

On cooperation with the USA in the field of peaceful space exploration.

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Resolution of the CC CPSU

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1. Agree with the views on this matter expressed in the note of Comrades E.A. Shevardnadze, S.L. Sokolov, N.S. Stroyev, P.N. Fedoseev, and O.D. Baklanov from July 30, 1986 (attached.)
2. Instruct the MFA of the USSR to discuss this issue with the American side in the context of coordinated preparatory work for the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and the USA.

Secretary of the CC

[Signatures]

Comrade N.M. Luzhin

Please prepare a draft decree.

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In accordance with the request of the Central Committee of the CPSU from January 9, 1986, the State Academy of Sciences of the USSR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR, the Ministry of General Affairs, the State Commission of the Council of Ministers of the USSR on military-industrial issues have considered the establishment of large-scale cooperation with the United States in the field of peaceful space exploration and consider it advisable to carry out the following measures.

Invite the American side to resume cooperation in space in areas such as space physics, space meteorology, space biology and medicine, the improvement of satellite search and rescue systems and other areas of mutual interest.

In the area of crewed flights, proposals could be considered for the mutual installation of scientific and technical equipment for research in the field of extraterrestrial astronomy, biology and medicine and technology on Soviet spacecraft, target modules and space stations and crewed US spacecraft.

In Mars exploration, a form of such cooperation can be the exchange of information and the coordination of research programs planned for the near future in the USSR (the 'Phobos' and 'Mars' projects) and in the USA (the 'Mars Orbiter' project), with the involvement of the European Space Agency, France, Japan and other countries.

As a long-term objective for the second half of the nineties, the development of a joint project for the delivery of samples of Martian soil to Earth using un-crewed stations and other means of Soviet and American rocket and space technology could be proposed.

The mentioned coordinated and collaborative exploration of Mars could be seen as a preparatory stage for a possible crewed mission to Mars in the future. However, at present, it is inadvisable to suggest joint development of such a project, given its extreme complexity, labor intensity and high cost.

It also seems appropriate to support the recommendation of the US Senate regarding declaring 1992 the International Year of Space. Within the framework of this International Year, a program of events could be held at the international and national levels, bearing in mind that 1992 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the October Revolution and the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America.

We are presenting the draft resolution on this issue to the Central Committee of the CPSU.

We ask for your consideration.

Attachment: mr. 4/0215, I, secret.)

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Comrades E.A. Shevardnadze, S.L. Sokolov, N.S. Stroyev, P.N. Fedoseev, and O.D. Baklanov, in accordance with the instructions from January 9, 1986, have considered the issue of cooperation with the United States in the field of peaceful exploration of outer space and are reporting on the advisability of inviting the American side through the USSR Foreign Ministry (in the context of preparation for the meeting of foreign ministers) to resume this cooperation in such areas as space physics, meteorology, biology and medicine, search and rescue systems, as well as in other areas of mutual interest.

At the same time, the intention is to suggest work on the mutual installation of scientific and technological equipment on crewed space stations and spacecraft, for the coordination of scientific research projects on the planet Mars, currently envisaged by national programs for the second half of the 90s (including the delivery of Martian soil). Joint exploration of Mars could be seen as a preparatory stage for a possible crewed mission to Mars in the future.

It also stipulates support for the recommendation of the US Senate regarding the declaration of 1992 as the International Year of Space, and to carry out a corresponding program of events at the international and national levels within the framework of the International Year.

The draft resolution of the CPSU Central Committee is attached.

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