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Note verbale dated 6 October 2021 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Japan 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 discovery of a component part of a space object in Japanese territory.

The object was found on the beach in Taketomi Town, Okinawa Prefecture, on 30 August 2021. It is a slightly curved plate object and is about 4 metres long and 2.2 metres wide. Authorities have identified markings reading “China Manned Space” in Chinese characters on the object. The object is being kept at a town office.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 1, of the Agreement cited above, the Government of Japan will also notify the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

