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As time went by some disarmament problems gained new importance, in view of recent developments in arms technology and the threat emanating therefrom. This applies, in the first instance, to the problem of prevention of an arms race in outer space. Almost five years ago it was preliminarily agreed to place a couple of paragraphs on outer space within the section on "Related measures". But a reservation on the part of many delegations, including the socialist countries, on the placement of these paragraphs in the CPD, was attached to it. It is becoming increasingly clear that the prevention of an arms race in outer space is one of the central problems affecting efforts to stop the nuclear-arms race and to proceed to nuclear disarmament. It is not by chance that space arms have become a subject of the bilateral negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States. It was thus only appropriate to suggest that a new, more prominent place be found in the CPD for the section on outer space, preferably within the main section on disarmament measures.