

(Mr. García Robles, Mexico)

(Mr. Komatina, Secretary-General of the Conference and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

The resolution adopted by the General Assembly on the prevention of the arms race in outer space needs to be translated into a co-operative undertaking by your Conference to create conditions for negotiating agreements on this vital matter. This is now one of the essential areas in which concerted action can be taken for strengthening international peace and security.

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It will be recalled that the same Heads of State or Government who, in the Delhi Declaration of January 1985, had stated that "Two specific steps today require special attention: the prevention of an arms race in outer space, and a comprehensive test ban treaty", reverted to this question in the following terms in a new Declaration, adopted in Ixtapa on 7 August 1986: