

# THE EMBASSY FOR EXTRATERRESTRIALS PROJECT

## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

### FOR THE HOST COUNTRY





## BRIEFING

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We now know that across the cosmos there are many planets suited to life similar to that which exists on this Earth<sup>[1]</sup>. We also know that billions of dollars are being spent trying to identify any that may be home to civilizations as least as advanced as we are<sup>[2]</sup> and that there is significant evidence that we have been closely observed by extra-terrestrials since at least 1945<sup>[3]</sup>, and probably from well before then. They have had ample opportunity for aggressive action, but have not indicated any hostile intent. Clearly, they are waiting for us to demonstrate that we would like to meet them in peace. The civilized way to do this is to provide them with a suitable embassy. However, before any state or accredited party can construct such an embassy, there needs to be an agreed legal framework guaranteeing safety, security, diplomatic immunity and so on in an interplanetary context.

*The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations* [Vienna, 18 April 1961]<sup>[4]</sup> is the international treaty that defines a framework for diplomatic relations between independent countries. The promotor, the International Raëlian Movement [IRM], proposes that this convention is also the most appropriate framework for managing relations with extraterrestrials, but this requires a few additional provisions that are best provided by a third optional protocol, provisionally titled the *Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning Embassies for Extra-Terrestrials*<sup>[5]</sup>.

The IRM will work with those countries that sign and ratify the optional protocol, through the usual process of scoping study to identify

suitable sites [with a minimum area of 490.59 hectares or 1,212.27 acres<sup>[6]</sup>] for the embassy complex and then a feasibility study to select the best site. If the host country accepts this honor and opportunity then the IRM will then commit to master plan the embassy complex and the expenditure of over a hundred million US dollars to its construction.

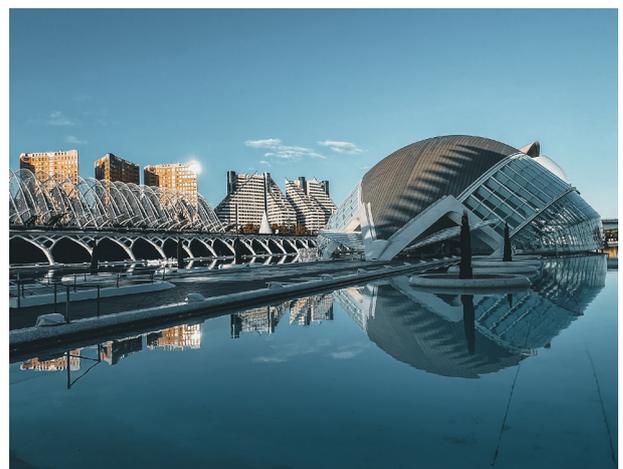
## THE EMBASSY COMPLEX

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The Embassy for Extraterrestrials will be a fully operating and environmentally, socially and economically sustainable tourist complex. Obviously, it will be dominated by the Embassy itself, set in a very large garden, but in four zones around the edge of that garden we are planning for a:

- **Tourist exhibition space, including:**
  - A large scale replica of the embassy,
  - An interpretive centre and shop,
  - Restaurants and cafés, and
  - Parking;
- **Professional forum space, including a:**
  - Scientific institute,
  - Conference centre, and
  - Hotel;
- **Staff village, including:**
  - Management offices,
  - Staff mess,
  - Accommodation,
  - Staff amenities, and
  - Parking; and
- **Maintenance depot, including:**
  - Mechanical, electrical and plumbing [MEP] plant and equipment,
  - Workshops, and
  - A plant nursery.

*Note that this list is subject to confirmation or adjustment during the master planning phase.*



## DIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- US\$136.5 million in direct investment by the IRM in the construction of the embassy complex<sup>[7]</sup>.
- At least 3 million tourists each year with an average spend of US\$800 per visitor<sup>[8]</sup>,
- US\$2.4 billion per annum increase in of direct tourism gross domestic product (GDP)<sup>[9]</sup>.

These benefits are before the official arrival of the extraterrestrial civilization. After their arrival, the benefits could realistically be easily multiplied by a factor of 10 or more.

Note too that the IRM is a registered non-profit organization, so most of the economic proceeds linked to this project would go back to the people of your country.

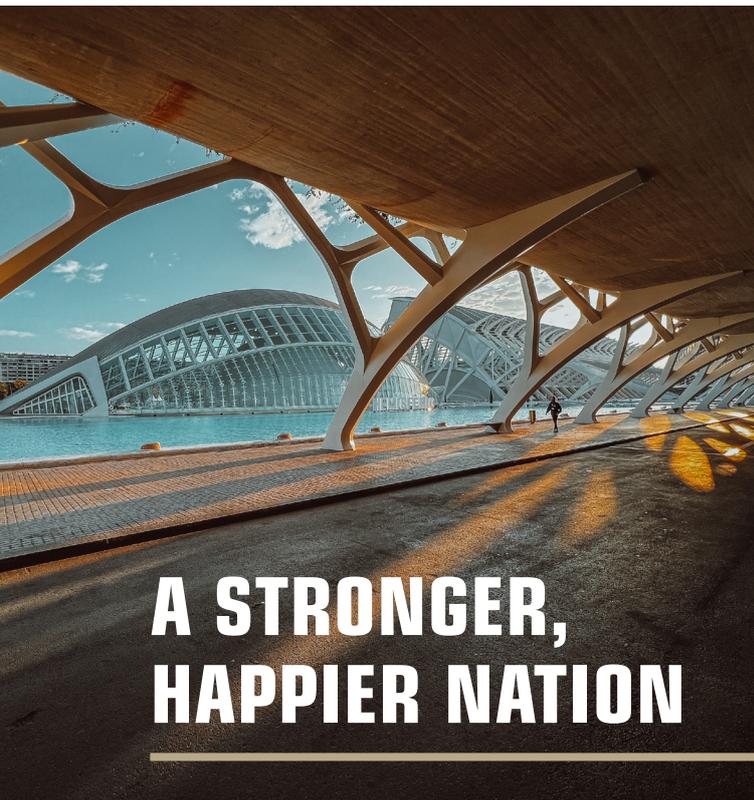


## INDIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The above benefits compound through the “multiplier effect”, which is economists’ shorthand for the additional, indirect economic benefit generated by those industries supplying inputs to industries directly in contact with the visitors and by the industries supplying those industries and so on as the money spent by tourists flows through the whole economy. Exact calculation of the multiplier effect is specific for each country and for the type of tourism, but, as an example the tourism employment multiplier in Tanzania has been calculated as 3.3 indirect jobs for every direct job<sup>[10]</sup>. In addition to the direct and indirect economic benefits of tourism itself, the immediate vicinity of the embassy is sure to enjoy the greatest growth on the planet for decades to come. Outside the official embassy grounds, the nearest town (or perhaps an entirely new city that we propose be named “Scientopolis”) will grow around a core of hotels and restaurants, museums, research centres, shopping areas and an entirely new infrastructure planned and designed to accommodate the hordes of visitors arriving daily. The focus on science is intended to encourage research in those fields likely to advance humanity the most. Developments and patents in these fields will also flow through into the host nation’s economy, compounding the benefits of the Embassy for Extraterrestrials exponentially.



↑  
 Multiplier Effect  
 of Tourism in Economy  
 [Source: Travel  
 and Tourism, 2014] <sup>[11]</sup>



# A STRONGER, HAPPIER NATION

Economic development is known to result in higher levels of education, greater employment opportunities, and higher income levels. It is also recognized that nations are strengthened through economic development, because it contributes to higher employment, better education and improved infrastructure and community services, leading to greater national security and stability. This is exactly what the Embassy for Extraterrestrials would bring to your country!

The country that will host the Embassy will without a doubt become the greatest touristic destination in the history of Humanity and perhaps even the capital of the world, and will benefit from international media coverage never seen before. It will be viewed and considered the most prestigious site in the world!

If your country is interested in this unique and ambitious project, we encourage you to contact us and set up a highly confidential meeting online or (upon invitation) in your country. There would be no cost or obligation to you or your country and would allow the IRM delegates to present our proposal to you in greater detail and answer the many questions that would likely arise.

- [1] *Habitable Exoplanets Catalog* (<http://phl.upr.edu/projects/habitable-exoplanetscatalog>, accessed 1 August 2021).
- [2] "Webb is a once-in-a-generation mission with a development cost of roughly \$9.7 billion," in "NASA delays launch of Webb telescope to no earlier than Dec. 24" by Stephen Clark, *Spaceflight Now*, 14 December 2021.
- [3] "Churchill, Eisenhower covered up RAF plane's UFO encounter" Aug 5, 2010, *Times of India* at: [http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/6261355.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/6261355.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst).
- [4] *The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations* (Vienna, 18 April 1961) at [https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg\\_no=III-3&chapter=3&clang=\\_en](https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=III-3&chapter=3&clang=_en).
- [5] *Draft Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning Embassies for Extraterrestrials* downloadable at <https://alliance4et.org>.
- [6] "An Embassy to Welcome an Extraterrestrial Civilisation to Earth" [IRM, 4th edition, August 2021] pages 9 & 10.
- [7] IRM preliminary estimate, subject to confirmation or adjustment during the master planning phase.
- [8] "An Embassy to Welcome an Extraterrestrial Civilisation to Earth" [IRM, 4th edition, August 2021] pages 6 & 7.
- [9] See 8 above and OECD [2020], *OECD Tourism Trends and Policies 2020*, OECD Publishing, Paris, page 12 at <https://doi.org/10.1787/6b47b985-en>.
- [10] Kidegheshoetal, J & ors, "Will Tanzania's Wildlife Sector Survive the COVID-19 Pandemic" [*Tropical Conservation Science*, April 2021] pages 7 & 8.
- [11] *ibid*, page 8.