



*American Model United Nations*  
**General Assembly First Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Prevention of an arms race in outer space

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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1 *Reaffirming* General Assembly resolution 70/26 of 7 December 2015,

2 *Affirming* the use of outer space for all of mankind with peaceful intent,

3 *Observing* that the prevention of an arms race in outer space would inhibit an international catastrophe,

4 *Keeping in mind* past General Assembly resolutions 45/55 4 December 1990, 47/51 9 December 1992 and  
5 48/74 16 December 1993,

6 *Recalling* the draft treaty on the Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space and of the Threat  
7 or Use of Force against Outer Space Objects (PPWT) in 2008 by China and the Russian Federation at the Conference  
8 on Disarmament and the updated version in 2014,

9 1. *Strongly recommends* the adoption of the Draft Treaty on the Prevention of the Placement of Weapons  
10 in Outer Space, the Threat or Use of Force against Outer Space Objects from the 2014 Conference on Disarmament  
11 which defines:

12 (a) The term "outer space object" is defined as any device placed in outer space and designed for  
13 operating therein;

14 (b) The term "weapon in outer space" is defined as any outer space object or component thereof  
15 which has been produced or converted to destroy, damage or disrupt the normal functioning of objects in outer  
16 space, on the Earth's surface or in its atmosphere, or to eliminate human beings or components of the biosphere  
17 which are important to human existence, or to inflict damage on them by using any principles of physics;

18 (c) A device is "placed in outer space" if it orbits the Earth at least once, or follows a section of  
19 such an orbit before leaving that orbit, or is permanently located in outer space or on any celestial bodies other than  
20 the Earth;

21 (d) The term "use of force" to mean any action intended to inflict damage on an outer space object  
22 under the jurisdiction and or control of other Member States, and the term "threat of force" means the clear  
23 expression in written, oral or any other form of communication of the intention to commit such an action. Actions  
24 undertaken in accordance with special agreements with Member States that provide for actions on the request of  
25 such Member States to stop uncontrolled flight by outer space objects under the jurisdiction and or control of the  
26 requesting Member States shall not be regarded as the use or threat of force;

27 2. *Urges Member States* to enforce existing resolutions and agreements to the best of their abilities;

28 3. *Calls upon* those with impactful space capabilities to:

29 (a) Contribute actively to the objective of peaceful uses of outer space and the prevention of an  
30 arms race in outer space;

31 (b) Refrain from contrary actions and relevant existing treaties in the goal of maintaining global  
32 peace and cooperation;

33 (c) Inform the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of bilateral and multilateral activities in  
34 outer space;

35 4. *Supports* the essential future applicable and efficient measures to prevent an arms race in outer space;

36 5. *Encourages* all Member States to contribute efforts to produce a peaceful and comprehensive agreement;

37           6. *Further invites* the Conference on Disarmament to include the prevention of an arms race in outer space  
38 on its foremost agenda.

Passed, Yes: 77 / No: 12 / Abstain: 7