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The Soviet idea of an international inspectorate presented during this session and developed in recent statements by Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and Ambassador Nazarkin is the most valuable contribution to the practical solution of this problem. Poland welcomes this new, bold and far-reaching proposal. We sincerely hope that it will become a subject of serious discussion at this Conference and a key element of a future agreement or agreements on the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

We also express our appreciation for the Outer Space Workshop in Montreal, and the presentation made to the Conference by Canada on the results of its PAXSAT research programme. It enhanced our knowledge of possible remote sensing techniques, and should be helpful in our efforts.

Progress which has been made during this session in the area of verification, traditionally such a difficult domain of any disarmament negotiations, is the best proof of the possibility of making a decisive step in the prevention of an arms race in outer space. What is necessary now is the reorientation of our efforts towards a genuine search for acceptable solutions in this field, and the political will of the participants in the Conference to undertake such an effort.