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Note verbale dated 4 October 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary- General

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, 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 him of the discovery of a component part of a space object in Japanese territory.

The object was found on the beach of Tanegashima Island, Kagoshima Prefecture, by inhabitants of the island on 25 September 2010. It is part of a white-coloured cylinder-shaped object, and is about 170 cm long and 120 cm wide. It is believed to be a component part of a Republic of Korea launch vehicle. The object poses no risk of hazard to people and property, and is temporarily being kept at a town office on the island, in accordance with domestic law.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement cited above, the Government of Japan is also notifying the Government of the Republic of Korea.

