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SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVES RECOMMENDATION ON EXTRA-TERRRESTRIAL MATTERS

Member States Invited to Co-ordinate Investigations

The Special Political Committee decided by consensus this morning to recommend to the General Assembly that it invite interested Member States "to take appropriate steps to co-ordinate, on a national level, scientific research and investigation into extra-terrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects".

These States would be asked to inform the Secretary-General of "the observations, research and evaluation of such activities".

In addition, the Assembly would request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space the statements made by the delegation of Grenada on the item concerning unidentified flying objects, which was submitted for the agenda by Grenada. The relevant documentation would also be transmitted to the Outer Space Committee, for its consideration next year.

Grenada had earlier submitted a draft resolution (document A/SPC/33/L.20) proposing that the Secretary-General appoint a group of experts, under the aegis of the Outer Space Committee, to define guidelines for a United Nations study of "the nature and origin of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena".

The consensus statement approved this morning envisages the presentation by Grenada of its views on this subject to the Outer Space Committee at its 1979 session, with the Committee to include in its report to the Assembly next year its deliberations on the matter.

George A. Griffith (Grenada), in a statement this morning urging support for the consensus statement, said it was not intended in any way to supersede the draft resolution submitted by his delegation. Rather, it was the hope of Grenada that "some interim measure" could be formally adopted, through which guidelines could be obtained for future consideration of the item "in a measure reasonably palatable to all Member States".

His delegation continued to feel, he said, that the subject of research into extra-terrestrial phenomena, including UFOs, was the responsibility of the global community.

The Chairman, Rodolfo Piza Escalante (Costa Rica), said he hoped the Committee could conclude its work for the session this afternoon, acting on the two remaining items -- questions relating to information, and the item concerning the composition of United Nations bodies.



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"3. The General Assembly request the Secretary-general to transmit the statements of the delegation of Grenada and the relevant documentation to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, so that it may consider them at its session in 1979

"4. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space will permit Grenada, upon its request, to present its views to the Committee at its session in 1979.

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