

a mandate specifically to negotiate matters concerning arms control. That is the specific responsibility of the CD. It is recognized, however, that the arms control and peaceful use aspects of the outer space issue are closely related.

v) The Treaty of Tlatelolco (1967)

The parties to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America²⁴ agree to use nuclear materials under their jurisdiction exclusively for peaceful purposes and to prevent on their territories the testing, use, manufacture, production, acquisition, receipt, storage, installation, deployment or any form of possession of nuclear weapons. They also agree to refrain from engaging or participating in the testing, use, manufacture, production, possession or control of nuclear weapons (Article I). In essence, the Treaty establishes a nuclear weapon free zone in Latin America.

The safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency applies to peaceful nuclear activities of parties as a control mechanism and for verification purposes (Article XII). In addition, the Convention establishes the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America to ensure, among other things, compliance with Treaty provisions (Article VII). The Treaty is noteworthy as representing the first agreement on arms limitation to create an effective regional system of control under a permanent supervisory organ. Specifically, the Agency and the IAEA have the authority to verify that devices and facilities intended for peaceful uses of nuclear energy are not used to test or manufacture nuclear weapons and that explosions for peaceful purposes are compatible with the Treaty. Methods of verification include inspections (Article XVI). Measures are prescribed in the event of violation including referral of the matter to the OAS and UN (Article XX). The Agency is also empowered to enter into relations with any international organization or body, including any future body established to supervise disarmament or measures for the control of armaments in any part of the world (Article XIX).

The Treaty might be seen to serve as an initial model of regional cooperation for the control of arms. The verification provisions also provide a precedent for international control organizations.