

5. To refer only to the first paragraph of article IV, the main problem that arises is that because of the express prohibition of the placing in orbit of a particular kind of weapons, it might be inferred, contrario sensu, that the placing of other kinds of weapons is permitted. What is more, if it is assumed that placing in orbit implies at least one complete circling of the earth, the possibility is left open for the development, production and use in outer space of weapons systems which fail to meet that minimum requirement.

6. This is why it was deemed appropriate to submit the amendment proposal indicated below, without any other intention than to contribute to the improvement of the 1967 Treaty and thereby ensure the future use of outer space for exclusively peaceful purposes.

## II. PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT

7. Without prejudice to the necessary confidence-building measures that may precede or coincide with the adoption of relevant amendments, article IV of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies might be amended as follows:

### "Article IV

The States Parties to the Treaty undertake not to place in orbit around the earth any objects carrying any kinds of weapons, install such weapons on celestial bodies, or station such weapons in outer space in any other manner."

The second paragraph of article IV would remain as it now appears in the 1967 Treaty.

8. Inasmuch as the proposed amendment refers only to weapons placed in orbit, it is also desirable to contemplate the negotiation of an Additional Protocol for the purpose of prohibiting the development, production, storage and deployment of antisatellite weapon-systems which are not stationed in outer space. Also, the same Protocol will have to contain supplementary provisions relating to the limitation of antiballistic-missile systems, whatever their nature.

9. A second Additional Protocol will have to deal with the verification system necessary for guaranteeing faithful compliance with the obligations assumed by the States Parties, which may be a mixed system based principally on a multinational or international approach and on a national approach in accordance with the means of verification available to each State Party.

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