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Text of Statement made by the Canadian Representative, Mr. Hugh Faulkner, M.P., in the First Committee on the Draft Resolution on the Outer Space Conference, on Oct. 26, 1967 (Item No. 32).

I have the honour today to introduce a draft Resolution in Document A/C.1/L.403 which is co-sponsored by the delegations of Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, India, Iran, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Poland, Sierra Leone, United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia.

In introducing this draft resolution on the Outer Space Conference scheduled to take place in Vienna from August 14 to August 27, 1968, my delegation considers that it is useful to recall that thematic sessions at the Conference will be devoted to a wide and varied number of subjects. Without going into too much detail it may be appropriate to mention the main themes briefly and to stress that the papers to be presented at the Conference are expected to be meaningful to both scientists and non-scientists concerned with the welfare of their peoples in many fields. The main themes of the Conference as already endorsed by the General Assembly are:

- I. Communications,
- II. Meteorology,
- III. Navigation,
- IV. Outer space techniques of practical benefit,
- V. Biology and medicine,
- VI. Non-space applications of space technology,
- VII. Education and training,
- VIII. International co-operation and opportunities for participation in space research and application,
- IX. Economic, legal and social problems of exploration and use of outer space relevant to international co-operation and practical benefits.

A number of delegations have already remarked on the direct relevance of communications and meteorological satellites to the needs of developing countries, and that so-called "spin-off" from space technology is having an ever-increasing impact. We are hopeful that the Conference can do much to point the way to how developing countries can apply this new knowledge and increasing technological