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33/5. Effects of atomic radiation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 913 (X) of 3 December 1955, by which it established the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and its subsequent resolutions on the subject, including resolution 32/6 of 31 October 1977,

Reaffirming the desirability of the Scientific Com-

mittee continuing its work,

Concerned about the potentially harmful effects on present and future generations resulting from the levels of radiation to which man is exposed,

Conscious of the continued need for compiling information about atomic radiation and for analysing its effects on man and his environment,

Noting the intention of the Scientific Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report reviewing the dose-response relation at low doses of radiation, genetic effects of radiation,

¹ For the decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political Committee, see sect. X.B.3.

synergism between radiation and other environmental agents, non-stochastic effects of radiation, sources of radiation and the corresponding human exposures and analyses of the models for assessing radiation dose,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;²

2. *Commends* the Scientific Committee for the valuable contribution it has made since its inception to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation;

3. *Requests* the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important co-ordination activities, to increase knowledge of the levels and effects of atomic radiation from all sources;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the continued and growing scientific co-operation between the Scientific Committee and the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the Scientific Committee's work and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance rendered to the Scientific Committee by Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and non-governmental organizations and invites them to increase their co-operation in this field;

7. *Requests* all Member States and the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue to supply to the Scientific Committee further data relevant to its work with a view to facilitating the preparation of its report.

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33/16. International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/196 A of 20 December 1977,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on its twenty-first session,³

Reaffirming the common interest of mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes and in continuing efforts to extend to all States the benefits derived therefrom, as well as the importance of international co-operation in this field, for which the United Nations should continue to provide a focal point,

Welcoming the successful completion of the three recent international outer space missions with participation for the first time in the peaceful exploration of outer space by the cosmonauts from Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Poland together with the cosmonauts from the Union of

Soviet Socialist Republics within the "Intercosmos" programme of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space,

Reaffirming the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

Recalling its resolution 32/195 of 20 December 1977 concerning the tenth anniversary of the 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,⁴

1. *Endorses* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. *Invites* States which have not yet become parties to international treaties regulating the peaceful uses of outer space to give consideration to ratifying or acceding to those international agreements;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its seventeenth session continued:

(a) Its efforts to elaborate draft principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting;

(b) Its efforts to formulate draft principles relating to the legal implications of remote sensing of the earth from space;

(c) Its efforts to complete the draft treaty relating to the moon;

(d) Its discussion of matters relating to the definition and/or delimitation of outer space and outer space activities, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, questions relating to the geostationary orbit;

4. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Legal Sub-Committee at its eighteenth session should:

(a) Continue, as matters of priority:

(i) Its efforts to complete the elaboration of draft principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting;

(ii) Its detailed consideration of the legal implications of remote sensing of the earth from space, with the aim of formulating draft principles;

(iii) Its efforts to complete the draft treaty relating to the moon;

(b) Continue to discuss matters relating to the definition and/or delimitation of outer space and outer space activities, bearing in mind, *inter alia*, questions relating to the geostationary orbit;

(c) Include in its agenda an item entitled "Other matters";

5. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fifteenth session:

(a) Continued to consider in detail both the current pre-operational/experimental phase and a possible future global/international operational phase of remote sensing of the earth from space;

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 53, document A/33/103.

³ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/33/20).

⁴ Resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.