

# Conference on Disarmament

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**Joint letter dated 3 June 2019 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei V. Lavrov and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi on 22 May 2019**

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergei V. Lavrov and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi on 22 May 2019.

We would be grateful if this letter and the attached Joint Statement could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

*(Signed):* Gennady Gatilov  
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Permanent Representative  
of the Russian Federation

*(Signed):* Tahir Hussain Andrabi  
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## **Joint Statement by the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

The Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

*Noting* the significance of Outer Space activities as an important factor of social, economic, scientific and technological development of States, as well as their role in maintaining national and global security;

*Believe* that Outer Space should be used in compliance with international law for the benefit of all Nations, regardless of the level of their economic, scientific or technological development;

*Reiterate* their commitment to the principle enshrined in Article 2 of the United Nations Charter — to refrain in international relations from the threat or use of force, including in Outer Space activities — and proceed from the assumption that all States will strictly adhere to that policy;

*Emphasize* that the achievement of an international treaty preventing the arms race in Outer Space as well as banning the placement or use of weapons therein is a priority for the international community;

*Declare* that they will not in any way be the first to place weapons of any kind in Outer Space, that they will make all possible efforts to prevent Outer Space from becoming an arena for military confrontation and to ensure security in Outer Space activities. The Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan call upon Space-faring Nations to follow their example.

(Signed for the Russian Federation): Sergey Lavrov

(Signed for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan):  
Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi

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