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**Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space  
Scientific and Technical Subcommittee  
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## Draft report

### Annex I

#### Report of the Working Group of the Whole

1. In accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its sixty-first session, reconvened its Working Group of the Whole.
2. From 30 January to 8 February 2024, the Working Group held nine meetings, with Prakash Chauhan (India) as Chair and Ajimandiram K. Nair Anilkumar (India) as Acting Chair.
3. The Working Group considered the following items:
  - (a) Space for sustainable development: technology and its applications, including the United Nations Programme on Space Applications;
  - (b) Future role and method of work of the Committee;
  - (c) Draft provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.
4. The Working Group noted that the zero draft of the Pact for the Future was issued on 26 January 2024 by the co-facilitators of the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future, appointed by the President of the General Assembly, and that the zero draft contained section 5.10, on outer space (paras. 145–148 of the zero draft) as part its chapter 5, entitled “Transforming global governance”. The Working Group also noted that information on the preparatory process for the Summit of the Future was contained in the letters of the co-facilitators dated 26 January 2024.
5. The Working Group recalled that at its sixty-sixth session, the Committee requested the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee to consider at its sixty-first session, under the item entitled “Future role and method of work of the Committee”, the scope, duration and title of an agenda item related to dark and quiet skies and large constellations, with a view to recommending the item to the Committee, at its sixty-seventh session, for inclusion on the agenda of the Subcommittee.



6. The Working Group agreed that the title of the agenda item would be “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges”.
7. At its 8th meeting, on 7 February, the Working Group agreed on the following proposed actions to be taken by the Subcommittee:
  - [(a) Agree to recommend to the Committee that the item entitled “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges” should be included on the agenda of the Subcommittee for its sessions to be held in 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 as a single issue/item for discussion;]
  - [(b) Also agree that the Subcommittee would decide, at its sixty-sixth session, in 2029, whether the item was to be retained on the agenda of its future sessions;]
  - [(c) Note that the scope of the agenda item “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges” was to be closely linked to its title and be determined according to what States considered relevant to this item.]
8. The Working Group had before it the conference room paper on a consultation mechanism for lunar activities, submitted by the delegation of Romania (A/AC.105/C.1/2024/CRP.30).
9. The Working Group of the Whole noted that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 78/72, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee would submit to the Committee its proposal for the draft provisional agenda for the sixty-second session of the Subcommittee, to be held in 2025.
10. The Working Group considered the list of substantive items contained in the provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/C.1/L.412) and recommended that the same substantive items should be considered at the sixty-second session of the Subcommittee, to be held in 2025, with the addition of an item entitled “Dark and quiet skies, astronomy and large constellations: addressing emerging issues and challenges”.
11. The Working Group noted that, in accordance with the agreement reached by the Subcommittee at its forty-fourth session, in 2007 (A/AC.105/890, annex I, para. 24), the International Astronautical Federation would organize a symposium to be held at the sixty-second session of the Subcommittee. The Working Group agreed that the topic of the 2025 symposium should be “Space for climate action”.
12. At its [...] meeting, on [...] February, the Working Group adopted the present report.