

The PRESIDENT (translated from Russian):

These are the fundamental reasons which prevent the start of practical negotiations on the prevention of an arms race in outer space. It is not a question of any lack of a persevering and constructive approach on the part of the President of the Conference or of individual delegations. All their efforts come to grief against the blank wall of the vast programmes for turning outer space into a new area of military confrontation, the plans for unleashing "star wars".

Looking the facts in the face, it would evidently be rash to hope that without any change in these fundamental reasons for the impasse the Conference could achieve any practical progress in its work.