

**Conference on Disarmament  
Plenary session of August 8, 2002  
Intervention by Ambassador Celina M. Assumpção do Valle  
Pereira, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil**

**Mr. President,**

**Let me begin by sincerely congratulating you on the way you have conducted your Presidency. Be sure – you and your delegation - of the full support and cooperation of the Brazilian delegation in the exercise of your important responsibilities.**

**Mr. President,**

**I have asked for the floor to support the joint initiative by the delegations of China and of the Russian Federation on the possible elements of a future international legal agreement on the prevention of the deployment of weapons in outer space.**

**The Brazilian Government supports the commencement of negotiations in the CD of a treaty on the prevention of arms race in the outer space. The initiative by the Chinese and Russian delegations is in conformity with the Brazilian position on the exclusively peaceful uses of outer space and is in line with the commitments assumed by Brazil under multilateral treaties and bilateral agreements on the peaceful use of outer space, of which we are Party.**

**Moreover, it is a unique initiative, which complements the efforts aimed at valuing the multilateral approach in international negotiations on security, disarmament and non-proliferation.**

**Once a decision will be taken to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on PAROS, my delegation will certainly have more specific comments to make.**

**Thank you, Mr. President.**