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Note verbale dated 23 May 2023 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 Okinoerabu Island, Kagoshima Prefecture, on 27 April 2023. Authorities have identified a pattern that appears to be the Chinese national flag as well as a marking of “ventilation duct” 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 is also notifying the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

