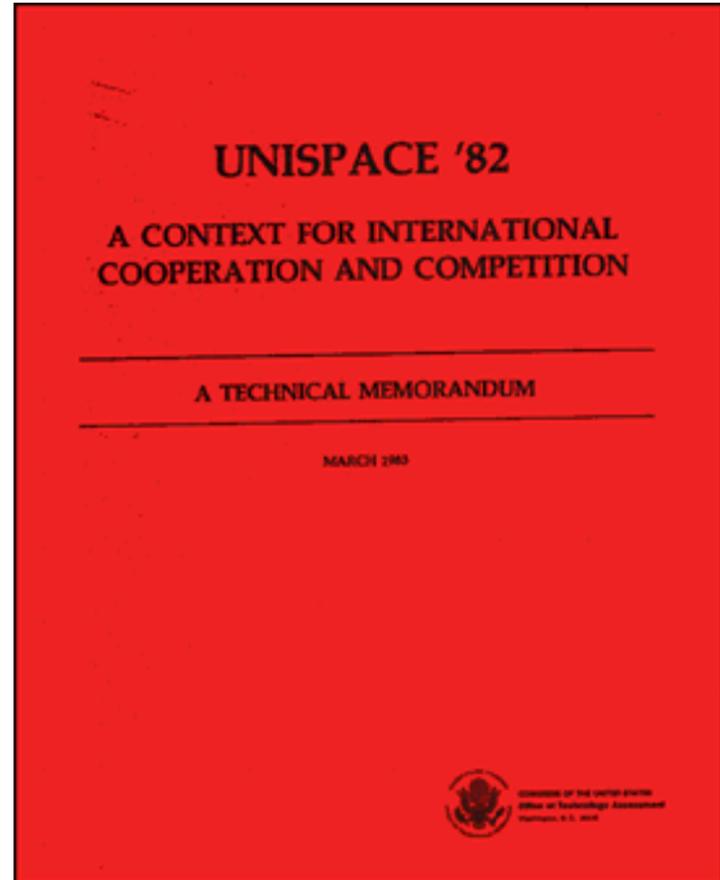


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Preface

Because of concern over the potential adverse effects that UNISPACE '82 might have on U.S. interests in outer space, particularly for the U.S. private sector, the House Committee on Science and Technology and the Joint Economic Committee requested a post-conference review of UNISPACE '82. This technical memorandum constitutes a portion of a major assessment of international cooperation and competition in civilian space activities that was requested by these same committees.

UNISPACE '82, the United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, demonstrated that the role of the United States in international space affairs is presently in a stage of transition. The developing world continues to press for access to technological and physical space resources, while our allies and other developed countries now compete for the sale of space technologies heretofore only offered by the United States. As this technical memorandum points out, to use the opportunities that conferences such as UNISPACE '82 present, the United States will have to be better prepared, including formulating a coherent set of long-term domestic policy goals for space. OTA hopes that this technical memorandum will facilitate discussion of ways the Nation can prepare for similar conferences in the future.

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