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Prevention of an arms race in outer space**Letter dated 18 September 2002 from the Permanent
Representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the document entitled “Possible elements for a future international legal agreement on the prevention of the deployment of weapons in outer space, the threat or use of force against outer space objects”, issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/1679) on 28 June 2002 (see annex). The elements contained in the document are in the process of further development and improvement.

We should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex were circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 66 of the provisional agenda.

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Possible elements for a future international legal agreement on the prevention of the deployment of weapons in outer space, the threat or use of force against outer space objects

Working paper submitted by the delegations of China, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Belarus, Zimbabwe and the Syrian Arab Republic*

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