

"to examine the practical benefits of space programmes on the basis of scientific and technical achievements, and the opportunities available to non-space Powers for international cooperation in space activities, with special reference to the needs of the developing countries."

Mr. President, the exciting new world of outer space exploration research is not one which should be of exclusive interest to a few countries. The implications of the space research and exploration which has already been carried out are still not fully clear. What does seem clear, however, is that there is a need to look at these new discoveries from the point of view of potential practical benefits for mankind.

It is the hope of my Delegation that the Outer Space Conference in Vienna will enable us to begin this process, in a true spirit of international cooperation, and that with this goal in view the General Assembly <sup>has just given</sup> ~~will give~~ its unanimous support to a draft resolution on the Outer Space Conference as well as, of course, to the other draft resolutions submitted to us by the First Committee.