

other factors, there may be a need, for example, to establish the equivalent of a nuclear-free zone in near-earth orbit. The proposed working group on scientific and technical aspects of this matter would help lay the foundation for constructive and realistic discussion in the Legal Subcommittee and in the General Assembly.

We look to other members of this subcommittee to join with us in an effective response to the issues raised, along the lines I have described. We welcome the views of others and we are flexible on specific proposals, while strongly committed, with other nations, to the need for a regime governing the use of nuclear-power sources in outer space that will rule out the risk of any incident that could have tragic and farreaching consequences.

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