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The deliberations of the Ad hoc Committee on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space have shown once again that the existing legal régime is still a long way from being able to ensure a complete and effective ban on the spread of the arms race to outer space. It would appear that a large number of members of the Conference share this opinion.

We consider that the work of the Committee, particularly its consideration of item 3 of its programme of work, namely "Existing proposals and future initiatives on the prevention of an arms race in outer space", have registered appreciable progress under the competent chairmanship of Ambassador Pugliese which could in the future serve as a basis for a

substantive approach to the issues of such complexity which arise in this area. We support the proposals made by the delegations of Argentina, Venezuela and Sri Lanka, aimed essentially at drawing up a list of issues and proposals formulated to date that would offer a basis for a possible reference "rolling text" for future debates, without such a document necessarily figuring already in drafts of new legal texts.