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**Note verbale dated 7 July 2008 from the Permanent Mission of the
Russian Federation to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to
the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article IV of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex), has the honour to transmit registration data on space launches by the Russian Federation for April 2008 and also on the space objects that ceased to exist during that period (see annex).



Registration data on space launches by the Russian Federation for April 2008*

1. In April 2008, the following space object belonging to the Russian Federation was launched:

Number	Name of space object	Date of launch	Basic orbital characteristics				General function of the space object
			Apogee (km)	Perigee (km)	Inclination (degrees)	Period (minutes)	
3238	Soyuz TMA-12 (launched by a Soyuz-FG carrier rocket from the Baikonur launch site)	8 April	246.3	199.5	51.63	88.7	Delivery to the International Space Station of the crew of Expedition 17, consisting of S. Volkov and O. Kononenko, and Visiting Crew 14, consisting of So-yeon Yi (Republic of Korea)

2. In April 2008, the Russian Federation launched the following space objects on behalf of foreign clients:
- On 27 April 2008, the European Space Agency's GSTB-V2/B navigation satellite was launched into Earth orbit by a Soyuz-FG carrier rocket with a Fregat booster from the Baikonur launch site;
- On 27 April 2008, the Israeli Amos-3 telecommunications satellite was launched into Earth orbit by a Zenit-2SB carrier rocket with a DM-SLB booster from the Baikonur launch site.
3. The following space objects ceased to exist in April 2008 and were no longer in Earth orbit at 2400 hours Moscow time on 30 April 2008:
- 2008-004A (Progress M-63)
- 2007-045A (Soyuz TMA-11)

* The registration data are reproduced in the form in which they were received.