

allocate the same number of meetings to each of those subjects, namely, issues relevant to the prevention of an arms race in outer space, existing agreements and existing proposals and future initiatives. It was noted that any member wishing to do so may discuss any subject important and relevant to the work of the Committee.

9. The work of the Ad Hoc Committee was governed by the mandate which aims at the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

10. A general exchange of views was held during the 17 meetings which the Ad Hoc Committee devoted to substantive work including the presentation and examination of specific proposals for measures. All the delegations welcomed the prompt re-establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee and the new methodological approach applied.

11. To enhance the functioning of the Committee in qualitative terms during the first part of the annual session three non-binding indicative lists of topics based on the main aspects considered in 1990 were circulated by the Chairman. The debate in the Committee dealt inter alia with the subjects referred to in the Chairman's lists of topics relating to the three items on the programme of work and attached in the Annex.

12. In the second and third part of the annual session the work of the Committee was facilitated through the assistance of Friends of the Chairman who were appointed to deal with the following specific issues in open-ended consultations:

- a) terminological aspects related to prevention of an arms race in outer space (The Hon. Anthony Monckton, Delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
- b) issues related to verification of ASATs (Dr. M. Kareem, Delegation of Egypt)
- c) confidence-building measures including improvement of existing and future databases relating to space activities (Mr. M. Antuykhin, Delegation of the USSR)

Each Friend of the Chairman presented, at the end of the session, a report containing the preliminary outcome of those consultations. Those reports are contained in the following working papers:

CD/OS/WP.49 entitled "Terminological issues relevant to the prevention of an arms race in outer space"

CD/OS/WP.50 entitled "Issues related to ASATs"

CD/OS/WP.51 entitled "Confidence-building measures in space activities"

It was understood that those reports were presented by the Friends of the Chairman under their own responsibility, without prejudice to positions of