

(Mr. Beesley, Canada)

Since then, however, the Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons on 9 February 1984 his intention to circulate in the Conference on Disarmament a proposal to ban high-altitude anti-satellite systems. The Canadian Government has now initiated a number of long-range studies on certain aspects of the outer space issue. It is our intention to contribute in an innovative manner to the deliberations of the proposed ad hoc committee, making use of the resultant research. We propose to deal with outer space as a whole as well as specific aspects related to low and high altitude. The distinction between low and high altitude is one which we believe merits particular attention, and is one which Prime Minister Trudeau drew attention to in a speech in Montreal last November in relation to ASATs. We intend, at an appropriate stage, to contribute a number of working papers which will provide a more detailed discussion of the approach, particularly as it pertains to high altitudes.

Mr. SUTOWARDOYO (Indonesia):

Several speakers have given us the benefit of their analysis of the situation or explained the philosophy behind disarmament negotiations, telling us if not who are to blame, then what not to expect or why we should not persist in this or that course or how we should proceed in order to be constructive. If you asked me, Mr. President, I should say that in my simple and still confused mind, I tend to agree with most if not all of them. I tend to agree because, I must confess, I have difficulty detecting any flaw in their reasoning. Their rationality is, so to say, unassailable.