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Assembly Resolution 1348 (XIII)

(Recommended Substitute for Mexican Draft (A/AC.98/C.2/WP.2) of Page 2,
para. 2 of document A/AC.98/L.7 proposed by the United States)

"The Committee considered the applicability of the provisions of the United Nations Charter and of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, which synthesized the idea of co-operation between men and the joint achievement of great projects for the benefit of all mankind; it observed that those documents were not limited in their operation to the confines of the earth. The Committee noted that no State conducting activities in outer space or activities connected with the exploration of outer space had sought to distinguish such activities in this respect from other activities. It considered as a worthy standard for such activities the principles included in the preamble of resolution 1348 (XIII), in which the General Assembly called attention to Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Charter which states that 'the Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members', recognized the common interest of mankind in outer space and the common aim that it should be used for peaceful purposes only, and expressed the desire of promoting energetically the fullest exploration and exploitation of outer space for the benefit of mankind. The Committee noted also that the reported activities in, or connected with, the exploration of outer space had been generally regarded as compatible with the principle that outer space is freely available for exploration and use by all."
