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REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

Note verbale dated 12 January 1993 from the Permanent Mission
of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to report the launching of the Optus B1 satellite, which the Australian Space Office has lodged in its registry pursuant to the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, to which Australia acceded on 11 March 1986.

In accordance with Australia's obligations under the Convention, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations has the honour to provide the following details of the Optus B1 satellite:

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| 1. Satellite: | Optus B1 |
| 2. Name of launching State: | Australia |
| 3. International designation: | Optus B1 |
| 4. Date of launch: | 14 August 1992 |
| 5. Territory of launch: | China |
| 6. Nodal period: | 23 hours 56 minutes |
| 7. Inclination: | 0.0 ± 0.05 degrees |
| 8. Apogee: | 42,164 km (geostationary) |
| 9. Perigee: | 42,164 km (geostationary) |

10. Longitude: 160 ± 0.05 degrees East
11. Function: Commercial communications

The Australian Space Office has also informed us that it has previously notified the Secretary-General regarding three other satellites in the Australian registry. Details of these are as follows:

- (1) Aussat A1, launched from the United States of America on 26 August 1985;
- (2) Aussat A2, launched from the United States of America on 27 November 1985;
- (3) Aussat A3, launched from France (French Guiana) on 15 September 1987.
