

prevention of an arms race in that environment and of the need to consolidate and reinforce that régime and enhance its effectiveness and of the importance of strict compliance with existing agreements, both bilateral and multilateral. In the course of the deliberations, the common interest of mankind in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes was acknowledged. In this context, there was also recognition of the importance of paragraph 80 of the Final Document of the first special session devoted to disarmament, which states that "in order to prevent an arms race in outer space, further measures should be taken and appropriate international negotiations held in accordance with the spirit of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies". A preliminary consideration was given to a number of proposals and initiatives aimed at preventing an arms race in outer space and ensuring that its exploration and use will be carried out exclusively for peaceful purposes in the common interest and for the benefit of all mankind.

49. It was agreed that no effort should be spared to assure that substantive work on this agenda item will continue at the next session of the Conference. It was recommended that the Conference on Disarmament re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space with an adequate mandate at the beginning of the 1989 session, taking into account all relevant factors, including the work of the Committee since 1985.

Notes

1/ The list of documents may be found in the 1985, 1986 and 1987 reports of the Ad Hoc Committee and in the special report submitted to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament (CD/642, CD/732, CD/787 and CD/834, respectively).

2/ Those positions and views are reflected in the annual reports of the Ad Hoc Committee and in the special report submitted to the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.