

Conference on Disarmament document CD/FV.410) and is based on elements in the relevant report of the Secretary-General in 1981 (United Nations document A/AC.206/14).

Bearing that in mind, the Soviet delegation would like to present some additional considerations regarding ISMA with a view to development of discussion, in the framework of the Conference on Disarmament, of questions relating to the establishment of such an Agency.

1. Status, purpose and functions of the International Space Monitoring Agency

The International Space Monitoring Agency might be a specialized agency of the United Nations system.

The purpose of establishing ISMA is to provide the international community with information relating, *inter alia*, to compliance with multilateral arrangements in the field of confidence-building measures, arms limitation and disarmament and the reduction of international tension. ISMA could also monitor the military situation in areas of conflict.

ISMA might be assigned the following functions:

Collection of information from space monitoring;

Consideration of requests from the United Nations and individual States for the supply of information services which could prove useful to them in evaluating compliance with international arrangements and agreements on the settlement of local wars and crisis situations;

Elaboration of recommendations on procedures for the use of space monitoring facilities for the purpose of monitoring or verification of future treaties and agreements.

2. Duties of the International Space Monitoring Agency and main technical requirements for their execution \*/

Space monitoring facilities under ISMA could provide information for purposes of verification:

(a) subject to the clearly expressed consent of all participating States, of existing multilateral agreements in the field of confidence-building measures, arms limitation and disarmament;

(b) subject to arrival at relevant arrangements, of proposed multilateral agreements in the field of confidence-building measures, arms limitation and disarmament, including the following:

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\*/ Considerations regarding demands on space monitoring equipment to carry out duties that may be assigned to ISMA are outlined in Annex 1.