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Washington, DC 20546-0001



### Science Mission Directorate

NASA has received a description of the following mission, which has been identified as a mission that will be proposed to the European Space Agency (ESA) for consideration as a Cosmic Vision mission, as well as a description of the mission's science objectives.

Mission: Marco Polo-R (MPR)

Letter requested by: Andrew Cheng (JHU Applied Physics Laboratory)

NASA is aware of this proposal and acknowledges that its science objectives are aligned with the 2010 Science Plan for NASA's Science Mission Directorate (available at <http://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/>).

This letter may be included in the proposal that is submitted to ESA. NASA has not provided ESA with a copy of this letter. NASA will enter into discussions with ESA about support of selected proposals at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Hertz".

Paul Hertz  
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Science Mission Directorate