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Mr. President,

Allow me first to congratulate you for your work, and that of the other Presidents, all delegations and the Secretariat, on the Report of the CD to UNGA 62.

Mr. President, Canada has the honour, on behalf of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, to table in the CD, the report of the conference entitled: "Celebrating the Space Age: 50 Years of Space Technology, 40 Years of the Outer Space Treaty". The Report of this Conference was finalised by UNIDIR only this week, and that is the reason why I am submitting it to the CD Plenary today.

This conference was the latest in a series of annual conferences held by UNIDIR on the issue of space security, the peaceful uses of outer space and the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The

conference was convened in Geneva on 2-4 April 2007, with the financial and material support of the Governments of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, Canada, and of the Secure World Foundation and the Simons Foundation. Canada would be grateful if this report were issued as an official document of the Conference and distributed to all Member States participating in the CD, and that a reference to it be made in the appropriate section of this year's Report of the CD to UNGA. The appropriate place for such a reference would appear to us to be paragraph 44 (c), but we leave this decision of placement with the Secretariat.

Given the late date, there are copies of this report now available as a reference to delegations, in advance of its issuance as an official CD document.

Thank you,

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative