



Committee on the Peaceful Uses  
of Outer Space

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC: CODE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

The Committee,

Having in mind that the Members of the United Nations, according to the Charter, are determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recognizing that it is imperative in the interest of mankind that activities in outer space should be exclusively devoted to the peaceful uses of outer space,

Recognizing further that the General Assembly, in its resolution 1721 (XVI), has urged that the United Nations be a focal point for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and uses of outer space,

Noting the inter-relationship of the technical and legal aspects of any activity in outer space,

Conscious of the impact of consolidating the efforts of Member States in promoting international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space,

Believing that, to reach this end, it is necessary to have as guidance a framework which defines the future of its activities,

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Decides that the Committee should be guided in its work by the following principles:

1. That the activities of Member States in outer space should be confined solely to the peaceful uses;
2. That in their policies toward outer space Member States should promote international and peaceful co-operation;

3. That Member States bear special responsibility emanating from their obligations to secure the safety of space for astronauts in outer space;
4. That Member States agree to provide every possible assistance to 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 misadventure;
5. That Member States undertake to return to the State or international organization responsible for launching space vehicles these space vehicles and its personnel;
6. That one of the main objectives in international peaceful co-operation in outer space is to develop special programmes in which the developing countries can participate with a view to promoting world-wide interest in outer space;
7. That Member States agree to make full use of the facilities and experience of all international organizations, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations, which have activities in outer space;
8. That Member States will exert every possible effort to provide the United Nations Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, with all information necessary for the promoting of international co-operation in the peaceful use of outer space;
9. That Member States undertake to give all possible assistance to the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, to undertake joint programmes of training and research to promote science and technology in outer space;

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Decides to establish a sub-committee to examine the best practical procedure in order to put into practice the aforementioned principles.

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