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Letter dated 21 October 1996 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna)

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna), in accordance with article IV, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,\* has the honour to transmit information concerning the satellite APSTAR-IA, which was launched on 3 July 1996 (see annex).

<sup>\*</sup>General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

## Annex

## REGISTRATION DATA FOR SPACE LAUNCHES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND\*

Name of space object: APSTAR-IA

International designation: 1996-039A

Catalogue number: 23943

Date of launch and location: 3 July 1996, Xichang, China

Basic orbital parameters:

Nodal period: $1,440\pm0.2$  minutesInclination: $0\pm0.05$  degreesApogee radius:42,167 kilometresPerigee radius:42,164 kilometres

Orbital position

(for geostationary satellite): 134 degrees East

Owner/operator: APT Satellite Co., Ltd., Hong Kong

General function: Fixed-satellite telecommunication services and trans-

mission of television signals

Expected operational life: About 10 years

<sup>\*</sup>The registration data are reproduced in the form in which they were received.