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RESOLUTION 1721 B (XVI) BY STATES LAUNCHING OBJECTS INTO
ORBIT OR BEYOND

Note verbale dated 3 October 1975 from the Permanent Mission
of France addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him of the launching of the eighth CERS/ESRO satellite, the first European Space Agency satellite, COS-B. This satellite was launched on Saturday, 9 August 1975, at 1 hr 47 min 59 sec GMT. It was placed in orbit by a Delta 2913 vehicle from the Western Test Range in California.

The main characteristics of the satellite orbit are as follows:

- Apogee: 99,886 km
- Perigee: 344 km
- Inclination: 90.13 degrees
- Argument of perigee: 344.7 degrees
- Period: 36.7 hours
