

COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES  
OF OUTER SPACEUNITED STATES OF AMERICA: DRAFT PROPOSAL ON  
ASSISTANCE AND RETURN OF SPACE VEHICLES AND  
PERSONNELThe General Assembly,

Recognizing that the personnel of space vehicles may from time to time be the subject of accident or experience conditions of distress,

Recognizing that there may occur landings of space vehicles, and their personnel in the case of manned vehicles, by reason of accident, distress, or mistake, or otherwise than as planned,

Believing that in such circumstances the action of States should be governed by humanitarian concern and with a due regard for scientific needs,

Commends to States for their guidance the following principles:

1. All possible assistance shall be rendered to the personnel of space vehicles who may be the subject of accident or experience conditions of distress or who may land by reason of accident, distress, or mistake, or otherwise than as planned;
2. Space vehicles, and their personnel in the case of manned vehicles, that land by reason of accident, distress, or mistake, or otherwise than as planned, shall be safely and promptly returned to the State or States or international organization responsible for launching;
3. Any expense incurred in providing assistance to or return of space vehicles and their personnel shall be borne by the State or States or international organization responsible for launching.