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Report of Committee II

Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur: Carlos José Prazeres Campelo (Brazil)

I. Introduction

A. Establishment of Committee II and election of officers

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

<i>Chairman:</i>	Shunji Murai (Japan)
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Vladimír Kopal (Czech Republic)
<i>Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur:</i>	Luiz Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil)

B. Programme of work

2. The Conference allocated the consideration of agenda items 8 and 11 to Committee II.

3. The Conference requested that Committee II, in its consideration of agenda items 8 and 11, consider and approve chapter II, sections A.2, B, C and G, of the summary, and chapter IV, sections A.2, B, C and G, of the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.184/3 and Corr.1 and 2).

II. Proceedings of Committee II

A. Opening meeting

4. At the 1st meeting of Committee II, on 20 July, the Chairman of Committee II made an opening statement.

B. Organization of work

5. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee II 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 II agreed to exercise flexibility in the consideration of the items on its agenda.
6. At the 9th meeting, the Chairman informed Committee II that Luiz Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil) could not complete his term of office and that the Plenary had agreed that Carlos José Prazeres Campelo (Brazil) would replace him as Vice-Chairman/Rapporteur of Committee II for the remainder of his term of office.
7. The Committee held a total of 12 meetings, on 20 to 29 July 1999.

III. Status and applications of space science and technology (agenda item 8)

8. Committee II began its consideration of agenda item 8 at its 1st meeting, on 20 July.
9. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee II to chapter II, sections A.2, B and C, of the summary and to chapter IV, sections A.2, B and C, 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.
10. General remarks on agenda item 8 were made by the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan and the Republic of Korea.
11. Committee II considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter II, sections A.2, B and C, of the summary and to chapter IV, sections A.2, B and C, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee II, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat.
12. Committee II also considered proposals received from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 8. After Committee II had analysed those proposals, it reworded, accepted and incorporated some of them into the draft report of the Conference.

IV. Economic and societal benefits (agenda item 11)

13. Committee II began its consideration of agenda item 11 at its 5th meeting, on 23 July.
14. The Chairman drew the attention of Committee II to chapter II, section G, of the summary and to chapter IV, section G, 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.
15. General remarks on agenda item 11 were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Italy.
16. Committee II considered, paragraph by paragraph, chapter II, section G, of the summary and chapter IV, section G, of the draft report of the Conference and provided detailed comments for finalizing the text. On the basis of the comments made by Committee II, a revised text was prepared by the executive secretariat.

17. Committee II also considered proposals received from the Technical Forum relating to agenda item 11. After Committee II had analysed those proposals, it reworded, accepted and incorporated some of them into the draft report of the Conference.

V. Conclusion

18. At its 12th meeting, on 29 July, Committee II adopted the present report and concluded its work.

19. Committee II recommends to the Plenary the adoption of chapter II, sections A.2, B, C and G, of the summary and chapter IV, sections A.2, B, C and G, of the draft report of the Conference as amended by Committee II (A/CONF.184/C.2/L.13 and Add.1-5).
