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SUBJECT: Preparation of Basic Materials for United States Position in United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

In order to facilitate the preparation of position papers for the United States delegation, specific responsibility should be assigned for the preparation of basic material on the various matters which the United States would like to see discussed in the Committee and problems against which the United States should prepare contingency position papers.

Agencies or offices assigned specific responsibilities are requested to coordinate their work with other agencies and offices as appropriate.

- 1. Material prepared on the various matters or problems need not be exhaustive, but should include:
 - a. Ideas which the United States would want to advance, together with relevant talking points.
 - b. Subjects to avoid, together with relevant talking points.
 - c. The purpose of individual proposals and the end product with which we would like to see the Outer Space Committee emerge.

- 2. In the production of this material, the following general responsibilities have been assigned:
 - a. S/AE will be the point of receipt for materials prepared outside the Department of State.
 - b. IO will be the point of receipt for materials prepared by offices inside the Department of State.
 - c. S/AE will have general supervision over the coordination of basic material pertaining to the technical work of the Outer Space Committee, including the agenda and technical aspects of the UN Conference.
 - d. L/UNA will have general supervision over the coordination of basic material pertaining to the legal work of the Outer Space Committee.
 - e. IO will have general supervision over the coordination of basic material pertaining to the organizational aspects of the work of the Outer Space Committee, including organizational arrangements affecting the planning for the UN Conference.
 - f. Using the material received, IO will prepare final draft position papers, coordinating and clearing them as appropriate within the Department and thru S/AE with other interested agencies.

Specific Items to be Covered

- A. A major United States speech will be made in the Outer Space Committee presenting United States proposals regarding the work the

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Committee should undertake.

B. Technical matters.

1. Standards for the conduct of Space Activities.
 - a. Interference among space activities and between these activities and other scientific interests.
 - b. Contamination, health and safety.
 - c. Other?
2. Radio Communications
 - a. Procedures for termination of radio broadcast from satellites whose useful life is ended.
3. Exchange of scientific and technical space information
 - a. Location and operation of data centers
 - b. Adequacy of general arrangements; of translation and data processing services, and of communication facilities
4. International cooperation in space exploration
 - a. Tracking
 - b. Coordinated rocket probe launching
 - c. Other projects, e. g. studies, etc.
5. Report on United States projects and accomplishments
6. Removal of spent satellites
7. Support and encouragement of national research efforts
8. Identifying markings for satellites
9. Information to be submitted for launching registration (contingency)
10. Committee consideration of the UN meteorological program?

11. Committee consideration of satellite communications questions?
 - a. Propose expanded role for ITU and/or particular relationship with an international satellite corporation?
- C. Legal matters
 1. Liability for space vehicle incidents
 2. Procedure for return of space vehicles and personnel
 3. Definition of peaceful uses of outer space (contingency)
 4. Definition of outer space boundary (contingency)
- D. Outer Space Conference
 1. Time of conference
 2. Place of conference
 3. Scope of conference
 4. Administrative arrangements
 - a. Rules of procedure
 - b. Methods of assigning subjects and submission of reports at the conference
- E. Organizational Matters
 1. Space launching registration
 - a. Dissemination of information maintained in the registry
 2. Secretariat Staff required by Outer Space Committee
 - a. Staff needed for maintenance of launching information
 - b. Maintenance of contact with organizations concerned with outer space matters