

Resolution 45/55A, titled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space." The resolution calls for the CD to intensify its work on outer space, and requests the CD to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on outer space, with the same mandate as in 1990. The resolution passed by a vote of 149-0-1, with the US abstaining. Resolution 45/55B "Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space," requests the Secretary-General to carry out a study on confidence-building measures that could be applied to outer space, and to examine the technologies that might be used and the mechanisms that might be developed. The Resolution calls for the report to be submitted to the General Assembly in 1993. This resolution also passed by a vote of 149-0-1, with the US again as the only abstainer.

In February 1991, the US proposed changing the principles on the use of nuclear power sources in outer space. The US wants to change the standards so that it will be able to display a nuclear reactor it has designed. Canada has spoken out against these changes at meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

There was no parliamentary comment on this issue during 1990-1991.