

(Mr. Onkelinx, Belgium)

The question of the prevention of an arms race in outer space formed the subject of a useful debate at the last session of the General Assembly. Belgium, which was a co-sponsor of resolution 36/97 C, therefore hopes that the Committee on Disarmament will take up that question at the present session, bearing in mind its current priorities. At this stage we feel that the holding of informal meetings of the Committee attended by experts might facilitate a first examination of the problem as a whole, subject to the eventual setting up of an ad hoc group of experts similar to the one set up for the detection and identification of seismic events.

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(Mr. Strucka, Czechoslovakia)

3. The prevention of the proliferation of the arms race in new spaces explored by man
- (a) The conclusion of a treaty on the prohibition of the stationing of weapons of any kind in outer space.
  - (b) Further measures to prevent the conversion of outer space into a sphere of military confrontation.
  - (c) Further measures to prevent an arms race on the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof.
  - (d) Further measures on the inadmissibility of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques.

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(Mr. De La Gorce, France)

There are two new items on our agenda for this session: the cessation of the arms race in outer space, and our report to the special session.

With regard to outer space, the General Assembly resolution which we co-sponsored calls for priority consideration of the question of anti-satellite systems. We hope that this can be done during the first part of the session.