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Note verbale dated 4 September 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations (Vienna), in accordance with article 5, paragraph 1 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 the Secretary-General of the United Nations that component parts of a space object have been discovered on the territory of the United States of America.

The object found had washed ashore near Dry Tortugas National Park, Key West, Florida, and appears to be part of the fairing of a French Ariane launch vehicle. The object has the approximate dimensions of 4.2 m x 4.0 m x 0.08 m, weighs approximately 100 kg and bears the following identifying lettering on a square plate located on the interior of the fairing:

Property: ARIANESPACE

Contract: ARIANE 2009.00468/DP

Ensemble: ARBE203 – AR5570

Half/Sn: EXT – TN SN 84

Construct: RAZ/RAE

Accept: 10 12

PLF No.: C570

Control: S33?4551 GRD423

The object is being held temporarily by the United States National Park Service at Dry Tortugas National Park.



In accordance with article 5 of the Agreement, the Government of the United States of America has also notified the Government of France and invited it to identify the object.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America has the further honour to request that this communication be circulated as a document of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
