

(Mr. O'Sullivan, Australia)

We look forward to the early re-establishment of the Committee on outer space and we will continue to work fully and co-operatively with that Committee to consider how outer space can be spared an arms race. I will be dealing with this and other matters of the CD's agenda in a subsequent intervention.

(Mr. Ngoubeyou, Cameroon)

Other important questions are on the Conference's agenda for the 1991 session. They relate in particular to the prevention of an arms race in outer space, new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons, radiological weapons and the comprehensive programme of disarmament. On all these substantive issues, to which the international community is quite rightly giving attention in the quest for general and complete disarmament under effective international control and in the promotion of peace, security and development, my delegation will be making its contribution in due course, either in the form of statements in plenary or during consultations in the ad hoc committees.

President: Mr. W. Rasaputram (Sri Lanka)

We shall now deal with agenda item 5. The secretariat has distributed document CD/WP.402, containing a draft mandate for a re-established Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space. I now intend to put the proposed draft mandate before the Conference for action. If there is no objection, I shall consider that the Conference decides to adopt the draft mandate.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I now turn to the appointment of the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. I am informed that consensus exists on the appointment of Ambassador García Moritán of Argentina as Chairman of that Committee. May I therefore proceed to register that decision?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the Conference, I congratulate Ambassador García Moritán on his appointment as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 5. I extend to him our best wishes for success in discharging the important responsibilities for which he has now been appointed.