

impossible to design a single comprehensive prohibition régime, that delegation reaffirmed that it was necessary to codify the principle of non-interference with non-offensive space activities and to elaborate a space code of conduct, based on a reinforced registration régime.

45. Some measures relating to the security of satellites were mentioned by some delegations, such as multilateralizing the immunity provided for in certain bilateral agreements to satellites that served as national technical means of verification, a "rules-of-the-road" agreement, the reaffirmation and further elaboration of the principle of non-interference with peaceful space activities and the elaboration of a code of conduct in outer space to prevent the risks and fears that could arise from certain manoeuvres of space objects.

46. In the view of a number of delegations, it was imperative to create a coherent set of confidence-building measures in relation to activities in outer space and this could be achieved by initiating a process of data exchange. Stressing the non-compulsary character of possible measures, one delegation subjected to detailed analysis several articles of the Outer Space Treaty and Registration Convention, which contained "points of contact" or "starting points" capable of serving as a framework for this set of measures.

47. One delegation reiterated its conviction that its concept of a "rules-of-the-road" agreement would be a useful contribution to a protection régime in outer space, to the creation of a solid future space order and to the prevention of an arms race in outer space. In its view, the main components of such an agreement would comprise inter alia: restrictions on very low altitude overflight by manned and unmanned spacecraft; new stringent requirements for advanced notice of launch activities; specific rules for agreed and possible defended "keep-out zones"; grant or restrictions of the right of inspection; limitation on high-velocity fly-bys or trailing for foreign satellites; established means by which to obtain timely information and consultations concerning ambiguous or threatening activities. Detailed views in this regard alluding more closely to the possibilities of correlating experts' proposals on a multilateral protection régime for outer space of the precedent session were again provided in an experts' presentation of this delegation entitled "On Correlating Measures of Confidence- and Security-Building in a Multilateral Protection Régime for Outer Space".

48. Another delegation declared that it continued to study the variety of options for arms control in outer space and it has concluded that elaborating and discussing rule-of-the-road for satellites in the multilateral context,