation of this work which was performed by him so that we were able to act on the basis of a report of this special Working Group. We did so by consideration chapter by chapter in this Working Group and, at the same time, in a smaller group in which the most tangible problems have been examined in greater detail and, I may say, successfully surmounted. So the text of the report has been once again considered. Here, I mean, the text of the report of the Working Group has just been considered here in the foregoing Committee and was completed, amended in some points and finally adopted as a whole. This text is in your hands and I beg to you to consider it now on the level of the Legal Subcommittee.

The CHAIRMAN: I thank you very much Professor Kopal for your report on the report of the Working Group that you have chaired during the last days and I thank you very much for your work and successful results of your deliberations. Thank you very much.

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to adopt the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets as contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/Mobile/2005/L.1.

Does any delegation wish to make a statement on the report of the Working Group before we adopt it?

Greece. Greece, you have the floor.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I simply would like to reiterate what I said in the Working Group meeting that in the report of the Electronic Group, there is no mention *in extenso*, that is in arguments against are not mentioned *in extenso*, it is simply said, we only find the arguments in favour and I think that this was obviously a mistaken omission and I would like to have this opportunity to return to this by making sure that there is mention in the report by the Subcommittee which mention, that is which would set out all the arguments against the possibility, that is arguments against the opinion that the United Nations might take on the function of Supervisory Authority.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from French*): I thank the distinguished representative of Greece. I take note of your statement Sir but I have to repeat as the Chair of the relevant Working Group as already said that the report of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Electronic Group were the object of intensive negotiations over a number of days here and perhaps you were absent then and it was the fact that you were absent that meant that all of your opinions have not been reflected in the report. But I could I ask you Sir to produce a draft paragraph for the plenary session on item 8 of the agenda. In that way, you would be able to make sure that your opinions are more clearly reflected and if you wish to, you can do that.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you very much for your kind suggestion. However, I do not see how now at this stage very late in the day how we can come back to this. I will do it, God willing, when the report is discussed.

Thank you Sir.

The CHAIRMAN: Do I take that the Subcommittee adopts the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 8, Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol on Matters Specific to Space Assets, as amended?

I see no objections.

It is adopted.

We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 8.

Adoption of the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects

I would like to introduce the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects.

I would like to remind the Subcommittee that the Working Group held five meetings during which the Working Group examined the report submitted by member States and international organizations on their practice in registering space objects. The exchange of information in the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations was fruitful and the Working Group was successful in identifying elements that could be discussed next year.

The Working Group has considered the draft report of the Chairman, examining it paragraph by paragraph and adopting the report at the end of its deliberations.

This is the report on the Working Group on Agenda Item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects.

Does any delegation wish to make a statement on the report of the Working Group before we adopt it?

I see none.

Do I take it that the Subcommittee adopts the report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 9 as amended?

The report of the Working Group on Agenda Item 9, Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects as amended is adopted.

We have now concluded our consideration of agenda item 9.

Adoption of the draft report of the Legal Subcommittee

Distinguished delegates, I would now like to continue the adoption of the draft report of the Legal Subcommittee. The draft report of the Subcommittee is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.257/Add.1 and Add.2. Delegations will recall that we have already completed the adoption of the paragraphs contained in the first part of the report, A/AC.105/C.2/L.257 yesterday afternoon. We will now continue the adoption of the second part of the draft report which is contained in document A/AC.105/C.2/L.257/Add.1. This part contains sections on definition and delimitation and geostationary orbit, nuclear power sources and examination of the preliminary draft Protocol on Space Assets.

Do all delegations have the document we are considering before them? Again, this document is A/AC.105/C.2/L.257/Add.1 which contains the second part of the draft report.

Distinguished delegates, we shall now proceed with a paragraph by paragraph adoption of the second part of the report contained in the document that I have mentioned twice.

Chile has the floor.

Mr. R. GONZALEZ ANINAT (Chile) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Apologies. I have a practical problem. I would like to know what has happened to L.257. Was it approved? The point being, if there are no objections, I would like to ask that I could draft a paragraph that I could give to the Secretariat with regards to the organization of the Fifth Space Conference of the American States which took place in Ecuador, which is supposed to take place in Ecuador next (year?). I am talking about a Conference in Chile in March 2006 in this context with reference to the Ecuador Conference. This is in keeping with resolution 59/116 of the General Assembly of the General Assembly in paragraph 28. Of course, I will leave it up to the Secretariat to find where we should add a paragraph of this kind and, of course, you can draft it yourselves. I have every confidence in you with regard to the format and for our region it is a question of importance.

The CHAIRMAN: ... Are there any objections to the proposal made by Ambassador Gonzalez.

I see none. So your proposal is approved and the language of the paragraph that you mentioned will be modified accordingly by the Secretariat that took note of your intervention. Thank you very much.

Now we will proceed with the adoption of Addendum 1, a paragraph by paragraph adoption, in Addendum 1 of the draft report.

We have Part V of the draft report, Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space.

We begin our consideration of paragraph 1 and I ask delegations to raise any comments or questions they have on paragraph 1.

I see none.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 2.

No objection?

It is adopted.

Paragraph 3.

Are there any comments on paragraph 3?

I see none.

Adopted.

Paragraph 4.

No comments?

Adopted.

Paragraph 5.

No objections?

It is adopted.

Now, I have to introduce two proposals made by Colombia and the distinguished representative of Colombia asked me to spell out the text. In these proposals, the first to the introduction of two new paragraphs after paragraph 5, that is to say paragraph 5*bis* and 5*ter*. I have the text in Spanish so I will spell it out in Spanish and for your consideration.

5*bis* reads as follows:

(Interpretation from Spanish) “Some delegations referred to the consensus which was reached in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee with a view to ensuring that the geostationary orbit with particular special characteristics should be considered as part of outer space. As a result, it should be regulated by a specific regime.”

I will now repeat the text.

“Some delegations referred to the consensus which was reached in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and given the special characteristics of the geostationary orbit, the geostationary orbit should be considered as part of outer space, an integral part of outer space. As a result, it should be regulated or governed by a specific regime.”

(Continued in English) ... this new paragraph 5*bis* proposed by the Colombian delegation.

I see none. Yes, thank you.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Mr. Chairman, of course, I cannot object against the views of one or some delegations, it was spelt out in this way. However, I do not understand completely that this last part of this paragraph about that it should be regulated or governed by a special regime that it was really the

part of the agreement reached in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee. I do not have here the text of this agreement that was reached in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee a few years ago but I doubt it that this text should be regulated by a special regime was a part of that agreement.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of the Czech Republic. The fact is that the Colombian delegation cannot answer at the time so I cannot interpret the statement that they made. Probably the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs could give us some explanation on that.

Mr. S. CAMACHO-LARA (Director, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I, too, cannot interpret, of course, the intention but it occurs to me reading the paragraph that there is a full stop after the agreement. And then it says “Therefore, it should be governed by a special regime”. So it is a separate sentence that I would imagine is not contained in the agreement of the Subcommittee.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: The Czech Republic.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I would like first of all to express my appreciation to the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs for his explanation. Yes, I could understand it but in that case, it must be made abundantly clear that this was the conclusion derived by those delegations who drafted the first part of this text, not by the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

Thank you.

It might be spelt out “Therefore, in the view of those delegations, it should be governed by a special regime”. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Before closing this point, I want to give the floor to the distinguished representative of Ecuador. Ecuador, you have the floor.

Ms. R. VÁSQUEZ DE MESSMER (Ecuador) *(interpretation from Spanish)*: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Indeed, neither can I interpret the intention behind my Colombian colleagues proposal. However, we have a number of conversations about this paragraph and that is the spirit of this proposal, namely noting that at the most recent meeting of the

Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, a consensus was reached that the geostationary does have special characteristics. And the proposal just made by the Czech Republic is, indeed, in keeping with the spirit of that proposal, namely that given that we are talking about a limited resource with special characteristics, some delegations consider that it should be governed by a special legal regime without this implying in any way that that is the conclusion of the Committee.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from Spanish*): Did I see a request(?) _____ (*not clear*). In that case, we can say "Therefore, those delegations or the said delegations consider that the geostationary orbit should be governed by a special regime".

Do I see agreement?

Approved(?)

(*Continued in English*) I beg your pardon but we have another new paragraph proposed by the Colombian delegation. This is paragraph 5ter and the text in Spanish is the following:

(*Interpretation from Spanish*) "The view was expressed that in order for this agreement to be implemented, it was necessary to count upon the collaboration of the ITU and the implementation by that Organization. In this way, the relationship between the ITU and COPUOS should be closer or should become closer and should be organized in such a way that the agreements reached by COPUOS can indeed be implemented."

(*Continued in English*) ... here to all delegations the new paragraph 5ter?

Professor Kopal, you have the floor.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, of course, this should be included in the report as the view of one delegation, in my opinion. However, this formulation, at least as it was translated into English, does not seem to me to be too outstanding. Perhaps, first of all, could we hear once again slowly the English translation of this proposal and then perhaps you and with the assistance of the Secretariat might consider certain reformulation of this proposal.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of the Czech Republic. I must commend

the interpreters because I am reading in Spanish and they are translating without knowing the complete text of the new paragraphs so it is not easy to make this exercise but I cannot read it in English because I do not have the text in English. So I would repeat the text or do you have something? The Secretary of the Committee can try to translate it into English. That would be better. Thank you.

So we will come back to paragraph 5ter when the Director of the Office has the new proposed English text. OK?

Can we move to paragraph 6 now and approve it if there are no comments or objections in the room?

Approved.

Paragraph 7.

Any comments?

I see none.

Approved.

Paragraph 8.

Any delegations?

I see no objection.

Adopted.

Paragraph 9.

No objection?

Adopted.

Paragraph 10.

I see no objection.

Adopted.

Paragraph 11.

Adopted.

Paragraph 12.

Adopted.

Paragraph 13.

Approved?

Paragraph 15(?). I think it is a statement of fact. We can approve it.

Adopted.

Paragraph 14.

Adopted.

Paragraph 15.

Adopted.

We move now to Part VI of the report, the Review and Possible Revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.

Paragraph 16.

Adopted.

Paragraph 17.

I see no comments.

Adopted.

Paragraph 18.

Adopted.

Paragraph 19.

No problems.

Adopted.

Paragraph 20.

Adopted.

Paragraph 21.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 22.

We adopt it.

Paragraph 23.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 24.

No objections?

Adopted.

Paragraph 25.

Comments on that? No?

Adopted.

And then the last paragraph of this part, paragraph 26. We can easily adopt it because it refers to the verbatim transcripts.

Adopted.

We have now Part VII on the Examination of the Preliminary Draft Protocol of UNIDROIT.

I submit to your attention paragraph 27.

Paragraph 27, I see no objection.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 28.

Are there any problems?

Adopted.

Paragraph 29.

Do you have any comments? No.

Adopted.

Paragraph 30.

No objections?

Adopted.

Paragraph 31.

I see no comments.

Adopted.

Paragraph 32.

Greece, you have the floor.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU(?) (Greece) (*interpretation from French*): (*interpreter: microphone please for Greece*) On paragraph 33, we should add the words "General Assembly". I am sorry in the French version in both paragraphs 32 and 33, we should add the words "General Assembly" in the French version. "General Assembly", it says just "Assembly" there.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from French*): I thank the distinguished representative of Greece for this comment. We are certainly going to add the word "General" to make it "General Assembly".

(*Continued in English*) Do you have any other comments on paragraph 32?

So we can approve it and pass to paragraph 33.

Paragraph 33 is adopted.

Paragraph 34.

Paragraph 34 is adopted.

Paragraph 35.

Greece.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am looking at the French text here, in the fourth line, the function of Supervisory Authority. In the French text it should be "surveillance" instead of "contrôle" for "Supervisory".

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from French*): I thank the distinguished delegate of Greece.

India please you have the floor.

Mr. R. LOCHAN (India): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I suggest that after the words "identified by the Secretariat in its report" and before the report number is listed, I propose a small addition here "prepared in consultation with the Legal Counsel of the United Nations".

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you distinguished representative of India.

If the Senior Legal Officer agrees, we can have this integration.

Any further comments on paragraph 35?

It is approved.

Paragraph 36.

Paragraph 36 is approved.

Paragraph 37.

India, you have the floor.

Mr. R. LOCHAN (India): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have two remarks to make. One that "the view was expressed" should be replaced by "some delegations expressed" and this accordingly with the change would be making of the three sentences.

The second remark is about we propose that the word "totally inappropriate" be replaced by "inappropriate".

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much distinguished representative of India. I think there are no objections to your proposals so we can accept them and modify accordingly paragraph 37.

I see the distinguished representative of the Czech Republic. You have the floor.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Mr. Chairman, with your kind permission I would like still to return to paragraph 36. May I do so? Because the language of the second sentence is not quite accurate because this was a point we raised during the discussions. In the first sentence it is correctly stated that "the efforts of UNIDROIT to establish a legal instrument to facilitate private financial space activities to the benefit of commercial as well as public space applications". And in the second sentence, this is OK. Now "those delegations expressed the view that the financing of commercial space activities would be beneficial to both developed and developing countries." I believe they contradicted the first sentence where we say that "the private financing would be to benefit of commercial as well as public space applications" so that in the second sentence the

adjective “commercial” should be deleted, in my opinion.

The CHAIRMAN: Probably we have to add that the private financing of space activities because otherwise it is meaningless somehow.

Mr. V. KOPAL (Czech Republic): Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: So “those delegations expressed the view that the private financing of space activities would be beneficial to both developed and developing countries”.

Thank you very much for your contribution.

Paragraph 36 is approved as amended.

Paragraph 37 is also approved with the modifications.

We move now to paragraph 38.

Paragraph 38 is approved.

Greece. I am sorry.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think that the point “the views expressed” in 38 and 39 “of some delegations” is not one delegation’s view. That is my understanding. It is not a single view.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: No objections? “Some delegations expressed the view that the future Protocol ...”. This will be the language of paragraph 38 to be modified accordingly.

We approve paragraph 38 as modified.

And we can go back to paragraph 5ter. No?

We can continue with paragraph 39.

Paragraph 39 is under consideration now.

Paragraph 39 is approved.

Paragraph 40.

Greece?

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece): Thank you. In paragraph 39 there are also some delegations OK?

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: No objections?

Approved.

Paragraph 40.

Approved.

Paragraph 41.

India.

Mr. R. LOCHAN (India): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There is a grammatical mistake in the last sentence of the previous paragraph “that delegation was of the view that until such a detailed analysis” “had been” should be removed because “is” is already there “is undertaken, there will be no obstacles to the United Nations assuming the role”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: The Secretariat prefers to keep with “had been undertaken” and delete “it is”. Are you fine with that? Thank you.

Paragraph 41 is approved.

Paragraph 42.

Approved.

Paragraph 43.

Paragraph 43 is approved.

And now we have the text of paragraph 5ter so I give the floor to the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs in order to, has the new text. Thank you.

Mr. S. CAMACHO-LARA (Director, Office for Outer Space Affairs): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will read a translation, not an official translation, a translation of the paragraph that was read in Spanish before that will become 5bis (ter). This paragraph then will make reference to the agreement that we heard in paragraph 5bis, that was the agreement reached in Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

The English would then read and I will read it slowly:

“The view was expressed that in order for that agreement to be implemented the participation and effective implementation by the ITU were necessary. For that purpose, the relationship between the ITU and the Committee should become closer and organized in a manner such that agreements reached in the Committee could be carried out effectively.”

Should I read it one more time?

I will read it one more time.

“The view was expressed that in order for that agreement to be implemented the participation and effective implementation by the ITU were necessary. For that purpose, the relationship between the ITU and the Committee should become closer and organized in a manner such that agreements reached in the Committee could be carried out effectively or efficiently.”

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much Mr. Camacho for this contribution.

Any comments?

Colombia. You have the floor Colombia.

Mr. C. AREVALO YEPES (Colombia) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Yes, thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I would like to particularly thank the Director of the Office, Dr. Camacho, for this translation into English. It does, indeed, in conformity with the Spanish original. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much distinguished representative of Colombia.

Any comments?

Can we approve paragraph 5ter?

It is adopted.

We come back to paragraph 44 for consideration and adoption.

Any delegations wishing to comment on paragraph 44?

India. India, you have the floor.

Mr. R. LOCHAN (India): Thank you Mr. Chairman. At the end of the first line of paragraph 44, just to make it more clear, the last sentence reads “were provided from voluntary funds assigned in advance and not from the Regular Budget”. I propose that a phrase be added “not from the Regular Budget or from the United Nations”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: This seems very wise. So not from the Regular Budget of the United Nations.

Are there any more comments on paragraph 44 apart from this contribution by the Indian delegation?

So we can adopt it as amended.

It is adopted.

Paragraph 45.

Algeria. Algeria, you have the floor.

Mr. _____ (?) (Algeria) (*interpretation from French*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. To avoid duplication with the latter part of paragraph 48, I suggest modifying paragraph 45 in the following manner. I am reading from the French text, in the fifth line, I am sorry fourth line, “functions such as” add “coordination of disaster management, consideration of matters relating to space debris” and then say “other delegations”. And in that way we can delete the latter part of paragraph 48.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN (*interpretation from French*): I do not have the French text in front of me.

(*Continued in English*) You have understood the proposal by the Algerian delegation?

Ukraine. Ukraine, you have the floor.

Ms. M. OUZEROUHANL (?) (Ukraine) (*interpretation from Russian*): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On paragraph 45. This is a merger of the opinions expressed by two delegations, as we recall, Kazakhstan and this delegation, Ukraine. They were not identical though. What we suggest is first of all splitting this paragraph into two paragraphs thus introduce 45bis after the words “and other issues of a global character.” This would be the end of paragraph

45 after “of a global character” and then *45bis* to say “the view was expressed that the matter of setting up a specialized outer space agency requires a profound study. In any case, to set up such an agency or setting up such an agency would take time and the question of an appropriate Supervisory Authority was more pressing.” So the latter part of the last sentence is retained.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN: Could you please repeat (*continued in French*) your proposal distinguished representative of Ukraine?

Ms. N. MALYSHEVA (Ukraine) (*interpretation from Russian*): Yes, of course. We suggest splitting paragraph 45 into two paragraphs, and by the way, paragraph 45 should start with the words “the view was expressed” instead of “some delegations expressed the view” because this was the view of the delegation of Kazakhstan, as we recall. So “the view was expressed” up to “and other issues of a global character”, the end of the long first sentence, then period. Then *45bis* “the view was expressed that the matter of establishing a specialized outer space agency required a profound study. In any case, the establishment of such an agency would take time” and it continues as it now stands “would take time and that the question” and so forth through the end of the paragraph.

Is this clear?

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much distinguished representative of Ukraine.

(*Continued in French*) I now I have to ask Algeria, any comments?

(*Continued in English*) ... with the text that was proposed by Ukraine because of the fact that paragraph 45 refers to the opinions as expressed by Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

So may we take that paragraph 45 is adopted with amended version proposed by Ukraine?

It is adopted.

We have a *45bis*, also proposed by Ukraine, and we can adopt it.

It is adopted.

So we move now to paragraph 46.

Adopted.

Paragraph 47.

Greece.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is the view of some delegations. It is not of one delegation, “some delegations expressed the view that”, given the complex. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot put my hand on the file seeing that it is true.

Mr. V. CASSAPOGLOU (Greece): Excuse me for history this view was expressed then by me three or four years ago and then was also repeated by our distinguished colleague, Professor Kolosov, and if I am not wrong also from two or three other delegations. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. We accept this proposal to paragraph 46.

Approved.

Paragraph 47.

Approved.

Paragraph 48.

Ukraine, you have the floor.

Ms. N. MALYSHEVA (Ukraine) (*interpretation from Russian*): Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. We also suggest that this paragraph should be broken into two parts because in the first part where the view was expressed by some delegations and then we could say about a number of delegations because there is no consensus on the United Nations assuming the role of Supervisory Authority and attention should be given to an alternative opinions of many delegations. In the second part, this is also a private opinion and what read here “the view was expressed” in *48bis*.

The CHAIRMAN: I see your point but I want to ask the Algerian delegation to take the floor for clarification.

Mr. M. DUZPROUHANE (Algeria)
(interpretation from French): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, we would like to see the first part to be kept as is a new paragraph. The second part we wanted to have it deleted but given that our proposal for 45 not being maintained, we are suggesting that we would read “given”, *inter alia*, the question of the Supervisory Authority and the examination of the possibility of setting up an international agency or entity which would be in charge of managing natural disasters, it is appropriate carefully to examine the status of the Committee including its development towards a specialized agency.

The CHAIRMAN: I have been informed that our time is quite exhausted so we may perhaps stop now our session and come back to our afternoon session at 3.00 p.m. and I suggest that the Algerian delegation provide us with the text of the proposed language for paragraph 48. Thank you very much.

The meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 13.20 p.m.