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REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE**

**Note verbale dated 19 August 1998 from the Permanent Mission of France
to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,* has the honour to submit the list of objects launched by France in the period from January 1998 to April 1998 (see annex).

*General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

Annex

REGISTRATION DATA FOR FRENCH SPACE LAUNCHES DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY-APRIL 1998*

The space objects mentioned below were launched from Kourou, French Guiana.

| <i>Registration number</i> | <i>Date of launch (UT)</i> | <i>Nodal period (seconds)</i> | <i>Inclination (degrees)</i> | <i>Apogee (km)</i> | <i>Perigee (km)</i> | <i>General function of space object</i> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1998-1 | 4 February 1998 | - | 7.030 | 36 010 | 199 | Third stage of ARIANE 4 |
| 1998-2A | 27 February 1998 | 86 160 | 0.000 | 35 786 | 35 786 | EUTELSAT Hot Bird 4 telecommunications satellite ^a |
| 1998-2B | 27 February 1998 | - | 6.980 | 35 905 | 200 | Third stage of ARIANE 4 |
| 1998-3 | 24 March 1998 | - | 98.728 | 812 | 789 | Third stage of ARIANE 4 |
| 1998-4 | 28 April 1998 | - | 7.005 | 35 986 | 199 | Third stage of ARIANE 4 |

^aEUTELSAT and France have agreed that France should register this satellite temporarily until EUTELSAT has met the conditions (indication of definitive geostationary orbit) for registering it itself.

*The registration data are reproduced in the form in which they were received.