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In the interim since the discussion in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in July 1973, the appropriate authorities of the United States Government have given intensive consideration to the draft treaty on the exploration and use of the moon, planets and other celestial bodies of the solar system. Apart from the content of certain articles concerning which general agreement has not thus far been attained, the United States believes that the clarity and coherence of the proposed treaty would significantly benefit from reorganization.

To this end and to facilitate consideration by the Legal Sub-Committee of the substance of the draft articles, the United States Delegation proposes the rearrangement indicated below.

It should be stressed that this suggested rearrangement is without prejudice to the substance of the articles as reflected in the texts reproduced in the 1973 report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (A/9020). In this respect, the United States Delegation anticipates proposing in an appropriate manner certain substantive modifications of the texts with a view to reaching a positive and mutually acceptable conclusion.

PROPOSED REARRANGEMENT

<u>New Article</u>	<u>Principal Content</u>	<u>Former Article</u>
I	Definitions and Application	I
II	Activities for Lawful and Peaceful Purposes	II(1) and III(1)
III	Prohibition of Use or Threat of Force, Emplacement of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Establishment of Military Bases	II(2) and III(2) and (3)
IV	Common Interest in Exploration and Use; Co-operation and Mutual Assistance	IV(1) and (2)
V	Prohibition of Territorial Claims and Transfers; Natural Resources	X
VI	Information on Missions	IV(3) and (4)
VII	Freedom of Scientific Investigation	V
VIII	Environmental Protection, Radioactive Emplacements, Scientific Preserves	VI and XVI(1)
IX	Right to Establish Stations; Inspection Rights	VIII and XVI(1)
X	Freedom to Conduct Activities; Non-interference	VII
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<u>New Article</u>	<u>Principal Content</u>	<u>Former Article</u>
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