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## Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

### **Information furnished in conformity with the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space**

#### **Note verbale dated 26 August 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations (Vienna), in accordance with article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 2345 (XXII), annex), has the honour to inform the Secretary-General that component parts of a space object have been discovered in Australian territory.

On 9 July 2022, the component parts of the space object fell on private property in south-eastern Australia in the vicinity of the town of Jindabyne, New South Wales.

The parts came to the attention of the Australian Government in July 2022. The Australian Government has examined the parts, and they are believed to be the component parts of a space object, namely, the trunk section of a SpaceX Dragon capsule (international designator 2020-084A) launched on 16 November 2020 from the Kennedy Space Center. The three parts were located over a total distance of 18.73 nautical miles (34.68 kilometres) and are as follows:

1. Approximately 1,050 x 900 millimetres and constructed of titanium, steel, aluminium, and carbon fibre and insulation materials. It is a flat component with a slight curve and weighs approximately 20 kilograms.
2. Approximately 3,200 x 80 x 580 millimetres and constructed of titanium, steel, aluminium, and carbon fibre and insulation materials. It is a triangular component and weighs approximately 100 kilograms.
3. Approximately 2,100 x 750 millimetres and constructed of titanium, steel, aluminium, fibreglass, and carbon fibre and insulation materials. It is a curved, semicircular-shaped object and weighs approximately 35 kilograms.

The parts are not considered to be of a hazardous or deleterious nature. They remain in private custody. The Australian Government believes that the United States of America is the launching authority and the State of registry.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement, the Government of Australia will formally notify the Government of the United States.

