

(Mr. Gairy, Grenada)

Man has made great advances in science and technology and so man can construct a building or a room that is completely light-proof, completely sound-proof, completely magnetism-proof and, by proper insulation, even completely electricity-proof, but man cannot make anything that is God-proof, for God is everywhere.

In conclusion, permit me to repeat that the whole idea behind the final subject which I have raised is simply to evoke some interest among the leaders of the world -- political, philosophical, mystical, spiritual, theological, doctrinal and religious leaders -- in the recognition, acknowledgement and acceptance of the universality of God, which is the only true assurance we have of effectively solving the problems of world tension and fostering a lasting world peace, and I thank God for providing me with the opportunity to do so.

And now I engage the hearts and minds of all those present here in giving thanks to the same Supreme Being in the manner that Christ taught us to pray to that Supreme Being His Father and our Father, saying thus:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us out of temptation, Lord, and deliver us from all evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever,

Amen.

So may it be. Let God be praised.

The PRESIDENT: On behalf of the General Assembly, and on my own behalf, I thank the Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs of Grenada, His Excellency Mr. Eric M. Gairy, for the important statement he has just made. I request the Chief of Protocol to escort His Excellency from the hall. His Excellency Mr. Eric M. Gairy was escorted from the General Assembly hall.

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THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

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Agenda item 31:* International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Agenda item 32:* Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**

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**This question was previously discussed by the General Assembly at the following sessions: twenty-eighth session (agenda items 30 and 31), twenty-ninth session (items 32 and 33) and thirtieth session (items 32 and 33).

DOCUMENT A/31/285

Report of the First Committee

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1. The items entitled "International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" and "Preparation of an international convention on principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting: report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space" were included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 3338 (XXX) of 18 November 1975.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1976, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the two items in its agenda and to allocate them to the First Committee for consideration and report.

3. At its 3rd meeting, on 18 October, the First Committee agreed to consider these two items jointly, on the understanding that delegations wishing to do so could make separate statements on either item.

4. The First Committee considered the two items at the 3rd to 10th meetings, held between 18 and 21 October.

5. At the 3rd meeting, the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space introduced the Committee's report (A/31/20).

6. Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee heard a lecture by Mr. Sagan, a professor at Cornell University, with a presentation of slides, on the recent landing of the United States Viking space craft on the planet Mars.

7. At the 7th meeting, on 20 October, the Chairman introduced to the Committee Soviet cosmonauts General Alexei Leonov and Valery Kubasov, following which General Leonov addressed the Committee.

8. At the 9th meeting, on 21 October, a draft resolution (A/C.1/31/L.1) was introduced by the representative of Austria on behalf of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela and later co-sponsored by Denmark, Ghana, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Philippines (for the text, see the draft resolution in paragraph 14 below, excluding operative paragraph 14).

9. Statements (A/C.1/31/L.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution were submitted by the Secretary-General.

10. At the 10th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Romania, on behalf of the co-sponsors, orally revised draft resolution A/C.1/31/L.1 by adding, between operative paragraphs 13 and 14, a new paragraph (for the text, see operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution contained in paragraph 14 below).

11. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the above revision.

12. At its 10th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee, without a vote, decided to incorporate the oral revision proposed by the representative of Romania into the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by consensus, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Recommendation of the First Committee

14. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3388 (XXX) of 18 November 1975,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,

Reaffirming the common interest of mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes and in extending to States the benefits derived therefrom as well as the importance of international co-operation in this field, for which the United Nations should provide a focal point, as expressed in General Assembly resolution 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961,

Reaffirming the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

Welcoming the entry into force on 15 September 1976 of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,

1. Endorses the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. Invites States which have not yet become parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the Conven-

tion on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects and the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to those international agreements;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has:

(a) Achieved considerable progress by:

(i) Formulating nine draft principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting with a view to concluding an international agreement or agreements;

(ii) Formulating five draft principles and identifying three new common elements in the drafts submitted and the views expressed by Member States relating to the legal implications of remote sensing of the earth from space;

(b) Continued its work on the draft treaty relating to the moon, giving priority to the question of natural resources of the moon;

(c) Discussed questions relating to the definition and/or delimitation of outer space and outer space activities;

4. Recommends that the Legal Sub-Committee, at its sixteenth session, should:

(a) Continue, as matters of high priority, to:

(i) Consider the draft treaty relating to the moon;

(ii) Consider completing the elaboration of draft principles governing the use by States of artificial earth satellites for direct television broadcasting with a view to concluding an international agreement or agreements;

(iii) Give detailed consideration to the legal implications of remote sensing of the earth from space, with the particular aim of formulating draft principles on the basis of common elements identified by it;

(b) Pursue its work on questions relating to the definition and/or delimitation of outer space and outer space activities in the remaining time available;

5. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on its thirteenth session (A/AC.105/170), which, *inter alia*:

(a) Examines further the question of remote sensing of the earth from space, as set out in paragraphs 26 to 81 of the report, considering in detail both the current pre-operational/experimental as well as the possible future global/operational phase of remote sensing system or systems;

(b) Continues in effect the United Nations programme on space applications;

(c) Provides for further study of a possible United Nations conference on outer space matters;

6. Recommends that the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee should continue at its fourteenth session its work on the matters before it, giving priority to the three items contained in paragraph 71 of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

7. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that full utilization be made by the Committee and its subsidiary bodies of their existing terms of reference with regard to the establishment of an appropriate co-ordinating role for the United Nations in the field of remote sensing;

8. Further endorses the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee at its fourteenth session, should:

(a) Undertake the various studies and reports on remote sensing of the earth from space, as referred to in paragraph 42 of the report of the Committee;

(b) Prepare a study in depth on the question of convening a United Nations conference on space matters, as referred to in paragraphs 55 and 56 of that report;

(c) Request Member States to provide information on programmes or plans for generation or transmission of solar energy by means of space technology, as referred to in paragraph 72 of that report;

9. Endorses the United Nations programme on space applications for 1977 as referred to in paragraph 46 of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

10. Approves continuing sponsorship by the United Nations of the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching

Station in India and the CELPA Mar del Plata Station in Argentina and expresses its satisfaction at the work being carried out at those ranges in the peaceful and scientific exploration of outer space;

11. Reiterates its request to the World Meteorological Organization to pursue actively the implementation of its tropical cyclone project while continuing and intensifying its other related action programmes, including World Weather Watch and, especially, the efforts being undertaken towards obtaining basic meteorological data and discovering ways and means to mitigate the harmful effects of tropical storms and to remove or minimize their destructive potential, and looks forward to its report thereon in accordance with the relevant General Assembly resolutions;

12. Requests the specialized agencies to provide the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space with progress reports on their work, including particular problems in the fields within their competence relating to the peaceful uses of outer space;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of paragraph 73 of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, to consider strengthening the Outer Space Affairs Division of the Secretariat;

14. Notes the invitation extended by the Government of Austria to hold the twentieth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at Vienna in 1977 and accepts that invitation with appreciation;

15. Requests the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue its work, as set out in the present and previous resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-second session.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 8 November 1976, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in its report (A/31/285). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 39, resolution 31/8*.

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NOTE. This check list includes the documents relating to agenda items 31 and 32 which are not reproduced in the present fascicle.

Document No.	Title or description	Observations and references
A/31/20	Report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	<i>Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 20</i>
A/31/319	Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in document A/31/285: report of the Fifth Committee	<i>Ibid., Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 92</i>
A/AC.105/...	Documents of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	Documents in this series are mimeographed

Document No.	Title or description	Observations and references
A/C.1/31/3	Letter dated 4 October 1976, from the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
A/C.1/31/L.1	Draft resolution	See A/31/285, para. 8
A/C.1/31/L.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1	Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/31/L.1: note by the Secretary-General	Mimeographed
A/C.5/31/36	Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution submitted by the First Committee in document A/31/285: note by the Secretary-General	Ditto



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PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH
SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING: REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Letter dated 4 October 1976 from the Acting Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I transmit to you herewith the texts of the Agreement on Co-operation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes, concluded on 13 July 1976 in Moscow, and of two statements on the conduct of negotiations and consultations in Moscow concerning the inclusion of citizens of socialist countries in the crews of Soviet space craft and space stations.

I should be grateful if you would have these texts issued as General Assembly documents under items 31 and 32 of the agenda of the thirty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly.

(Signed) M. KHARLAMOV
Acting Permanent Representative
of the USSR to the United Nations

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(Mr. Baroody, Saudi Arabia)

No. After having spoken many times with our Turkish friends, I can assure you that they yearn for peace in Cyprus --- if not more than, then at least as much as the Greeks do. I am talking about members of the Turkish Government. Their Foreign Minister was here. He yearns for peace. But not peace that is an ersatz, makeshift peace that disintegrates after the Cypriot troops are evacuated, not the type of peace that will perhaps end up in a new eruption between the ethnic groups.

Religion has lost its grip on the world, and so has ideology, because the people of religion and the political ideologists have clung only to the rituals of religion and ideology.

It is the brutal streak in man which can be aroused by agitators that is the most dangerous thing in our present life. The only solution is not to have pro-communists or pro-capitalists or to be pro-this ideology or the other. It is only fair to say that if we are to survive we should have humanism, and only humanism, as a guarantee for our survival on earth.

The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will resume its consideration of the question of Cyprus in the morning of Wednesday, 10 November.

The meeting rose at 5.30 p.m.

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PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING
THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT
TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Report of the First CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Kedar Bhakta SHRESTHA (Nepal)

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/31/20).

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7. At the 7th meeting, on 20 October, the Chairman introduced to the Committee Soviet cosmonauts General Alexei Leonov and Valery Kubasov, following which General Leonov addressed the Committee.

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9. Statements (A/C.1/31/L.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.1/31/L.1) were submitted by the Secretary-General.

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"Notes the invitation extended by the Government of Austria to hold the twentieth session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna in 1977, and accepts that invitation with appreciation".

11. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee on the administrative and financial implications of the above revision.

12. At its 10th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee, without a vote, decided to incorporate the oral revision proposed by the representative of Romania into draft resolution A/C.1/31/L.1.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted the draft resolution (A/C.1/31/L.1) as orally revised (see para. 14 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/31/20).

3/ General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex.

4/ General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

5/ General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex.

6/ General Assembly resolution 2777 (XXVI), annex.

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