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Letter dated 9 May 1967 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to have the attached "Communiqué of the Conference of Experts from Socialist Countries on Co-operation in the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space" circulated as an official General Assembly document for the information of the members of the United Nations Committee on Outer Space and of all States Members of the United Nations.

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OF THE CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON CO-OPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE

A Conference of Experts from Socialist Countries on Co-operation in the Peaceful Exploration and Use of Outer Space was held in Moscow from 5 to 13 April 1967. The Conference was attended by scientists and leading officials of the appropriate government departments from the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Cuba, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Conference drafted protocols (agreements) on various subjects and on various experiments and projects relating to the study of the physical properties of outer space, space meteorology and space biology and medicine and mapped out a programme for joint launching of satellites and rockets.

In the sphere of space communications, with a view to promoting the further development of economic, commercial, cultural and other relations between the participating socialist countries, the Conference recognized the desirability of establishing an international satellite communications system to transmit television programmes, telephone messages and other types of information. All countries wishing to do so will be free to join the system.

The participants in the Conference familiarized themselves with receiving and transmitting equipment and other technical devices for tracking earth satellites and long-range space objects and for guiding their flight, visited a number of scientific institutions engaging in space research and heard several survey lectures by specialists on various questions relating to the exploration and use of outer space.

The Conference, which took place in a business-like atmosphere and in a spirit of fraternal friendship and mutual understanding, showed that the participants were united in their views on the question of developing co-operation between the socialist countries in the exploration and use of outer space.

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The Conference participants note that co-operation between the socialist countries in the exploration and use of outer space will promote the successful development of scientific research in all the co-operating countries and will contribute to the solution of many practical problems relating to their development in the economic, cultural and other spheres of activity. The Conference participants affirm their conviction that the joint efforts of the socialist countries in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space will also promote the further strengthening of friendship between the socialist countries and represent an important contribution to the development of science for the benefit of all mankind.
