

# Conference on Disarmament

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**Letter dated 9 August 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation, addressed to the Secretary General of the Conference on Disarmament, transmitting the Joint Statement by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Tran Dai Quang of 29 June, 2017, with regard to the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space**

We have the honour to transmit herewith the extract from the Joint Statement by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Tran Dai Quang of 29 June, 2017, with regard to the no first placement of weapons of any kind in Outer Space.

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

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## Annex

[Original: Russian]

Joint statement  
on the outcome of the official visit  
by the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
to the Russian Federation

29 June 2017

At the invitation of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, the President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Tran Dai Quang, made an official visit to the Russian Federation from 28 June to 1 July 2017.

(...)

Vladimir Putin and Tran Dai Quang considered the situation of the comprehensive strategic partnership between the Russian Federation and Viet Nam and the prospects for its further consolidation, noted the steps taken by the two countries to enhance bilateral cooperation in priority areas, and discussed current international and regional matters of shared concern.

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### II. International and regional matters

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8. Concern was expressed about the growing threat of the emergence of weapons in outer space, the beginning of the space arms race and the resulting transformation of outer space into an area of armed confrontation. In the absence of a legally binding international agreement aimed at eliminating this threat, the implementation of specific and practical multilateral measures to keep outer space free from weapons becomes particularly relevant. In this connection, the presidents of the Russian Federation and Viet Nam declared their countries' adherence to the policy of no first placement of weapons in outer space and called upon all countries possessing space capabilities to follow their example.

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