19. The adoption of this proposal of the Soviet Government would greatly reduce the danger of war in which nuclear weapons would be used; it would constitute a major step toward the complete and unconditional prohibition of atomic and nuclear weapons with their elimination from armaments; and it would promote the development of broad and effective cooperation among States in cosmic research for peaceful purposes.

DOCUMENT A/3902
United States of America: request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the thirteenth session

LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1958 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to request the inclusion on the agenda of the thirteenth General Assembly of an item of an important and urgent character entitled:

"Programme for international co-operation in the field of outer space"

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure an explanatory memorandum is attached.

(Signed) Henry Cabot LODGE Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations

Explanatory memorandum

1. Perhaps no event in history has caught the imagination of all mankind more than the development of the new universal frontier through the launching of earth satellites by the Soviet Union and the United States as part of the programme for the International Geophysical Year. The United States is pleased that these first steps to project man’s life and knowledge into outer space have been taken under the auspices of this co-operative scientific programme.

2. Outer-space developments are a matter of international concern, because the exploration and eventual exploitation of outer space will affect the life of every human being. Moreover, the nature and immensity of the challenge facing us and the interest it holds for scientists make it clear that activities in outer space can and must be carried out with the appropriate international co-operation and co-ordination within the framework of the United Nations.

DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.219
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Moved by the desire to promote by every possible means the strengthening of universal peace and security,

Desiring to place the achievements of science and engineering at the service of mankind’s peaceful needs and to ensure conditions for the development of co-operation among all States in the study of cosmic space for peaceful purposes only,

Considering that, in solving the problem of banning the use of cosmic space for military purposes, the legitimate security interests of all States should be taken into account in equal measure,

Recognizes the necessity for concluding for these ends an agreement to prohibit the launching of rockets into cosmic space for military purposes and to eliminate all foreign military bases on the territories of other countries, such agreement to be based on the following principles:

1. A ban on the use of cosmic space for military purposes and an undertaking by States to launch rockets into cosmic space only under an agreed international programme;
2. The elimination of foreign military bases on the territories of other States, primarily in Europe, the Near and Middle East, and North Africa;
3. The establishment within the framework of the United Nations of appropriate international control over the implementation of the obligations set forth above;
4. The establishment of a United Nations agency for international co-operation in the study of cosmic space which would have the following functions:
   (a) To work out an agreed international programme for launching intercontinental and space rockets with the aim of studying cosmic space, and to supervise the implementation of this programme;
   (b) To continue on a permanent basis the cosmic-space research now being carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;
   (c) To serve as a centre for the collection, mutual exchange and dissemination of information on cosmic-space research;
   (d) To co-ordinate national research programmes for the study of cosmic space and to render all possible assistance and help towards their realization.

DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.219/REV.1
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the great importance of international co-operation in the study and exploitation of cosmic space for peaceful purposes,

Considering that such co-operation will promote mutual understanding and the strengthening of friendly relations among peoples,

Recalling the resolutions on the successful beginning of such co-operation within the framework of the International Geophysical Year,

1. Recommends the establishment within the framework of the United Nations of an international committee for co-operation in the study of cosmic space for peaceful purposes;
2. Recommends the establishment of a preparatory group consisting of Argentina, Czechoslovakia, France, India, 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, to draft the programme and rules of the proposed committee;
3. Recommends that the preparatory group, in its work of preparing the programme and rules, should proceed on the basis that the committee should have the following functions:
   (a) To continue on a permanent basis the cosmic-space research now being carried on within the framework of the International Geophysical Year;
   (b) To organize the mutual exchange and dissemination of information on cosmic-space research;
   (c) To co-ordinate national research programmes for the study of cosmic space and to render all possible assistance and help towards their realization;
4. Requests the preparatory group to report on the results of its work to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;
5. Recommends that the committee, after it has been established, should decide on an appropriate form of agreement providing for a close relationship with the United Nations.

DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.220
Pacifica, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, France, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Netherland, New Zealand, Sweden, Turkey, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

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

Desiring to promote energetically the fullest exploitation and utilization of outer space for the benefit of mankind,

Conscious that recent developments, in respect of outer space, have added a new dimension to man’s existence and opened new possibilities for the in-