

No. 9574. AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE. OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT LONDON, MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON ON 22 APRIL 1968<sup>1</sup>

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#### SUCCESSION

*Notification effected with the Government of the United States of America on:*

22 June 1971

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#### RATIFICATION

*Instrument deposited with the Government of the United States of America on:*

28 June 1971

ROMANIA

With the following declaration:

“The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers null and void the signing of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, which was signed at Washington, on April 22, 1968, by the so called Chiang-Khai-Shek authorities in so far as the only Government having the right to assume obligations on behalf of China and to represent her in international relations is the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

“The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers the ratification of the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, signed at Washington, on April 22, 1968 by the ‘Republic of Korea’ as an illegal action in so far as the South Korean authorities could not in any case act on behalf of Korea.”

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 672, p. 119; for subsequent actions, see annex A in volumes 680, 690, 693, 699, 719, 724, 727, 732, 737, 753, 757, 772 and 776.

## RATIFICATIONS

*Instruments deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on:*

20 November 1970

MOROCCO

17 December 1970

CYPRUS

21 December 1970

IRAN

*Certified statements were registered by the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively, on 4 August 1971.*

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