

I would be grateful if you would consider this letter as an explanatory memorandum as provided for under the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and have it distributed, together with the attached document "The basic directions and principles of international co-operation in the peaceful exploration of outer space under conditions of its non-militarization (proposals by the USSR)" and draft resolution, as official documents of the General Assembly.

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