

Draft resolution of the General Assembly

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION OF
OUTER SPACE UNDER CONDITIONS OF ITS NON-MILITARIZATION

The General Assembly,

Determined to ensure that the exploration and use of outer space constitutes a sphere of broad, equitable and mutually advantageous international co-operation in conditions of peace,

Recognizing the vital need, before it is too late, to prevent an arms race in outer space which would lead to a sharp increase in the danger of nuclear war, undermine prospects of arms limitation and reduction in general and create insuperable obstacles to the development of international co-operation in the peaceful exploration of outer space,

Guided by the desire to ensure that the exploration and utilization of outer space should as effectively as possible serve the scientific, technical, economic and social progress of all peoples and help solve the global problems facing mankind, including problems of development and the eradication of economic backwardness,

1. Calls upon all States, especially those with a major potential in the space field, to do everything for the adoption of effective measures to prevent an arms race in outer space, thereby creating the conditions for broad international co-operation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes;

2. Expresses the conviction that, given effective guarantees of the non-militarization of outer space, a major practical step towards its peaceful exploration and the development of international co-operation in this field would be the establishment of a world space organization for concerting, co-ordinating and uniting the efforts of States in peaceful space activities, including the provision of assistance to developing countries in this field, and also for assisting in the necessary monitoring of the observance of agreements already concluded or to be concluded with a view to preventing an arms race in outer space;

3. Resolves to convene, not later than in 1987, an international conference with the participation of States possessing a major space potential and other interested countries for the purpose of considering every aspect of the question of international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and utilization of outer space under conditions of its non-militarization and agreeing upon the basic directions and principles of such co-operation. The conference would also consider the question of the establishment of a world space organization, bearing in mind that the practical establishment of such an organization could be embarked upon when agreements have been reached effectively ensuring the non-militarization of outer space;

4. Establishes an open-ended preparatory committee with the participation of States possessing a major potential in the field of space for the purpose of convening the international conference;