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Note verbale dated 7 May 2025 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (Vienna) has the honour to inform that the automatic interplanetary station Cosmos-482 (Venera-9), which was launched on 31 March 1972, has begun its descent from orbit.

As a responsible spacefaring nation, the Russian Federation wishes to inform the international community of this process in a timely manner.

According to the United Nations Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space, the national designator of the Cosmos-482 object is 597 and its international designator is 1972-023E; the launching State was the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the function of the object was research on the upper layers of the atmosphere and on outer space.

As at 0830 hours Moscow time on 5 May, the orbital parameters of the Cosmos-482 object were as follows:

Inclination: 51.95 degrees;

Period: 88.9 minutes;

Apogee: 332 kilometres;

Perigee: 146 kilometres.

The estimated time at which the object's ballistic existence is expected to end (Moscow time) is as follows:

Start of window: 9 May at 1119 hours

Centre point: 10 May at 0213 hours

End of window: 11 May at 2239 hours.