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OUTER SPACE: REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES
OF OUTER SPACE, THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION AND THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

Statement by H.E. Mr. Paul Tremblay
Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation
in First Committee on December 4, 1962.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation attaches particular importance to our debate this year on the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. This is the first opportunity for the general Assembly to review the work of that Committee, whose functioning was made possible by agreement at the 16th session to enlarge the Committee's membership. Last year's debate was important because it preceded the first year of the Committee's activity and members had an opportunity to suggest what the Committee should try to do. This year, however, our Committee has the more difficult task of assessing the results of the Committee's first year of work.

I assume that there is a natural tendency for delegations, particularly delegations of countries which are members of the Committee on Outer Space, to be more concerned with the shortcomings than with the successes of the Committee. This reaction is to be expected particularly after the first year of the Committee's activity. Members of the Outer Space Committee had not previously had an opportunity to test the acceptability of their views to other members of the Committee. The Outer Space Committee works by consensus, and my delegation