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2260 (XXII). Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2222 (XXI) and 2223 (XXI) of 19 December 1966,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,²

Noting that the first decade of man's activities in outer space, inaugurated by the launching of the first artificial earth satellite, has opened up the prospect of a wider utilization of outer space for the benefit of all peoples,

Welcoming the recent entry into force of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,³

Considering that the exploration and use of outer space contribute to the acceleration of progress in many fields of science and technology having immediate practical significance for all countries,

Reaffirming the general interest of mankind in the further exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Convinced that the widest possible co-operation in the exploration and use of outer space can be an important contributing factor to friendly relations among States,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. *Calls upon* those countries which have not signed the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, to accede to the Treaty so that it can have the broadest possible effect;

3. *Commends* the space programmes in effect between many Member States and recommends such programmes to the attention of other States;

4. *Welcomes* the efforts of a number of Member States to keep the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space fully informed of their activities and notes in particular the report presented by the Government of India entitled "Satellite communications: an Indian study";⁴

¹ See also resolution 2345 (XXII).

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/6804.

³ General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

⁴ See A/AC.105/36.

5. *Approves* the continuing sponsorship by the United Nations of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station and recommends that Member States give consideration to the use of these facilities for appropriate space research activities;

6. *Endorses* the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to appoint a small group of scientists to visit the sounding rocket station near Mar del Plata, Argentina, when it is operative, in order to advise the Committee on the station's eligibility for United Nations sponsorship in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Working Group of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on a navigation services satellite system⁵ and endorses the suggestion that the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, as well as other specialized agencies and interested international governmental and non-governmental organizations, should continue to study the requirements for potential applications for navigation services satellite systems in their areas of competence and make their reports on this subject available to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

8. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work of the specialized agencies in the field of outer space, in particular the World Weather Watch programme of the World Meteorological Organization and the progress made by the International Telecommunication Union in the study of technical problems and the technical assistance rendered by that agency during the planning and testing of the Experimental Satellite Communications Earth Station at Ahmedabad, India, and invites these organizations to make progress reports to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in 1968;

9. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in the further progressive development of the law of outer space, to continue with a sense of urgency its work on the elaboration of an agreement on liability for damage caused by the launching of objects into outer space and an agreement on assistance to and return of astronauts and space vehicles, and to pursue actively its work on questions relative to the definition of outer space and the utilization of outer space and celestial bodies, including the various implications of space communications;

10. *Urges* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its activities aimed at increasing the exchange of information in matters relating to outer space and calls upon all Member States to co-operate fully in this endeavour;

11. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to start at its next session the serious consideration of the suggestions and views regarding education and training in the field of the exploration and peaceful uses of outer space expressed in the General Assembly and in the Committee;

12. *Urges* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to consider further the question of the applications of satellite technology which would create benefits for mankind through their implementation on an international basis;

13. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to study the technical feasibility of communications by direct broadcasts from satellites and the current and foreseeable developments in this field, as well as the implications of such developments;

14. *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work as set out in the present resolution and in previous General Assembly resolutions and to report to the Assembly at its twenty-third session.

*1594th plenary meeting,
3 November 1967.*

2261 (XXII). United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space⁶

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2221 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 and 2250 (S-V) of 23 May 1967, by which it was decided to hold a United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at Vienna from 14 to 27 August 1968,

Recalling further its endorsement of the objectives of the Conference, which shall be to examine the practical benefits of space programmes on the basis of scientific and technical achievements, and the opportunities available to non-space Powers for international co-operation in space activities, with special reference to the needs of the developing countries,

Reaffirming its belief that it is in the interest of all countries, and of the developing countries in particular, that knowledge and understanding of the achievements of space science and technology should be more widely disseminated and that the practical applications of space technology should be actively promoted,

Believing that the success of the Conference will best be ensured if there is effective participation therein,

Believing further that the widest possible participation in the Conference by the developing countries is highly desirable,

1. *Expresses the hope*, therefore, that all those invited to the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space under General Assembly resolution 2221 (XXI) will accept the invitation;

2. *Calls upon* all participating States to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Conference by the fullest possible achievement of its objectives as set forth in resolution 2221 (XXI);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the panel of experts within its terms of reference⁷ and in co-operation with the interested specialized agencies, to continue to make the necessary organizational and administrative arrangements for the Conference, within the ceiling of expenditure established for it, and to take appropriate steps to secure the widest publicity for the Conference.

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⁶ See also resolution 2345 (XXII).

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda items 30, 89 and 91, document A/6431, paras. 12 and 16.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 32, document A/6804, annex IV.