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

Letter dated 24 March 1975 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1721 B (XVI), I have the honour to transmit herewith to Your Excellency and through you to the United Nations Commission on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space the following information concerning the space object recently launched into earth orbit by Japan.

1. Name of satellite: SRATS (National name: "TAIYO")
2. International designation: 1975-014-A
3. Date and time of launching: 05h 25 min GMT; 24 February 1975
4. Place of launching: Uchinoura, Kagoshima, Japan
5. Launch vehicle: M - 3C - 2
6. Basic orbital parameters
 - (1) Nodal period: 120.3 minutes
 - (2) Inclination: 31.6 degrees
 - (3) Apogee: 3,136 km
 - (4) Perigee: 255 km
7. General function of satellite

SRATS (Solar Radiation and Thermospheric Structure Satellite) is the third Japanese scientific satellite to study the intereffects of solar radiation and the thermosphere of the earth.

(Signed) Shizuo SAITO