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

Note verbale dated 9 April 1981 from the Permanent Representative
of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Japan presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1721 of the sixteenth session, the information on the two satellites recently launched by the National Space Development Agency of Japan and the Institute of Space and Aeronautical Science, University of Tokyo, the details of which are to be found in the attached paper.

Annex

REGISTRATION DATA FOR JAPANESE SPACE LAUNCHES

1. Name of satellite	KIKU 3 (ETS-IV)	HINOTORI (ASTRO-A)
2. International designation	1981-012A	1981-017A
3. Date and place of launching	11 February 1981 Tanegashima Space Center Kagoshima, Japan	21 February 1981 Kagoshima Space Center Kagoshima, Japan
4. Launch vehicle	N-II launch vehicle	M-3S-2
5. Launching organization	National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA)	The Institute of Space and Aeronautical Science University of Tokyo
6. Basic orbit characteristics		
Apogee	35 824 km	644 km
Perigee	223 km	576 km
Inclination	28.6°	31.3°
Period	636 min	96.9 min
7. Purpose	Acquisition of the technology to handle a large-scale heavy satellite and test of the functions of on-board equipment and devices, as well as confirmation of the launching capacity of the N-II launch vehicle	Investigation of solar flare by X-ray telescope and spectrograph