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QUESTION OF THE REVIEW OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS

Note by the Secretary-General

Pursuant to rule 13 (g) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to propose the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-seventh regular session of the Assembly of an item entitled: "Question of the review of the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects".

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

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

- 1. The General Assembly, in resolution 2777 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971, having taken note with appreciation of the work accomplished by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and in particular that of its Legal Sub-Committee, commended the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects. The text of the Convention is annexed to the resolution.
- 2. The Convention entered into force on 1 September 1972.
- 3. Article XXVI of the Convention provides as follows:
 - "Ten years after the entry into force of this Convention, the question of the review of this Convention shall be included in the provisional agenda of the United Nations General Assembly in order to consider, in the light of past application of the Convention, whether it requires revision ..."
- 4. As 10 years since the entry into force of the Convention will have elapsed on 31 August 1982, the question of the review of the Convention in order to consider, in the light of past application of the Convention, whether it requires revision will be included by the Secretary-General, pursuant to article XXVI of the Convention, in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.