

A turn for the better in international affairs requires a new political approach corresponding to the realities of the present-day world, as well as mutual restraint. Urgent measures are necessary to end the arms race and prevent its extension into outer space and to achieve a sharp reduction in armaments and nuclear weapons in particular. In this connection, the participants took note of the great importance of the Soviet-American talks in Geneva on the range of issues related to space and nuclear weapons, both strategic and medium-range. The participants in the meeting support the constructive stand of the Soviet Union aimed at practical success in averting an arms race in outer space and terminating it on earth, as well as its major new initiative, namely, the proposal for the USSR and the United States of America to reach agreement on a total ban on space attack weapons and on a truly radical reduction by 50 per cent of their nuclear arms capable of reaching each other's territory.

The leaders of the allied socialist States are of the opinion that the forthcoming Soviet-American summit meeting should contribute to easing the present dangerous tension in the world, to decreasing the threat of war and to reaching mutually acceptable solutions designed to halt the arms race and to make real progress towards disarmament.