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OF OUTER SPACEINFORMATION FURNISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONVENTION ON
REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACENote verbale dated 4 June 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Swedish scientific satellite VIKING was launched on 22 February 1986. The following information is transmitted in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space:

1. Launching State: Sweden
2. Name and registration number: VIKING 1986-19B
3. Date and territory of launch: 22 February 1986,
Kourou, French Guyana
4. Basic orbital parameters:
 - (a) Nodal period: 262.2 minutes
 - (b) Inclination: 98.78 degrees
 - (c) Apogee: 13,530 km
 - (d) Perigee: 814.2 km
5. General description and mission of the space objects:

Scientific satellite for the investigation of space plasma physics in the part of the magnetosphere close to the Earth, particularly in connection with the auroral phenomena. The nominal mission period is eight months but an extension can be envisaged.

In accordance with article II of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space, Sweden has established a register on space objects. The responsible agency for keeping the register is the Swedish Board for Space Activities. The above-mentioned information about the satellite VIKING has been included in this register.
