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China's Efforts in Pushing Forward the PPWT

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Brief history on PAROS in CD

- ✎ In 1981, UNGA Res/36/97c
- ✎ In 1982, PAROS listed as one agenda item for CD
- ✎ From 1985 to 1994, CD Ad Hoc Committee on PAROS and 10 annual reports
- ✎ Despite of the stalemate in CD, discussions on PAROS continued.



Evolutionary efforts on PAROS

- ✎ **In 2000**, CD/1606, position paper by China
 - not to test, deploy or use weapons, weapon systems or components in OS
 - clear definitions on “outer space”, “space weapons”, “weapon systems”, “components of weapon systems”
 - open to verification
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 - “Four Not”;
 - did not give definition on “space weapons”
 - verification “need further consideration and development”



Evolutionary efforts on PAROS (cont.)

- ✎ **In 2002**, CD/1679, by 7 countries including China
 - basic obligation
 - “threat or use of force against OS objects”
- ✎ **In 2006**, CD/1769, the Q & A, by Russia and China
- ✎ **In 2007**, CD/1818, the Q & A, by Russia and China.



Evolutionary efforts on PAROS (cont.)

- In 2006, CD/1778, CD/1779, CD/1780, CD/1781
 - CBMs
 - (a) aimed at enhancing transparency;
 - (b) aimed at expansion of information on OS objects;
 - (c) related to rules of conduct for OS activities



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-- verification

(a) Remote-sensing survey: OS to OS survey; OS to the earth survey; the Earth to OS survey;

(b) On-site inspections: Inspections of relevant space research labs on the ground; Verification of objects intended to be launched at launching sites.



Evolutionary efforts on PAROS (cont.)

- **In 2008**, CD/1839, the PPWT, by Russia and China.
 - Art. II on basic obligation;
 - Art. I on “use of force” or the “threat of force”;
 - Art. VI leaves room for CBMs;
 - Art. VI is open to a verification protocol.

- **In 2009**, CD/1872, the Q & A, by China and Russia.



Efforts alongside the CD

- **UNGA** Resolutions & side events
- **UNCOPUOS, ITU**, international organizations
- **Since 2002**, UNIDIR space security conference
- **Since 2005**, China has been one of donors to this conference.
- **Bilateral consultations**



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A good basis for future steps

- Three-folded goals:
 - No weapon placed in outer space;
 - No use of force against OS objects;
 - No threat of use of force against OS objects.



Possible steps forward – In the CD

- Substantive discussion – based on CD 1863 in 2009, negotiation mandate more preferable
- No pre-conditions
- Revised draft with reflection on critical issues, including verification and CBMs.



Possible steps forward – in parallel

- UN GGE on outer space TCBMs in 2012
- International & regional seminars
- Bilateral consultations



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