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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONVENTION  
ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

Note verbale dated 7 October 1988 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 and, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 2, of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, has the honour to transmit the following information.

As has already been reported, on 1 October 1988 the radiation safety system on the Cosmos-1900 satellite with a nuclear power plant on board automatically cut in.

In accordance with the programme of the spacecraft's on-board system, the reactor was shut off; it was separated from the satellite and transferred to a long-life orbit where the radioactive products of the reactor will decay to a safe level.

On 2 October 1988, at 0126 hours Moscow time, the remaining part of the satellite, which poses no radiation hazard, entered into the dense layers of the atmosphere and ceased to exist above the Indian Ocean.

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