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Note verbale dated 3 June 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article II of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex), has the honour to inform him that the Netherlands has established a national registry of objects launched into outer space ("Register ruimtevoorwerpen").

The registry consists of two subregistries:

(a) The United Nations subregistry that contains data on objects launched into outer space in respect of which the Netherlands is the State on whose registry a space object is carried, in accordance with article II of the Registration Convention;

(b) The national subregistry that contains data on objects launched into outer space in respect of whose operation the Netherlands bears international responsibility, in accordance with article VI, and has jurisdiction and control, in accordance with article VIII of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies (General Assembly resolution 2222 (XXI), annex), but in respect of which the Netherlands is not the "launching State", "State of registry" or "launching authority" for the purposes of (i) the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (General Assembly resolution 2777 (XXVI), annex); (ii) the Registration Convention; or (iii) the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex), respectively.

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Official information on objects launched into outer space that are carried on the registry of the Netherlands can be found on the website of the Radiocommunications Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, at http://www.agentschap-telecom.nl/bedrijven/ruimtevaartensatelliet/Pages/default.aspx.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (c) of General Assembly resolution 62/101, entitled "Recommendations on enhancing the practice of States and international intergovernmental organizations in registering space objects", the Netherlands also wishes to inform the Secretary-General of the establishment of a focal point for the national registry of the Netherlands. The focal point is the Radiocommunications Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs. The contact details are:

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