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PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY CONCERNING THE MOON

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, India,
Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Sweden and Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2222 (XXI) of 19 December 1966 stressing the importance of international co-operation in the field of activities in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, and the importance of developing the rule of law in this new area of human endeavour,

Reaffirming the common interest of all mankind in furthering the peaceful exploration and use of outer space for the benefit of all States and for the development of friendly relations and mutual understanding among them,

Taking into account the advances made in recent years in the exploration of outer space, including those resulting from extensive lunar research programmes on the basis of modern science and technology,

Bearing in mind the interest of all mankind in the exploration and utilization of the Moon exclusively for peaceful purposes and in preventing the Moon from becoming a scene of international conflict,

Prompted by the consideration that the Moon as the only natural satellite of the Earth has an important role to play in the conquest of outer space and that it should be used with due regard to the interests of present and future generations,

Desiring to further the elaboration of specific rules of international law to govern the activities of States on the Moon on the basis of the United Nations Charter and the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, as a means of further developing a sound legal basis for such activities,

Considering that special rules should also govern activities in the use of all natural resources and substances of the Moon and other celestial bodies,

1. Takes note of the draft Treaty Concerning the Moon submitted to the General Assembly by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
 2. Requests the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Sub-Committee to consider, as a matter of priority, the question of the elaboration of a draft international Treaty Concerning the Moon in accordance with the recommendations contained in paragraph 38 of the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session.
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