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## Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

### Questions on the definition and delimitation of outer space: replies from Member States

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## I. Introduction

1. At the forty-fifth session of the Legal Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, in 2006, the Working Group on Matters Relating to the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space agreed to address to Member States the following questions:

(a) Does your Government consider it necessary to define outer space and/or to delimit airspace and outer space, given the current level of space and aviation activities and technological development in space and aviation technologies? Please provide a justification for the answer; or

(b) Does your Government consider another approach to solving this issue? Please provide a justification for the answer (A/AC.105/871, annex II, para. 7 (f)).

2. At the forty-ninth session of the Subcommittee, in 2010, the Working Group agreed to address to the Governments of Member States the following additional question:

(c) Does your Government give consideration to the possibility of defining a lower limit of outer space and/or an upper limit of airspace, recognizing at the same time the possibility of enacting special international or national legislation relating to a mission carried out by an object in both airspace and outer space? (A/AC.105/942, annex II, para. 11 (c)).

3. Also at the forty-ninth session, the Working Group invited Member States to submit their replies to the above questions (A/AC.105/942, annex II, para. 11 (b) and (c)).

## II. Replies received from Member States

### Algeria

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As a developing country, Algeria has a special interest in the definition and delimitation of outer space and in the nature and rational and equitable use of geostationary orbit. It was in that connection that Algeria, through its Ambassador to the United Nations (Vienna), chaired the Working Group on the Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space in 2003.

## Denmark

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[8 December 2010]

*Questions (a) and (b).* The position of Denmark has not changed since the reply submitted for the report of 21 January 2008.<sup>1</sup> Although the Government of Denmark acknowledges the importance of the subject, it does not consider it necessary to define outer space and/or delimit airspace and outer space at present. The subject is being kept under close review as it is still under discussion at the national and European levels.

*Question (c).* The Government of Denmark gives consideration to the possibility of defining a lower limit of outer space and/or an upper limit of airspace, in relation to a possible mission carried out by an object in both airspace and outer space. However, it does not consider the matter to be happening soon.

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<sup>1</sup> A/AC.105/889/Add.1.