

Copy of the Note from the Permanent Representative
of Canada to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the 1968 Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space.

In accordance with Article 5, paragraph 1 of that Agreement, the Permanent Representative of Canada hereby wishes to notify the Secretary-General that component parts of a space object have been discovered on Canadian territory. These are believed to be component parts of the USSR Satellite Cosmos 954 which re-entered the earth's atmosphere in Canada on January 24, 1978. Some of these component parts were found to be radioactive. In light of the risk of hazards to persons and property in Canada, the Canadian authorities have carried out a comprehensive air and ground search for these parts and the search for additional parts is continuing. To date, the parts, as ... described in the attached annex, have been located in areas of Canada's Northwest Territories and are being removed to a safe location as local conditions permit. The Canadian