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killed. If the answer to that situation is to decide not to have a law that says "Thou shalt not kill", the exceptions would be allowed to dominate the fundamental principle. This should not occur.

The way of solving this problem in challenge inspection -- and this is the proposal that we would be grateful if others would consider -- is to consider what rules of evidence need to be developed, what body of practice needs to be agreed, so as to ensure that it would not be sufficient for a State to say "I challenge you", but would have to say "I have evidence that this happened, at this place, on that day. I want to look at it."

Such rules of evidence are common in other fields of law, and could be developed with benefit here. All that that would require is the existence of a body which could ensure quickly that the rules of evidence had been properly applied. I would now like to address the vital issue of the prevention of an arms race in outer space. No one should doubt the importance of this issue as such and as it relates to the life of this Conference. No one should doubt the right of all of us to be involved in the common goal of preventing an arms race in outer space. No one should doubt either that this is an area in which the Conference will be most closely or harshly judged.