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The prevention of an arms race in space is a problem of global significance which affects the security and development of all States. And thus, Mongolia proceeds from the need to elaborate, through negotiations, a range of practical and effective measures which would make it possible to eliminate for ever the threat that space might become an arena for military rivalry. One such measure might be the creation of a system of international monitoring of the non-deployment in space of weapons of any type, that is to say the establishment of an international inspectorate. Inspection at launching sites immediately before the launch of space objects would be the most simple and effective means of making sure that objects launched into space are not weapons and are not equipped with any types of weapon.

We would like to recall that the delegation of Mongolia, together with the delegation of your country, Comrade Chairman, submitted last year a draft

of the "Main provisions of a treaty on the prohibition of anti-satellite weapons and on ways to ensure the immunity of space objects". There are other proposals made by the delegations of various States which deserve serious and immediate consideration.

Therefore, my delegation favours the rapid re-establishment of the Ad hoc Committee on Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space with a negotiating mandate, in keeping with the request made by the United Nations General Assembly in each of its resolutions in recent years.