

(Mr. Voicu, Romania)

The prevention of an arms race in outer space also constitutes a priority aim of the Conference negotiations. In that respect, it is imperative to swiftly re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space and to begin specific negotiations on that question with a view to ending all militarization of space and ensuring the use of space for exclusively peaceful ends in the interest of all nations. One specific measure which should be adopted in this respect is the establishment within the United Nations of a special body to monitor the use for peaceful ends of outer space, which belongs to all mankind, as well as to promote widespread international co-operation in this field.

(Mr. Qian Jiadong, China)

The second issue I wish to speak on is the prevention of an arms race in outer space, which is also a priority item on our agenda. Since the importance and urgency of the issue have already been addressed on many occasions both inside and outside the United Nations and Conference on Disarmament forums, I do not intend to go over them again. As a reflection of our historical experience, there is a saying in China -- and it is said that a similar saying is also popular in Japan -- which goes: "There is a