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Draft Mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on item 5 of the Agenda of the Conference on Disarmament, entitled:

"Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

"In the exercise of its responsibilities as the multilateral disarmament negotiating forum in accordance with paragraph 120 of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament, the Conference on Disarmament decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item 5 of its agenda entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

The Conference requests the Ad Hoc Committee - in discharging that responsibility - to identify, in the first instance, through substantive examination, issues relevant to the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

The Ad Hoc Committee will take into account all existing agreements, existing proposals and future initiatives and report on the progress of its work to the Conference on Disarmament".