

In our opinion, it would be desirable to set out these two requirements in the form of a declaration by all members of this Conference to which other states could later subscribe. What we have in mind might be expressed along the lines of the following draft declaration:

"The Governments of Brazil, The People's Republic of Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, The Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, The People's Republic of Poland, The People's Republic of Romania, Sweden, The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, The United Arab Republic, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America,

Desiring to facilitate the achievement of an international agreement to ensure that outer space will be used for peaceful purposes only,

Solemnly declare that henceforth

- (a) the orbiting or stationing in outer space of devices for delivering weapons of mass destruction shall be prohibited;
- (b) they will give advance notification of launchings of space vehicles and missiles to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and, upon its establishment, to the International Disarmament Organization."

I am aware that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space is now meeting in New York. It is a source of encouragement to us all that the Soviet Union and the United States have made a good start on cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space, both bilaterally and through the U.N. Committee. But, as the title of the Committee itself indicates, its activities are specifically restricted to cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

It is not our purpose here to set down in full the requirements for cooperation in outer space. It is rather to achieve two specific ends: first, that outer space will not be used for the stationing or orbiting of mass destruction weapons; and second that the fear of the illegitimate use of space vehicles and missiles will be greatly reduced through the advance notification to an international authority of