

be possible to conduct informal open-ended expert discussions where experts could impart their knowledge and experience. It suggested that the following issues might require particular expert consideration: the increase of exchanges of data and information, going beyond the Registration Convention, which are needed to promote confidence-building in the area of space activities of States; "rules of the road" and a code of conduct for outer space; technical means and methods, including the use of satellite technology, for verification applicable to agreements on the prevention of an arms race in outer space; definitions and terminology under consideration in the Committee. A number of delegations continued to support the establishment of a group of governmental experts to provide technical expertise and guidance in the consideration of issues before the Ad Hoc Committee. In the view of these delegations the participation of several experts from different countries during the Summer Session of the Ad Hoc Committee was well received and some progress was achieved concerning the involvement of experts in the work of the Committee.

72. Some delegations welcomed the presence of several scientific and technical experts and noted with satisfaction the contribution they made in increasing the Committee's technical knowledge. In this context many delegations continued to support the establishment of a group of governmental experts to provide technical expertise and guidance in the consideration of issues before the Ad Hoc Committee.

73. Taking note of the contribution of scientific and technical experts, one delegation declared that as the Committee, at the current stage, was still exploring basic issues, philosophies and approaches, such expert contributions would, of necessity, be ad hoc and the need to increase the Committee's technical knowledge did not require the creation of an expert sub-group.

74. Some delegations noted with satisfaction that at the 1989 session the Ad Hoc Committee gave detailed consideration to concrete proposals for measures aimed at the prevention of an arms race in outer space. In their opinion, the examination of specific proposals had served to identify areas of possible convergence of views and thus provided a good basis for practical work on measures to prevent an arms race in outer space. Recognizing the complexity of the subjects under consideration and the need for further analysis, they held that relevant issues, including those concerning the legal régime applicable to outer space, could be addressed in the context of the consideration of specific proposals. These delegations stressed that after