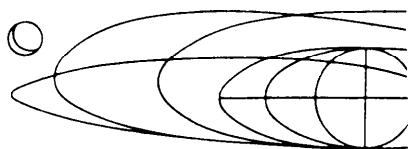


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Statement

The Group of 77 firmly holds the view that activities in the field of remote sensing should be carried out in full respect for the sovereign rights of states. The Group of 77 believes that sensed states should have timely and unhindered access on a priority basis at nominal cost, to all data and information obtained over their territories. Dissemination of such data and information derived from it to a third party should not be done without the prior consent of the sensed country. The Group of 77 urges UNISPACE 82 to recommend, through the General Assembly, to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Sub-Committee to finalize the work on the elaboration of draft principles concerning remote sensing of the earth from space as a matter of high priority.

The Group of 77 firmly holds the 'view that activities in the field of international direct television broadcasting through satellites should only be conducted in full respect for the sovereignty of states. In this regard the recognition by the international community of principles embodying a) broadcasting state's responsibility, b) prior consultation and agreement between broadcasting and receiving states and c) the radio regulations of the ITU, inter-alia, are of utmost importance. The Group of 77 welcomes the text of 16 nations' draft elaborating principles governing the use by states of artificial earth satellites for international direct television broadcasting. The Group of 77 regrets that this draft has not yet met with consensus and that even after ten years of efforts by COPUOS to finalize it have not been successful. The Group of 77 urges UNISPACE 82 to recommend that the General Assembly at its 37th Session approve a set of principles governing the use by **states of artificial** earth satellites for international direct television broadcasting in accordance with the 16 nations' draft, as aforementioned.

The Group of 77 firmly holds the view that the existing mechanism of the United Nations body dealing with outer space affairs should be strengthened. The Group of 77 urges that the United Nations through its competent organs strongly support programmed and activities of the developing countries and of regional, sub-regional and national interests relating to applications of space technology through training, education, technology transfer and expert technical advice.