

(Mr. Bagbeni, Zaire)

My delegation is pleased to note that agenda item 7 will be considered separately from the other agenda items.

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(Mr. Saran, India)

Let me now turn to the section entitled "The prevention of the proliferation of the arms race in new spaces explored by man" in the statement of the representative of Czechoslovakia. Under this section, one of the measures listed is "the conclusion of a treaty on the prohibition of the stationing of weapons of any kind in outer space". At the thirty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly, my delegation stated that any treaty for the prevention of an arms race in outer space must cover the development, testing and deployment of weapons of any kind in outer space.

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Mr. ISSRAELYAN (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translated from Russian):  
Allow me first of all to welcome the new representatives in the Committee on Disarmament: our friend, Ambassador Milos Vejvoda of Czechoslovakia, who is well known to all of us for his great competence in matters of disarmament. I believe that his participation in the work of the Committee will be useful to us all. I should also like to welcome the new representative of the Netherlands, Ambassador van Dongen.

I should like today to make some comments on a number of items on the agenda of the Committee on Disarmament. I shall begin with item 7 of the agenda.

This year mankind will observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the conquest of space, which is one of the greatest achievements of science and technology in our century. The progress in this area achieved today cannot be