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Another priority for immediate action is the item on prevention of an arms race in outer space. It is high time to start addressing these issues in

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a more substantive way, in view of the need to take measures to institute an improved legal régime conducive to the conversion of space into an area of peaceful co-operation. The level of discussion about this issue thus far has been very beneficial, in terms of clarification of its broad aspects, submission of proposals and understanding of others' positions. However, this is the reason for us to believe that the conditions favour a move forward. Among priority measures which could contribute to both confidence-building and improvement of the security environment are guarantees of the immunity and protection of satellites. This is of universal importance because of the role of satellite technology in promoting development for all, and particularly developing countries. We expect the main space Powers to continue their restraint in developing anti-satellite weapons, which should be translated into binding international agreements.