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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the Ciencia Viva Dinner on
November 19, 2015

Ciencia Viva is hosting a dinner on November 19, 2015, in Lisbon, Portugal. The dinner will include, representatives of the industry, members from the European Space Agency, Italian Space Agency, as well as academia. The dinner will promote the dialogue regarding space exploration plans. The event will take place at the Café Nicola in Lisbon, Portugal at 8:00 p.m. The value of the dinner, to include all food and beverages, is approximately \$35 per person. Approximately 50 people are expected to attend.

I find that this event meets the requirement of a widely attended gathering as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). Because the content relates to NASA's exploration and technology development objectives, I find that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend. NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Ciencia Viva may accept an invitation for free attendance at this event for themselves and a guest. Accordingly, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009 requires signing an ethics pledge may accept a free invitation to attend the dinner for themselves and a guest.

However, NASA employees, whose duties may substantially affect Ciencia Viva, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone