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LETTER DATED 18 DECEMBER 1984 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT FROM THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE WARSAW TREATY HELD IN BERLIN ON 3 AND 4 DECEMBER 1984

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The States represented at the meeting call attention to the fact that the militarization of outer space, if not prevented in time, would enormously increase the risk of nuclear war and carry the nuclear-arms race to unprecedented heights. They are fully committed to preventing the militarization of outer space, to halting all actions aimed at extending the arms race to outer space, to using it exclusively for peaceful purposes for the benefit of all mankind, and to tackling this task thoroughly and as fast as possible by means of reliably verifiable agreements concluded on a bilateral and multilateral basis. The hope was expressed that all States and above all those with space capabilities, should recognize the need to take measures for the prevention of the militarization of outer space. Emphasis was placed on the role of the United Nations in the solution of this problem.

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