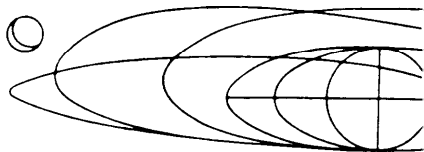


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DECLARATION OF THE GROUP OF 77

Group 77 nations met a few times to discuss some important issues having interconnexion with the over-all activity of the Conference and having bearing on the work of all Committees. The following positions have been arrived at:

- (1) Group 77 nations are firmly of the view that the issue of militarization of Space is a matter of **great concern**. Group 77 nations urge that the Conference recommends that all Member Nations and, especially, those who have the capability, be asked to refrain from any activities which lead to the extension of arms race into Outer Space. Group 77 nations further reiterate that militarization of Space is detrimental to the entire humanity and hence extension of arms race to Outer Space, the moon and other celestial bodies that are the common heritage of mankind, should not be permitted. The position of the Group 77 nations is that testing, stationing and deployment of any weapons in Space should be banned. The Group of 77 considers necessary the adoption of **a legal** instrument that definitely bans the emplacement of weapons in outer space and verifiable controls and guarantees. In view of their special responsibility in this field, it is recommended that the two major space powers open negotiations for an early agreement to prevent an arms race in outer space. Such negotiations should not inhibit or prevent the General Assembly from giving the necessary directives to the Committee on the Peaceful uses of outer space and the Committee on Disarmament for the urgent consideration of this question in conformity with the spirit of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

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- (2) Group 77 nations are fully convinced that the limited and scarce resources of the GSO and allied radio frequency spectrum should be optimally utilized for the benefit of all countries. Group 77 is of the firm view that the present regulatory mechanism for assigning orbit positions and radio spectrum does not ensure equitable access to this resource, and that developing countries are particularly at a disadvantage. Group 77 is, therefore of the view that a Change to this mechanism is called for. Group 77 notes that WARC-79 of the ITU examined this problem in detail and decided to convene a Special Conference and other Regional Conferences "to guarantee in practice for all countries equitable access" to the said resource and to agree on appropriate planning and other approaches to fulfil this objective. Group 77 considers that the principle of guaranteed and equitable access should be the essence of any new regulatory mechanism and should take into account the particular needs of the developing countries including those of equatorial countries.
