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LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTY-NINTH MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York
on Tuesday, 6 October 1964, at 10.55 a.m.

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PRESENT:Chairman:

Mr. LACHS (Poland)

Members:

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Miss CHEN Secretary of the Sub-Committee

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN said that, in the light of the informal consultations which he had held with members of the Sub-Committee regarding the organization of work, it seemed to him that it would be best for the Sub-Committee to follow the procedure which it had adopted at its previous session and to divide into two Working Groups: one dealing with assistance to and return of astronauts and space craft and the other dealing with liability for damage caused by objects launched into outer space. As it was unlikely that the Sub-Committee would be able to reach agreement at its present session on Conventions regarding both subjects, he considered that it would be best to concentrate on the drafting of a Convention on the less complicated and less controversial of the two subjects, which was that of assistance to and return of astronauts and space craft.

He therefore suggested that the two Working Groups should hold two meetings each in the present week, but that in the following week the Working Group on Assistance should hold two meetings for every meeting of the Working Group on Liability. It went without saying that he himself had no desire arbitrarily to favour one of the Working Groups over the other but he was sure that the procedure which he had suggested would give the most positive results. If he heard no objections, he would assume that the Sub-Committee agreed to that procedure.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.5 a.m.