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REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

Note verbale dated 20 August 1990 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 May 1990 and concerning objects previously launched into earth orbit which are no longer in orbit.

REGISTRATION DATA ON SPACE OBJECTS LAUNCHED BY THE USSR IN MAY 1990

1. In May 1990, 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)	
2590	Progress-42	6 May	261	194	51.6	88.7	Delivery of various cargoes to the Mir orbital station
2591	Cosmos-2077 (launched by a Soyuz carrier rocket)	7 May	346	195	62.9	89.6	Investigation of the upper atmosphere and outer space
2592	Cosmos-2078 (launched by a Soyuz carrier rocket)	15 May	307	206	70	89.3	"
2593	Cosmos-2079* (launched by a Proton carrier rocket)	19 May	19 130	19 130	64.9	675	Testing of components and apparatus of the Glonass global space navigation system being set up to determine the position of the Soviet Union's civil aircraft and vessels in its merchant marine and fishing fleet
2594	Cosmos-2080*	"	"	"	"	"	"
2595	Cosmos-2081*	"	"	"	"	"	"
2596	Cosmos-2082 (launched by a Zenit carrier rocket)	22 May	880	852	71	102	Investigation of outer space

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2597	Resurs-F (launched by a Soyuz carrier rocket)	29 May	260	190	82.3	88.7	Investigation of the natural resources of the earth in the interests of various branches of the national economy of the USSR; solution of problems relating to ecology and international co-operation. In accordance with a commercial agreement, apparatus belonging to the Federal Republic of Germany is also being carried for the purpose of conducting biotechnological experiments
2598	Kristall (specialized module; launched by a Proton carrier rocket)	31 May	346	220	51.6	89.9	Experimental-industrial production of semi-conducting materials; refinement of biologically active substances for the production of new medicinal preparations; cultivation of crystals of different albumine compositions and hybridization of cells. Conduct of astrophysical and technical experiments

* Space objects 2593, 2594 and 2595 were launched by a single carrier rocket.

All objects were launched from the territory of the USSR.

2. The following space objects ceased to exist in May 1990 and were no longer in earth orbit at 2400 hours Moscow time on 31 May 1990:

Cosmos-1450 (1983-027A)
 Proton (1990-032A)
 Progress-42 (1990-041A)