

Assist, where necessary, in monitoring the observance of agreements already concluded or to be concluded with a view to preventing an arms race in outer space.

Five. The USSR proposes that a representative international conference be convened with the participation, inter alia, of States possessing a major space potential for the purpose of considering every aspect of the question of international co-operation in the peaceful exploration of outer space under conditions of its non-militarization and agreeing on the basic directions and principles of such co-operation.

This same conference would also consider the question of setting up a world space organization for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, bearing in mind that the practical establishment of such an organization can be embarked upon once agreements have been reached effectively ensuring the non-militarization of outer space.

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The peaceful exploration of outer space, as men already know by experience, can yield a great deal for the development and improvement of life on Earth. The Soviet Union is convinced that outer space - part of the common heritage of mankind - must be placed not in the service of war but in the service of peace and security and the economic and social progress of all peoples. The way towards this lies through the combined collective efforts of all States of our planet.

In a spirit of goodwill and a sense of responsibility for the destiny of our planet, the Soviet Union appeals to all countries and peoples to embark together on this historic task. Desirous of making its contribution to the common cause, it submits for the consideration of the United Nations these proposals on the basic directions and principles of international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space under conditions of its non-militarization.