

1472 (XIV). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

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*The General Assembly,*

*Recognising* the common interest of mankind as a whole in furthering the peaceful use of outer space,

*Believing* that the exploration and use of outer space should be only for the betterment of mankind and to the benefit of States irrespective of the stage of their economic or scientific development,

*Desiring* to avoid the extension of present national rivalries into this new field,

*Recognising* the great importance of international co-operation in the exploration and exploitation of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Noting* the continuing programmes of scientific co-operation in the exploration of outer space being undertaken by the international scientific community,

*Believing also* that the United Nations should promote international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space,

1 *Establishes a Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space*, consisting of Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, whose members will serve for the years 1960 and 1961, and requests the Committee.

(a) To review, as appropriate, the area of international co-operation, and to study practical and feasible means for giving effect to programmes in the peaceful uses of outer space which could appropriately be undertaken under United Nations auspices, including, *inter alia*

- (i) Assistance for the continuation on a permanent basis of the research on outer space carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;
- (ii) Organization of the mutual exchange and dissemination of information on outer space research,
- (iii) Encouragement of national research programmes for the study of outer space, and the rendering of all possible assistance and help towards their realization,

(b) To study the nature of legal problems which may arise from the exploration of outer space,

2 *Requests* the Committee to submit reports on its activities to the subsequent sessions of the General Assembly

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*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the successes of great significance to mankind that have been attained in the exploration of outer space in the form of the recent launching of artificial earth satellites and space rockets,

*Attaching great importance* to a broad development of international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space in the interests of the development of science and the improvement of the well-being of peoples,

1 *Decides* to convene in 1960 or 1961, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international scientific conference of interested Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies for the exchange of experience in the peaceful uses of outer space,

2 *Requests* the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, established in resolution A above, in consultation with the Secretary-General and in co-operation

with the appropriate specialized agencies, to work out proposals with regard to the convening of such a conference,

3 *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the conclusions of the Committee, to make the necessary organizational arrangements for holding the conference

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