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RESOLUTION 1721 B (XVI) BY STATES LAUNCHING OBJECTS INTO
ORBIT OR BEYOND

Letter dated 5 June 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the
Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful uses of Outer Space

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for the United Nations
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, information concerning space objects
launched into earth orbit or beyond by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
during the period 20 March to 25 April 1973.

(Signed) Y. MALIK

Information concerning launchings of space objects, submitted by
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

No.	Name of Satellite	Purpose of launching	Date of launching	Basic characteristics		
				Perigee (km)	Apogee (km)	Inclination (degrees)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
683	Meteor	Acquisition of meteorological information required for use by the weather service	20 March 1973	882	903	81.2
684	Cosmos 552	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space	22 March 1973	211	337	72.9
685	Salyut 2	Testing of improved design, on-board systems and equipment; conduct of scientific and technical research and experiments	3 April 1973	215	260	51.6
686	Molniya 2	Continued operation of the long-range telephone and telegraph radio-communications system in the USSR and transmission of central television programmes of the USSR to stations in the Orbita network and international co-operation scheme	5 April 1973	500	39100	65
687	Cosmos 553	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space	12 April 1973	282	519	71
688	Cosmos 554	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space	19 April 1973	212	318	72.9
689	Intercosmos Copernicus 500	Investigation of solar radio-frequency radiation and the characteristics of the earth's ionosphere	19 April 1973	202	1551	48.5
690	Cosmos 555	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space	25 April 1973	216	253	81.3