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QUESTIONNAIRE ON LEGAL AND TERMINOLOGICAL ISSUES

(Friend of the Chair, Professor N. Ronzitti, Italy)

- I.1 Are the five main space treaties all relevant for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space?
- Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (the Outer Space Treaty, 1967)
 - Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (the Rescue Agreement, 1968)
 - Convention on International Liability for Damages Caused by Space Objects (the Liability Convention, 1972)
 - Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (the Registration Convention, 1975)
 - Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (the Moon Agreement, 1979)
- I.2 Are there other multilateral treaties relevant for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space?
- I.3 Are there bilateral treaties relevant for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space?
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- II.1 Are existing space treaties sufficient for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space?

II.2 If the treaties in force are not complete, how is it possible to fill up the lacunae?

- Through their revision?
- Through additional protocols?
- Through CBMs complementing existing agreements?

II.3 Are new legally binding instruments necessary?

III. What kind of instruments are necessary for preventing an Arms Race in Outer Space?

- Legally binding instruments (such as treaties)?
 - United Nations General Assembly Resolutions?
 - Legally binding instruments and United Nations General Assembly Resolutions?
 - Other?
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IV. Terminological issues:

IV.1 Is the completion of work on terminology a condicio sine qua non for starting to negotiate instruments for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space? If yes, which terms are in urgent need of study?

IV.2 What are the sources of terminology?

- Treaties?
 - United Nations resolutions?
 - Existing proposals?
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V. What is the purpose of the work devoted to terminological issues?

- Clarification?
- Harmonization?

- As a starting point for negotiating new instruments, be they international treaties or "soft law" instruments?

VI. Terminological issues related to CBMs:

- Should the Ad Hoc Committee continue to give special attention to the terminological aspects related to existing proposals on CBMs?
- If yes, which terms deserve to be examined?
