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

Letter dated 6 April 1976 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 the ionosphere by Japan:

1. Name of satellite: JISS (National name: "UME")
2. International designation: 1976-019A
3. Date and time of launching: 03 h 30 min. UT; 29 February 1976
4. Place of launching: Tanegashima Space Centre, Kagoshima, Japan
5. Launch vehicle: N Launch Vehicle
6. Basic orbital parameters:
 - (1) Nodal period: 105.1 minutes
 - (2) Inclination: 69.7 degrees
 - (3) Apogee: 1,012 km
 - (4) Perigee: 990 km
7. General function of satellite:

Japanese Ionosphere Sounding Satellite (JISS) is intended for regular observations by means of radio waves of the global distribution of the critical frequencies of the ionosphere, and for utilization of the results of the observation for radio-wave forecasts and warning necessary for effective operation of short-wave radio communication.

(Signed) Masao KANAZAWA