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ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

Note verbale dated 1 June 1981 from the Permanent Mission of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in conformity with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, has the honour to transmit information concerning space objects launched by the USSR in February and March 1981 and concerning objects previously launched into earth orbit which are no longer in orbit.

REGISTRATION DATA ON SPACE OBJECTS LAUNCHED BY THE USSR IN FEBRUARY 1981

1. In February 1981, the USSR launched the following space objects:

No.	Name of space object	Date of launching	Basic orbit characteristics				General purpose of space object
			Apogee (km)	Perigee (km)	Inclination (degrees)	Period (minutes)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1546	COSMOS-1243	2 February	1,026	316	66	98	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1547	INTERCOSMOS-21*	6 February	520	475	74	94.5	Development of methods for comprehensive study of the oceans and the surface of the earth, and testing of the experimental system of automatic gathering of scientific information from sea and land stations
1548	COSMOS-1244	12 February	1,024	975	82.9	105	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1549	COSMOS-1245	13 February	403	208	72.9	90.3	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1550	COSMOS-1246	18 February	292	202	64.9	89.2	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1551	COSMOS-1247	19 February	39,540	613	62.8	709	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space

All objects were launched from the territory of the USSR.

* Space object No. 1547 was launched under the INTERCOSMOS programme by the USSR together with the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania.

2. In February 1981 the following space objects ceased to exist and were no longer in earth orbit at 2400 hours Moscow time on 28 February:

COSMOS-752 (1975-069A)
 COSMOS-891 (1977-006A)
 COSMOS-924 (1977-060A)
 COSMOS-1204 (1980-067A)
 COSMOS-1240 (1981-005A)
 COSMOS-1243 (1981-010A)
 COSMOS-1245 (1981-014A)

REGISTRATION DATA ON SPACE OBJECTS LAUNCHED BY THE USSR IN MARCH 1981

1. In March 1981, the USSR launched the following space objects:

No.	Name of space object	Date of launching	Basic orbit characteristics				General purpose of space object
			Apogee (km)	Perigee (km)	Inclination (degrees)	Period (minutes)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1552	COSMOS-1248	5 March	371	180	67.1	89.7	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1553	COSMOS-1249	5 March	282	258	65	89.6	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1554-1561	COSMOS-1250-1257*	6 March	1,500	1,450	74	115	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1562	SOYUZ T-4	12 March	331	250	51.6	90.1	Transport to the SALYUT-6 orbital station of cosmonauts V. V. Kovalenko and V. P. Savinykh to carry out repairs and preventive maintenance and scientific and technical investigations and experiments
1563	COSMOS-1258	14 March	1 032	322	65.8	98	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1564	COSMOS-1259	17 March	405	215	70.4	90.4	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
1565	RADUGA	18 March	36,590	36,590	0.4	1,477	Provision of uninterrupted round-the-clock telephone and telegraph radiocommunications and simultaneous transmission of colour and black-and-white USSR Central Television programmes to stations in the Orbita network
1566	COSMOS-1260	21 March	458.7	435.2	65	93.3	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space

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			Apogee (km)	Perigee (km)	Inclination (degrees)	Period (minutes)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1567	SOYUZ-39	22 March	320	271	51.6	90.3	Transport to the SALYUT-6 orbital station of the eighth international crew under the INTERCOSMOS programme, comprising V. A. Dzhanibekov (USSR) and Z. Gurragchi (Mongolian People's Republic) to conduct scientific investigations and experiments
1568	MOLNIYA-3	24 March	40,655	641	62.8	736	Operation of the long-range telephone and telegraph radiocommunications system in the USSR, transmission of USSR Central Television programmes to stations in the Orbita network and within the framework of international co-operation
1569	COSMOS-1261	31 March	40,170	615	62.8	710	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space

All objects were launched from the territory of the USSR.

* Space objects Nos. 1554-1561 were launched by a single carrier rocket.

2. In March 1981 the following space objects ceased to exist and were no longer in earth orbit at 2400 hours Moscow time on 31 March:

INTERCOSMOS-18 (1978-099A)
 INTERCOSMOS-20 (1979-096A)
 COSMOS-1164 (1980-013A)
 PROGRESS-12 (1981-007A)
 COSMOS-1244 (1981-013A)
 COSMOS-1258 (1981-024A)
 COSMOS-1259 (1981-026A)
 SOYUZ-39 (1981-029A)