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Programme of Meetings and Agenda for Thursday, 21 June 2018

10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

740th meeting

M Plenary

Agenda Item

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UNISPACE+50 high-level segment

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3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

741st meeting

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

738th MEETING

Opening of the session [1]

The session was opened at its 738th meeting.

Adoption of the agenda [2]

The provisional agenda (A/AC.105/L.312) was adopted.



Election of the officers [3]

Ms. Rosa María del Refugio Ramírez de Arellano y Haro of Mexico and Mr. André João Ryppl of Brazil were elected as the Chair of the Committee, for the years 2018 and 2019, respectively. Mr. Thomas Djamaluddin of Indonesia was elected to the office of First Vice-Chair of the Committee and Ms. Keren Shahar Ben-Ami of Israel was elected to the office of Second Vice-Chair/Rapporteur of the Committee for the period 2018-2019.

UNISPACE+50 high-level segment [4]

During the opening of the high-level segment, video message and statements were delivered by Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria, Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo, Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

In addition, there was a donation ceremony of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals flag flown to the International Space Station by Mr. Paolo Nespoli, Astronaut of the European Space Agency and Mr. Johann-Dietrich Jan Wörner, Director General of the European Space Agency, and the unveiling of the UNISPACE+50 stamps by Mr. Scott Kelly, United Nations Champion for Space.

The resolution entitled “Fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: space as a driver of sustainable development” was endorsed, as contained in document A/AC.105/L.313.

Statements were also delivered by representatives of Iraq on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Bolivia (Plurinational State of) on behalf of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group, the European Union, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

739th MEETING

UNISPACE+50 high-level segment [4]

The Committee continued hearing statements delivered by representatives of Canada, China, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Nigeria, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

During the high-level segment, an in flight call was held by six astronauts and cosmonauts presently on board the International Space Station.