

(Mr. Tindemans, Belgium)

Belgium welcomes the examination by the Conference on Disarmament of a number of concerns relating to the arms race in outer space. The problem of the protection of satellites, the elaboration of an appropriate multilateral régime and the drawing-up of an international code of conduct are, in particular, the questions that the Conference on Disarmament could usefully debate at the multilateral level. They are independent of the ABM Treaty and the SD I, which, in our opinion, remain within the direct competence of the two super-Powers concerned.

(Mr. Meiszter, Hungary)

The prevention of an arms race in outer space has a special place in the line of thinking that I was expounding in the previous part of my statement. Outer space is an area where the military technical means of a credible deterrence has not yet been deployed although the existing aspirations are well known. Consequently, any tangible result in preventing an arms race in outer space, even if concerning only a specific aspect of it, would be most welcome.

The proceedings of the Ad hoc Committee on Outer Space under the able and devoted chairmanship of Ambassador Pugliese testify to a need for more streamlined work directed towards working out specific measures to strengthen