

THE YEAR OF

THE UFOs?

UNITED NATIONS, Tues, AAP — Amid diplomatically suppressed snickers and yawns, the United Nations for the first time formally took up today the question of unidentified flying objects, the Associated Press reported.

“The world is looking on,” declared Sir Eric Gairy, Prime Minister of the tiny Caribbean island nation of Grenada and prime mover behind a campaign to get the United Nations to study UFO phenomena worldwide.

“We have the backing of many scientists

ing of many scientists, and I look forward with confidence to the support of the world's nations," Sir Eric told the General Assembly's special political committee.

Grenada has drafted a proposed resolution by which the United Nations would declare 1978 the International Year of Unidentified Flying Objects and es-

tablish an agency of a department to study UFOs.

Sir Eric said he had been encouraged by President Carter's apparent interest in the subject.

Mr Carter, who like Sir Eric says he once saw a UFO, recently instructed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to resume a UFO study that had been suspended by the Air Force

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10 years ago.

Sir Eric said a U.N study would not infringe on the sovereignty of any nation.

The Prime Minister, who says UFOs are space vehicles used by extraterrestrial beings, has accused unnamed nations of stifling information on sightings.