

American Model United Nations General Assembly First Committee

GA First/II/2

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

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly First Committee

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1 *Recognizing* the necessity for regulation and non-militarization of Outer Space and the concern of Member 2 States for their own national security,

Reaffirming the principles set out by the Outer Space Treaty and Moon Treaty on the non-militarization and protection of peaceful international interactions in Outer Space,

5 *Emphasizing* that Outer Space ought not be subject to claims of sovereignty and that all Member States 6 have the right to the peaceful exploration of Outer Space,

7 Bearing in mind the dangers of a militarized space on international security,

8 *Highlighting* the need for transparency and accountability to ensure the peace and security of all Member 9 States,

10 Remaining committed to keeping Outer Space a safe environment for scientific research and exploration,

11 Acknowledging the international benefits of the resolution to all Member States regardless of their contribu-12 tion or space presence,

13 Desiring a solution that is beneficial to all Member States regardless of their size or population,

14 1. Urges Member States to adopt or ratify the Outer Space Treaty and Moon Treaty in the interest of 15 maintaining international cooperation and creating a basis to monitor attempts to militarize Outer Space;

- 16 2. Calls upon Member States to maintain and advance:
- 17 (a) peaceful interactions and communication with one another in the pursuit of exploration in space,
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- (b) norms of healthy cooperation and joint exploration of Outer Space;
- 20 3. *Invites* efforts to expand the United Nations Office on Outer Space Affairs and their powers to:

(a) Create guidelines for what is constituted as an unconventional weapon and for what is universally
accepted to be sent into orbit;

(b) Request information from Member States believed to be engaged in expanding their military
capabilities to Outer Space;

4. *Encourages* Member States to ban or significantly reduce the stationing of conventional weapons in Outer Space, including but not limited to: projectile weapons, anti-satellite weapons, jammers, lasers, and Intercontinential Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) and cruise missiles filled with artillery and other highly explosive munitions;

5. *Deplores* the use of unconventional weapons in Outer Space with the intent to create insecurity or to attack another Member State, where unconventional weapons are defined as: biological, chemical and nuclear weapons;

30 6. *Calls upon* Member States to recognize a peaceful and demilitarized space as the ultimate goal.

Passed, Yes: 31 / No: 12 / Abstain: 3