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Note verbale dated 19 February 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article 5 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 him that a space object of American origin was discovered on the territory of the United Kingdom.

The object was found floating between the islands of Bryher and Tresco, part of the Isles of Scilly archipelago, Cornwall, United Kingdom, on 26 November 2015. The object was towed to the island of Tresco, where it came to the attention of the British coastguard services. Competent authorities in the Government of the United States of America identified the object as a component part of a space object launched by SpaceX on 21 September 2014 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida (international designator 2014-056).

The object has approximate dimensions of 4 metres x 7 metres with a slight curve in the longitudinal axis. The exterior surface is white with black lettering and an American flag. Imagery of the object can be found online at www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/treatyimplementation/arra-art-v/unlfd.html#2015.

The United States, working with competent authorities in the Government of the United Kingdom, managed the recovery and disposal of the object.

