

aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence). Indeed, these were the very same principles that had been used to resist US containment in the effort to enhance "non-alignment" at Bandung in 1954 as against US containment of "Red China". Premier Zhou Enlai's strategy of "seeking common ground, while reserving differences" (*qiu tong cun yi*) is still seen as appropriate to the relations between states in the Post-Cold War era. Indeed, the new security concept has more recently been recommended at the international level on the basis of contemporary success of Asia-Pacific regional security cooperation as it relates to China's "new" "good neighbourly" policy on its own borders and as it more generally reflects the progress of the ASEAN Regional Forum, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Council on Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific Region (CSCAO), the Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue (NEACD) and the the "Shanghai Five".<sup>11</sup>

As well as advancing the general cause of new security thinking, the 1998 white paper reiterated "outerspace belongs to all mankind" and specifically called for an international treaty which would be based upon the following contents:

...China stands for the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of weapons deployed in outer space. It opposes the development of anti-satellite weapons. China maintains that the international community, the big powers with the capacity to utilize outer space in particular, should take the following realistic steps to prevent a weaponized outer space. A complete ban on weapons of any kind in outerspace, including anti-missile and anti-satellite weapons; a ban on the use of force or conduct of hostilities in, from or to outer space; and all countries should undertake neither to experiment with, produce, or deploy outer space weapons nor, to utilize outer space to seek strategic advantages on the ground, for example, using disposition of the important parts of ground anti-missile systems in outer space for the purpose of developing strategic defensive

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid., p. 16.