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## Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

### **Note verbale dated 6 December 2018 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations (Vienna), with reference to principle 4 of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space (General Assembly resolution [47/68](#)), which provides that States launching space objects with nuclear power sources on board into outer space should inform the Secretary-General of ways to obtain the results of the safety assessment prior to the launch, has the honour to provide him with the following information.

Chang'e-4 is scheduled to be launched in December 2018; its planned mission is to explore the far side of the Moon. Five isotopic heat sources are slated to be on board the probe, in order to ensure that it can endure the extremely cold lunar night and be provided with adequate electricity. China has already undertaken a comprehensive safety assessment of the Chang'e-4 mission. The relevant information is available at the following web address: [www.cnsa.gov.cn/n6443408/n6465645/n6465648/c6804536/content.html](http://www.cnsa.gov.cn/n6443408/n6465645/n6465648/c6804536/content.html).

