

of other satellites have fallen on earth. What if this were to happen with "Alouette"? Assuming the concept of liability were to be accepted, would the liability lie with Canada or with the United States? What if the booster rocket which put "Alouette" into outer space were to cause damage? Which country would be liable for that damage? And if someone wished to claim damages, how would he go about doing so? I mention these problems because I think they illustrate the need for a decision. The situation with regard to the Anglo-American satellite is even more complex. My delegation believes, therefore, that the United Nations General Assembly should request the Outer Space Committee to seek to resolve the remaining differences and achieve agreement on the matter of responsibility for the return of space vehicles and on liability for injury, loss or damage from space vehicle accidents.

As our debate has already revealed, the Outer Space Committee was not in agreement over the desirability and feasibility during its first year of activities of drafting further principles to guide the exploration and use of outer space. At the meeting in Geneva of the Legal Sub-Committee, the Soviet delegation introduced a draft resolution setting out principles to which it attached importance - many of which were in the view of my delegation contentious. In the circumstances of the Geneva meeting, this proposal was not really considered. At the meeting of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in September at United Nations Headquarters, this draft resolution was reintroduced. The United Arab Republic delegation also introduced a proposal entitled "Code for International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space". There was no time at that meeting to consider these two proposals but my delegation sensed that the Committee was in agreement that at the next