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Note verbale dated 22 October 2012 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article 5 of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex) has the honour to inform him of a space object that has washed up on the shores of Bermuda.

The object washed up on Angle Beach, Southampton, Bermuda on 26 August 2012. The geographic coordinates are 32.253333 degrees latitude and -64.8175 degrees longitude.

The object came to the attention of the Bermuda Department of Civil Aviation and has been identified by the Office of Space and Advanced Technology of the Department of State of the United States of America as belonging to the United Launch Alliance. It is believed to be part of a payload fairing from an Atlas V mission conducted on 4 May 2012 with USA-235.

The basic dimensions are approximately 84 inches wide and 71 inches tall, with the base of the object being slightly curved. It appears to be made of a honeycomb composite material. Photographs of the space object are available online (see www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/Reports/ac105_1040.html). Currently the object is under the safekeeping of the Manager of Maintenance and Engineering of the Bermuda Department of Airport Operations.



The Office of Space and Advanced Technology of the State Department of the United States would like to recover this object and is willing to make all arrangements for the proposed recovery plan.

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