

Mr. Chairman, my delegation is co-sponsoring a resolution which, I feel sure, this Committee will carefully study. Its provisions reflect the considerations and preoccupations of my Government in regard to outer space, as I have sought to indicate in this intervention. Moreover, my delegation is confident that the fundamental aims which we and our co-sponsors are advancing in this resolution will echo very closely those which motivate nearly all of the countries represented here. I am hopeful, therefore, that by endorsing the proposals in this resolution it will be possible for the General Assembly to reaffirm its continuing concern for orderly progress in outer space. The resolution seeks to set in train preliminary activities in a few fields in which the primary responsibility for operational and administrative matters reside outside the Committee. At the same time, the Committee is asked to address itself vigorously to its part in relation to these matters and the other tasks assigned to it by Resolution 1472 (XIV).

If we can do this much at this time, my delegation believes that the Sixteenth Session will have taken a big step forward. In so doing, we cannot fail to earn the approval of peoples all over the world who have been watching with admiration, not unmixed with apprehension, the accelerating pace of man's exciting conquest of outer space.