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Cuba is a country in North America, which is not rich in science research or outer space exploration. Cuba still needs development in this field. Cuba is involved in the outer space treaty and believes that humans should regulate the space exploration; the imbalance in space technologies between countries may cause lots of problems; there should not be too much activities of space travel.

Cuba is in the party of the outer space treaty, which is considered to be the foundation of international space law. We believe the celestial resources are the common heritage of mankind, no government may claim it and each country should be responsible for their space object’s debris in space. Also, there should not be large progression of human activity in outer space. Each launching of spacecraft will release black carbon which can cause global warming or climate change; the spacecraft can leave debris in space that will orbit around the earth, if it travels at high speed, that can be a potential harm to all space vehicles, a tiny little piece of debris can damage a spacecraft. We do not want to see our Earth get warmer and warmer because of the rapid exploration of outer space.

Cuba’s technology of space is behind; the government would like to spend most of the money on citizens’ living quality, such as medical equipment or housing security. They would like to pay more attention on realistic things. Cuba is a socialistic state that people just want to live a peaceful and happy life, not to say there might be space arms race between counties. The presence of a country in outer space shows the economic strength and science technology. If your country has a huge development in outer space, that is the same as a high position in the world. But if your country is not good at this, and cannot catch up in several years like Cuba, that may let you lose some prestige in the world, the strong states may want to control you, so that your state will be passively. It is unavoidable to have some conflicts between countries. Any of their mistakes may cause a big problem. Different countries have different ideas about common things. It always takes a tough process for them to agree with each other and figure out a solution.

As the development of space technology increases, we are seeing a rapid commercialization of the space industry. Everyone may be able to travel to space one day. Cuba does not view this endeavor as a realistic goal for their citizens.m Although the government subsidizes its citizens’ medical treatment, housing or other living necessaries, they have low salaries, about only 20 dollars per month. That means Cuban families will not be able to afford space trips. If in the future, travel to space becomes a common activity in developed countries, how will Cuba people feel when it will still be an unattainable goal for them? What if some of them are extreme? They may start strikes or illegal immigration to other countries where space travel is affordable and attainable. Cuba does not want to make space travel commercialized if the space technology and economic strength is pretty imbalanced between countries. In addition, if space travel becomes commercialized, there could be individuals or companies that spring up who produce low quality parts or entire space ships which could lead to security and safety concerns for passengers.

In conclusion, Cuba is a developing country with poor space technology, the Cuban people want a simple life here on earth, and not have to constantly reminded of a goal they cannot achieve in space. Therefore Cuba does not agree with increased human space activity, which will cause environment pollution to the planet we currently reside on. Cuba does not want any conflict or war carrying out because of the disagreement of space exploration between states; and finally Cuba certainly does not want space travel to become commercialized.