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## **THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE EXPLORATION AND PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE**

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### **Report of Committee I**

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#### **I. Introduction**

##### **A. Establishment of Committee I and election of officers**

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 19 July 1999, the Conference established Committee I and elected the following officers of Committee I:

<i>Chairman:</i>	Dietrich Rex (Germany)
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Alexander V. Yakovenko (Russian Federation)
<i>Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur:</i>	R. A. Boroffice (Nigeria)

##### **B. Programme of work**

2. The Conference allocated to Committee I the consideration of agenda items 7, 9, 10 and 12.
3. The Conference requested that Committee I, in its consideration of agenda items 7, 9, 10 and 12, consider and approve chapter IV, sections A.1, D, E, F and H, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2).

#### **II. Proceedings of Committee I**

##### **A. Opening meeting**

4. At the 1st meeting of Committee I, on 21 July, the Chairman of Committee I made an opening statement.

## **B. Organization of work**

5. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee I to the rules of procedure of the Conference and made further proposals on the procedures and schedule of work of the Committee. In adopting its indicative schedule of work, Committee I agreed to exercise flexibility in the consideration of the items on its agenda.
6. The Committee held a total of 14 meetings, from 21 to 29 July 1999.

## **III. Status of the scientific knowledge of Earth and its environment (agenda item 7)**

7. Committee I began its consideration of agenda item 7 at its 1st meeting, on 21 July.
8. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee I to chapter IV, section A.1, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2), which had been forwarded by the Preparatory Committee to the Conference for consideration.
9. General remarks on agenda item 7 were made by the representatives of Brazil, Italy and the Republic of Korea and by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization.
10. Committee I considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter IV, section A.1, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee I, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat (see the annex to the present report).
11. Committee I also considered proposals received from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 7. After Committee I had reached agreement on some of the proposals, they were incorporated into the draft report of the Conference.

## **IV. Benefits of basic space science and capacity-building (agenda item 9)**

12. Committee I began its consideration of agenda item 9 at its 1st meeting, on 21 July.
13. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee I to chapter IV, sections D and E, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2), which had been forwarded by the Preparatory Committee to the Conference for consideration.
14. At the 8th meeting of Committee I, on 26 July, a presentation was made on the deliberations of the Space Generation Forum.
15. Committee I considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter IV, sections D and E, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee I, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat (see the annex to the present report).
16. Committee I also considered proposals from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 9. After Committee I had reached agreement on some of the proposals, they were incorporated into the draft report of the Conference.

## **V. Information needs and the global approach (agenda item 10)**

17. Committee I began its consideration of agenda item 10 at its 1st meeting, on 21 July.
18. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee I to chapter IV, section F, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2), which had been forwarded by the Preparatory Committee to the Conference for consideration.
19. The representatives of Brazil and Italy made general remarks on agenda item 10.
20. Committee I considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter IV, section F, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee I, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat (see the annex to the present report).
21. Committee I also considered proposals received from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 10. After Committee I had reached agreement on some of the proposals, they were incorporated into the draft report of the Conference.

## **VI. Promotion of international cooperation (agenda item 12)**

22. Committee I began its consideration of agenda item 12 at its 2nd meeting, on 21 July.
23. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee I to chapter IV, section H, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2), which had been forwarded by the Preparatory Committee to the Conference for consideration.
24. General remarks on agenda item 12 were made by the representatives of Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, France and Italy and by the representative of the European Space Agency.
25. Committee I considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter IV, section H, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee I, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat (see the annex to the present report).
26. Committee I also considered proposals from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 12. After Committee I had reached agreement on some of the proposals, they were incorporated into the draft report of the Conference.

## **VII. Conclusion**

27. At its 8th meeting, on 26 July, Committee I decided to refer paragraph 338 of the draft report to the Plenary for consideration.
28. At its 9th meeting, on 27 July, Committee I forwarded to the Plenary a recommendation to amend section II, subsection H, of the summary of the draft report.
29. At its 12th meeting, on 28 July, Committee I decided to recommend to the Plenary that all recommendations of the Space Generation Forum to the Conference (A/CONF.184/C.1/L.11 and Corr.1) be annexed to the report of the Conference.
30. At its 14th meeting, on 29 July, Committee I adopted the present report and concluded its work.
31. Committee I recommends to the Plenary the adoption of chapter IV, sections A.1, D, E, F and H, of the draft report of the Conference as amended (see the annex to the present report).