If no objections to the report are communicated to the Secretariat within two or three days, the additional report will be distributed to all Members of the General Assembly. By this method we should avoid another meeting to discuss the report. This method has been applied in several instances.

Mr. FAHMY (United Arab Republic): From the Chairman's statement, I take it that he does not intend to convene the Committee to approve the report, or even to listen to the report read out by the Rapporteur.

Before I proceed any further, I should like to be clear about whether that is really the Chairman's and the Committee's intention.

The CHAIRMAN: I am in the hands of the Committee. My only thought was that we had in the past adopted this procedure to avoid another meeting and that it could be followed this time as well. However, the Committee has heard the remarks of the representative of the United Arab Republic, from which I gather that he would prefer that the Committee should have another meeting in order to discuss the report.

Mr. FLIMPTON (United States of America): I would assume that since our proceedings today have been fairly brief the Rapporteur has a rather clear idea of what a short factual report should contain. I wonder if he would be prepared to give us at least a rough sketch, verbally, of what the report would contain. That might save another meeting and circulation of a draft report.

The CHAIRMAN: I now call on the Rapporteur.

Mr. DE CARVALHO SILOS (Brazil), Rapporteur: My intention as Rapporteur is to make a factual, objective report. In the first two paragraphs the date of our meeting and the names of the officers of the Committee would be given. The third paragraph would reproduce the agenda. The fourth paragraph would summarize the statement made by our Chairman this morning. The fifth and sixth paragraphs would read as follows:

"In the course of the general debate, statements were made by the representatives of . . . [and here we shall list the names of the delegations which took part in the debate].

"The verbatim text of these statements, including the reservations of several delegations, is reproduced in the annex to the present report.

"At its 24th meeting, on 22 November 1963, the Committee unanimously decided to submit to the General Assembly the following draft declaration of legal principles governing the activities of States in the exploration and use of outer space, recognizing that the draft declaration represents the maximum area of agreement possible at this time."

That is the report which I have the intention of submitting to the General Assembly.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee has heard the statement of the Rapporteur. If I hear no objections, I shall take it that the proposed text of the report is acceptable to the Committee.

Mr. FAHMY (United Arab Republic): I have no objection to the form in which the Rapporteur proposes to draft the report of the Committee. However, before this meeting is adjourned, I should like to make the following reservation.

The silence of the delegation of the United Arab Republic should not be construed as acquiescence, but, rather, as a full reservation concerning the contents of the draft report which the Rapporteur will submit to the General Assembly and on which my delegation will make the position of its Government clear when the report is taken up in the General Assembly under the item relating to international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

The CHAIRMAN: This reservation made by the representative of the United Arab Republic will be included in the verbatim record and will therefore be part of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

Mr. COOK (Australia): I have a comment in relation to the proposed paragraph 5, the second sentence of which, I think, the Rapporteur read out, as follows: "The verbatim text of these statements, including the reservations of several delegations . . ." I am not sure if that is meant to include what the Australian delegation said. If it is, I think we would prefer something like: "The verbatim text of these statements setting out the viewpoints of several delegations is reproduced in the annex . . .".

The CHAIRMAN: The representative of Australia has made a suggestion. I wonder whether the Rapporteur could accept this change of the word "reservations" to be replaced by the word "viewpoints".

Mr. DE CARVALHO SILOS (Brazil), Rapporteur: I do not think I would be in a position to accept this proposal because the inclusion of this word "reservations" reflects actually what happened. But I think I could make a compromise, and add the words "and viewpoints of several delegations".

The CHAIRMAN: Is this acceptable to the representative of Australia? I see that he accepts it.

If the Chair does not hear any further comments, I will take it that the Committee has accepted the procedure as to how we shall produce the additional report to the Assembly. I repeat, if the Secretariat does not receive any objections to the text—because only the last paragraph was read out, the four other paragraphs have not been read out—within two or three days, this additional report will be considered as agreed, and circulated to the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 12.55 p.m.

**DOCUMENT A/C.5/1002**

Financial implications of draft resolution II submitted by the First Committee in document A/5656

Note by the Secretary-General

[Original text: English] [6 December 1963]

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 of section II of draft resolution II submitted by the First Committee in its report (A/5656, para. 9), the General Assembly would endorse the recommendations in chapter II of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/5549), and in operative paragraph 2 (e) would welcome the establishment, at the request of the Government of India, of a group of six scientists to visit the sounding rocket launching facility at Thumba and to advise the Committee on its eligibility for United Nations sponsorship in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 1802 (XVII).

2. The First Committee was informed, in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, that the adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly would give rise to additional expenditure estimated at $12,800 for the travel and related expenses of the six scientists from the capitals of their home countries (Argentina, Brazil,
Japan, Sweden, the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) to New Delhi and return, and of one staff member from Headquarters to accompany the group.

3. If the draft resolution is adopted, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to meet the above costs out of the total appropriations for 1964 under section 3 (Salaries and wages), chapter III (Other temporary assistance), items iv (Individual experts and consultants), and under section 5 (Travel of staff), chapter II (Travel of staff on other official business).

4. By section V of the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee the General Assembly would request the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work as set forth in General Assembly resolutions 1472 (XIV), 1721 (XVI) and 1802 (XVII) and to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session on the activities of the Committee.

5. Provision has already been made in the 1964 budget estimates, under section 2 (Special meetings and Conferences) and section 3, for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its two sub-committees to continue their work.

DOCUMENT A/5648

Financial implications of draft resolution II submitted by the First Committee in document A/5656

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[Original text: English]
[9 December 1963]

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/1002) containing a statement of the financial implications of draft resolution II submitted by the First Committee in its report (A/5656, para. 9).

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 (e) of section II of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would welcome the decision of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to undertake the establishment, at the request of the Government of India, of a group of six scientists to visit the sounding rocket launching facility at Thumba in the State of Kerala, India, and to advise the Committee on its eligibility for United Nations sponsorship in accordance with the basic principles endorsed by the Assembly in resolution 1802 (XVII).

3. The Secretary-General indicates that the implementation of this particular decision would give rise to additional expenditure estimated at $12,800 for the travel and related expenses of the six scientists from the capitals of their home countries (Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Sweden, the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), to New Delhi and return, and of one staff member from Headquarters to accompany the group, but that it would be his intention to meet the above costs from within the total appropriations for 1964 under section 3 (Salaries and wages), chapter III (Other temporary assistance), and section 5 (Travel of staff), chapter II (Travel of staff on other official business).

4. Under section V of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work and to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session. This, however, would not entail any additional expenditures since provision has already been made under section 2 (Special meetings and conferences) and section 3 of the 1964 budget estimates for the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its two sub-committees to continue their work.

5. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee should inform the General Assembly that adoption of the draft resolution approved by the First Committee would give rise to additional expenditure estimated at $12,800, it being understood that the Secretary-General would meet such expenses from within the credits available in 1964 under section 3, chapter III, and section 5, chapter II, of the 1964 budget estimates.

DOCUMENT A/5656

Report of the First Committee

[Original text: English and Spanish]
[10 December 1963]

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 and 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, the item "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" was included in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.

2. At its 153rd and 154th meetings, on 18 September 1963, the General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda as item 28 and its allocation to the First Committee, and approved the recommendation of the Secretary-General that chapter VII, section IV—entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space"—of the report of the Economic and Social Council (agenda item 12) should be considered by the First Committee. It agreed, on the proposal of the representative of the United States, that item 28 and the relevant portion of item 12 should be merged under the title "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space", becoming sub-items (a) and (b) respectively.