

(Mr. García Robles, Mexico)

Finally -- just as I did a year ago -- I have intentionally kept until last the following three quotations from operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8, since they all refer expressly to the Conference on Disarmament:

In paragraph 5, the Assembly reiterated that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, "has the primary role in the negotiation of a multilateral agreement or agreements, as appropriate, on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects".

In paragraph 6 the Assembly expressly requested the Conference on Disarmament "to consider as a matter of priority the question of preventing an arms race in outer space".

Lastly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution, it requested the Conference "to re-establish an ad hoc committee with an adequate mandate at the beginning of its 1987 session, with a view to undertaking negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement or agreements, as appropriate, to prevent an arms race in outer space in all its aspects".

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(Mr. Vorontsov, USSR)

Reykjavik has given us precise awareness of the fact that a nuclear-free world and the resolution of the crucial problems in the nuclear and outer space area is no Utopia but a real possibility. Although the hope that the meeting in Reykjavik would lead to early practical results has not been borne out, the negotiations in the capital of Iceland have taken the cause of nuclear disarmament to an unprecedentedly high frontier from which the outline of a nuclear-free, secure world is clearly visible. The Soviet Union is, through active and persistent practical actions at all the negotiations under way, reaffirming its desire to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.

Here in Geneva, the Soviet-American negotiations on nuclear and space weapons are under way. We are not withdrawing a single one of the proposals aimed at the sharp reduction and subsequent elimination of all nuclear devices and the guaranteeing of a peaceful space that we put forward at Reykjavik. Moreover, we are crystallizing our proposals and manifesting in practice a readiness to find constructive outcomes by doing our utmost to impart dynamism to these negotiations. Hence, in the negotiations on nuclear space weapons, the Soviet side has put forward a proposal aimed at moving the discussions on at last from endless debate into the constructive channel of practical preparation of documents. Work on reaching agreement on the documents in question has already begun. We are counting on achieving success in this important task. People expect real results from us. We hope that they understand this in Washington too and that they will positively respond to our efforts there. However, one has the impression that in Washington they are for the present occupied with other business.