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COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON THE QUESTION RELATED TO THE
DEFINITION AND DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE

Working paper submitted by the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics

The USSR delegation proposes the inclusion in the report of the following text as an agreed recommendation:

While not resolving in advance the question of the need to establish a boundary between airspace and outer space and without prejudice to the final position concerning the upper limit of State sovereignty, general agreement might be reached to the effect that:

1. Any object launched into outer space shall be considered as being in outer space at all stages of its flight after launch at which its altitude above sea level is 110 kilometres or more.
2. Space objects of States shall retain the right to fly over the territory of other States at altitudes lower than 110 kilometres above sea level for the purposes of reaching orbit around the Earth or proceeding on a flight trajectory beyond the confines of that orbit, and for the purpose of returning to Earth.