

# THE UNITED NATIONS' EFFORTS TO OUTLAW THE ARMS RACE IN OUTER SPACE

## A Brief History with Key Documents

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“The United Nations’ Efforts to Outlaw the Arms Race in Outer Space” represents a timely and prescient effort in light of recent and current fundamental geopolitical developments.

The entire global community is unarguably in the midst of momentous **change**. A number of countries in the eastern bloc have rejected, or are in the course of rejecting, the smothering insufficiencies of central economic planning and one-party political domination; a number of developing countries are **disillusioned** by the failures of both the former and the latter in attempts to solve their own intractable economic and political problems; the Four Powers have **substantively** agreed to the reunification of West and East Germany and the **super-powers** of the US and the USSR are entering a phase of harmonious **coexistence** unprecedented in world history to date, to name a few.

The time could perhaps not be more ripe for calling a truce in the arms race, if not indeed, even more ripe for seeking its total and absolute elimination. In this sense, the outlaw of the arms race in outer space may be the most **definitive** place to start and would undoubtedly prove to be one of the most significant “peace dividends” of superpower cooperation.

Harmonious relations are critical to the continued existence and proper **development** of all human society and undoubtedly, scientific research followed by the **publication** of the findings unearthed by such research fuel the engines that achieve these goals.

Thus, the research and publication of this book by Professor P.K. Menon,

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