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**RE:** FIRST CONTACT PROTOCOLS

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Good evening, everyone.

I've been asked to resubmit the federal government's official stance on First Contact Protocol. I know many of you would have been sent this several months ago, but it's since been updated specifically for the Outbound Hope Mission. As you're no doubt aware, the scientific communities of Earth, Mars, and beyond are deeply hopeful that Outbound Hope – or potentially the subsequent Outbound Colony – will yield some clue about the “gate-builders.” These protocol updates are merely to prepare for that “eventuality.”

Don't get your hopes up, though. Not that I need to be telling any of you this, but we're obviously no strangers to 354-PA at this stage, and over 400 missions have logged nothing that even hints at extra-solar intelligence (except, of course, the Bifröst Station itself). To that end, the update is more of a formality and an appeasement to some of the more conspiracy-prone politicians still in New Washington.

Regardless, take a look at it when you can, but don't stress about it. We have much bigger issues to deal with before November. Per Aspera and all that.

Thanks,

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**P.S.** - Oh, and for the love of God -- PLEASE don't talk to the press about this. A few networks caught wind of the protocol update and now every alien nut and Builder-ite thinks we have something we're covering up. I promise you: I do not get paid enough to hide history-changing information from the human race.

# LETI INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL

## CONCERNING ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE LOCATION OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE



We, the scientific institutions and individuals participating in the search for the location of known extraterrestrial intelligence, recognize that the search for the builders of the Bifröst is an integral part of modern space exploration and is being undertaken for peaceful purposes and for the common interest of all humanity. We are inspired by the profound significance for humanity of locating extraterrestrial intelligence, given the evidence of such intelligence and its awe-inspiring capabilities.

We believe in the ideals of the historic Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, which committed Terran nations party to that Treaty "*to inform [...] the public and the international scientific community, to the greatest extent feasible and practicable, of the nature, conduct, locations and results*" of their space exploration activities. We recognize that it is essential to maintain the highest standards of political and scientific responsibility and credibility when engaging with extraterrestrial intelligences. Therefore, we hereby agree to observe the following principles for behavior pursuant to the location of extraterrestrial intelligence:

1. Any individual, public or private research institution, or governmental agency that believes it has detected a signal from or other evidence of the location of extraterrestrial intelligence will seek to verify that the most plausible explanation for the evidence is the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence rather than some other natural phenomenon or anthropogenic phenomenon **before** making any public announcement.
2. Prior to making a public announcement that evidence of the location of extraterrestrial intelligence has been detected, the discoverer should promptly inform all other observers or research organizations that are parties to this declaration, so that those other parties may seek to confirm the discovery by independent observations at other sites and so that a network can be established to enable continuous monitoring of the location or phenomenon.
3. Parties to this declaration should not make any public announcement of this information until it is determined whether this information is or is not credible evidence of the location of extraterrestrial intelligence. After concluding that the discovery appears to be credible evidence of the location of extraterrestrial intelligence, and after informing other parties to this declaration, the discoverer should inform observers throughout the solar system through the Intrastellar Astronomical Union's SETI Infonet, and its relevant national authorities.<sup>1</sup>
4. The discoverer should simultaneously inform the following international institutions of the discovery to support their ongoing development of expertise concerning extraterrestrial intelligence for the benefit of all humanity,

and should provide them with all pertinent data and recorded information concerning the evidence: the Solar Federation of Scientific Unions, the Intrastellar Astronomical Union, and the International Solar Institute of Space Law.

5. Following the preceding notifications, a confirmed detection of the location of extraterrestrial intelligence should be disseminated promptly, openly, and widely through scientific channels and public media, observing the procedures in this declaration. The discoverer should have the privilege of making the first public announcement.
6. All data necessary for confirmation of detection should be made available to the international scientific community through infonets, meetings, and other appropriate means. Any data bearing on extraterrestrial intelligence should be recorded and stored permanently to the greatest extent feasible and practicable, in a form that will make it available for further analysis and interpretation. These recordings should be made available to the institutions listed above and to members of the scientific community for further objective analysis and interpretation.
7. No response to extraterrestrial intelligences should be undertaken until appropriate international consultations have taken place. Intentionally signaling other civilizations raises concerns from all the people of the Sol System, about both the message and the consequences of contact. A system-wide scientific, political and humanitarian discussion must occur before any message is sent. Any discussion of a response must begin with the most current Humanity Baseline data package approved by Commission 812 of the Solar Federation of Scientific Unions.<sup>2</sup>
8. Commission 812 of the Solar Federation of Scientific Unions, in coordination with the Intrastellar Astronomical Union, will conduct a continuing review of procedures for the location of extraterrestrial intelligence and the subsequent handling of the data and interactions. Should a credible location of extraterrestrial intelligence be discovered, an international committee of scientists and other experts should be established to serve as a focal point for continuing analysis of all observational evidence collected in the aftermath of the discovery, and also to provide advice on the release of information to the public. This committee should be constituted from representatives of each of the international institutions listed above and such other members as the committee may deem necessary. The International Solar Institute of Space Law will act as the Depository for this declaration, storing the master copy at its Lunar Station, and will annually provide updated copy and the current list of signatories to all the parties to this declaration.



*This document has historical roots in the International Institute of Astronautics Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence Committee's Reply Protocols, originally dating from 1995, revised many times over in the subsequent centuries.*

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<sup>1</sup> The scientific community at large disputes the requirement to inform national governments of scientific discoveries affecting all of humanity, but recognizes the need for scientists and observers to function effectively within their national boundaries and legal structures.

<sup>2</sup> The procedures for such consultations were removed from this document in 2163 to facilitate its approval.