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Note verbale dated 6 December 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America 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 of the United Nations that component parts of a Chinese space object have been discovered in the territory of the United States.

United States authorities have identified materials they believe are component parts of a space object (international designator 2016-042E) launched on 25 June 2016 from the Wenchang Satellite Launch Centre, China. Authorities have secured two items from 2016-042E that survived re-entry and impacted on the Earth's surface in the vicinity of 39.05 degrees North, 111.10 degrees West, separated by approximately 15 nautical miles.

In accordance with article 5 of the Agreement, the Government of the United States has also notified the Government of China and offered assistance in identifying and recovering the objects.

