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space and global governance: current and future
perspectives” (A/AC.105/C.2/L.310) received during the
fifty-eighth session of the Legal Subcommittee from
delegations of States members of the Committee on the
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Japan

Para.52

Requested edit: After the “Launching State”, in the line 3, the Working Group on the Practice of States and International Organizations in Registering Space Objects” (line 4–5) should come before the Working Group on National Legislation (line 3–4).

Reason: The Working Group on enhancing registration was established before that of national legislation. More importantly, in the same para. 52, outcomes written in (a)-(c) correspond to the outcome of the each Working Group, and (b) refers to enhancing registration practices and (c) refers to national legislation. Thus, for the sake of consistency, the change of the order of the two Working Group is preferable.

Para. 52 (c)

Requested edit: after the (A/AC.105/C.2/101), add “and in General Assembly Resolution 68/74 entitled “Recommendations on national legislation relevant to the peaceful exploration and use of outer space”.



Reason: consistency with (a) and (b) as well as the benefit for the readers who might want to refer to the GA Resolution itself.

Para. 53.

The possibility of the error from line 2 to 4. The results of the first three working groups mentioned above are referenced not in section II, but in Section III.

Requested edit: Thus, “The result of the first three working groups mentioned above are referenced under the respective heading under the present section (entitled “Work done by the Legal Subcommittee related to the operation of space activities”). Within the bracket may not be needed.

Paras. 55–57

And under Section III., Japan is of the view that subsection B. would be moved to C and C would be placed as B from the consistency point of view of para. 52 (a)-(d).

Para. 62.

Requested edit. After “main agreement.” (line 3), add “More information on mechanisms for international cooperation can be retrieved from the Report of the Working Group on the Review of International Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space on the work conducted under its multi-year workplan ([A/AC.105/C.2/112](#)).

(This sentence corresponds to para. 30.)
