

believes that the exploration and the exploitation of resources of the ocean depths should be carried out in a manner consistent with the Charter and with the maintenance of international peace and security, and that we therefore favour adoption of measures capable of ensuring the maintenance of peaceful conditions at the bottom of the ocean. If however any new machinery is to be created, to deal with questions relating to the ocean depths, my delegation would wish to examine carefully any proposals that this machinery should deal specifically with arms-control questions arising in that context. Our attitude would be governed by the need to consider whether the ENDC or a body of a type patterned after the Outer Space Committee would be the more appropriate forum for dealing with such questions.