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During 1947-1991 the United States and the USSR embarked on an arms race that shocked the world. Now the Montessori Model United met together and discussed the possibility of an outer space arms race. The delegates spoke with other countries and debated the best ways to solve this pressing issue.

During the Upper Elementary conference delegates from Egypt proposed that inspections should be carried out by United Nations peacekeepers. Another idea was suggested by Iraq, "all countries should just not put weapons in space" this idea had merit but was unable to gain momentum and was not put onto the final resolution. The suggestion from Libya stated to "never use first strike weapons and to never test ASAT weapons." Accusations were hurled as Costa Rica stated that Japan and Russia were in possession of nuclear bombs the size of the Empire State Building. Japan could not confirm or deny this accusatory statement. The delegates from the Republic of Costa Rica also stated that "nuclear radiation could harm animals other

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planets since there is no atmosphere for the moon” when asked to elaborate on this response on how he knew there was life on other planets he responded “well I’ve seen all of the men in black movies” this concluded are interview with the delegates from the Republic of Costa Rica. Some other ideas proposed were to install thermal imaging cameras into satellites in an attempt to see if they contained weaponry, and stationing armed United Nations peacekeepers around launch sites to inspect satellites before they were launched.

Meanwhile at the Middle School DISEC committee tensions ran high as delegates went wild. “What’s wrong with killing Russia” a delegate from Belarus shouted, this was heard in a conversation with Jamaica. The resolution created stated that all conventional weapons and firearms would be banned from entering space. When the idea of an enemy force attacking an international space station was brought up, the delegates from Jamaica exclaimed “it’s absurd”, “it would never happen”. When asked about a hypothetical situation, the delegation of Belarus stated “there isn’t a contingency plan for this, we don’t have plans for things that aren’t going to happen”. When questioned further the delegates remarked “well if Elon Musk goes rouge and becomes the head of a terrorist organization we might be in trouble but until that happens were fine” the delegations from other countries joined in and continued to talk about Elon Musk’s hypothetical terrorist group. While interviewing the delegates from Belarus a heated argument erupted as Jamaica moved in to answer the question themselves. Later the delegates from Belarus stated “they just steal the spotlight and don’t listen to other peoples ideas”. This group also had some radical ideas as the delegates from Guyana remarked “we want to protect the moon, but once the security relaxes we want to nuke it and then make it implode” this idea said

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to the delegates from the Republic of Cameroon remarked “yeah we strongly disapprove”. The proposed implosion of the moon was supported by Guyana as well as the delegation representing Belarus, but was opposed by the delegates from Jamaica for good reason.

All delegates believed immensely in the fact that space should be safe, as one delegate from Egypt put it “it’s not fair to destroy space, it belongs to everyone”. Simply put space should be available for all countries and all countries should work to protect it from radiation and debris.