

in passing that the Canadian Government is satisfied with progress being made, particularly in the establishment of a world weather system and in the use of outer space for expanding telecommunications. The arrangements made at the Space Radiocommunications Conference convened recently in Geneva by the International Telecommunications Union, represent an important development. My Government is also most interested in and following closely the arrangements which are being worked out for the development of a single global telecommunications system.

It is a strange commentary on the conduct of work in the General Assembly that controversy attracts more attention and stimulates more interest than effective cooperation. We are this year about to take the first significant step in the development of space law. We have also noted other arrangements through the United Nations family of organizations for developing the cooperative use of outer space. The progress we have recorded in this whole field is one of the most constructive developments of the Eighteenth Session. To confirm these developments, may I express the hope that the Assembly will give its unanimous approval to the draft declaration of legal principles submitted by the Outer Space Committee and to the draft declaration regarding the future work of the Outer Space Committee submitted by the members of the Committee.