

or deleterious nature, and that expenses for their recovery and return operation are to be borne by the launching authority;

6. that Article 6 provides, under certain circumstances, for the meaningful participation of international organizations in this agreement by their declaration of acceptance of the rights and obligations of the agreement; and finally Mr. Chairman, our only slight reservation;
7. that the protocol provision of the agreement, while appropriate is an agreement of this exceptional character, should not, in the opinion of my delegation, be taken as a precedent for all future occasions.

Mr. Chairman, the importance of this draft agreement is manifest by its very terms and subject matter. Primarily because of its humanitarian aspects, Canada is very pleased to support the consensus draft agreement on assistance to and return of astronauts and space objects as a notable achievement in the developing law of outer space. We sincerely hope that, as paragraph 7 of the Legal Sub-Committee's report indicates, our attention can now be concentrated on obtaining similar agreement on a draft on liability for damage caused by the launching of objects into outer space.