

China has all along been opposed to the nuclear arms race, and has advocated the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons. In order to promote early achievement of this goal, the Chinese delegation submits its propositions as follows:

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7. To promote nuclear disarmament, great importance should also be accorded to the following two issues:

(a) Conventional disarmament is closely related to nuclear disarmament, and along with nuclear disarmament it is necessary to pursue conventional disarmament. The two super-Powers, which possess the largest and the most sophisticated conventional arsenals, have also to take the lead in drastically reducing them, and should withdraw all their armed forces and military bases from abroad. Conventional disarmament should result in reducing the conventional armaments of all countries to the lowest level. The military forces of all countries should be used exclusively for the purpose of self-defence;

(b) The development of space weapons has resulted in a qualitative escalation of the arms race, and made the issue of nuclear disarmament even more complicated and difficult. Therefore, the immediate curbing of the arms race in outer space is of great significance. Both the United States and the Soviet Union already possess and are vigorously developing space weapons. They should immediately take action in real earnest to stop all forms of an arms race in outer space. On this basis, negotiations should be held to conclude an international agreement on the complete prohibition of space weapons.

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