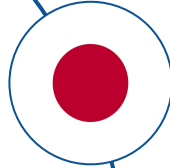


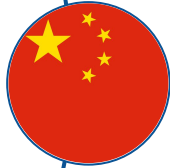
Government Responses on Extraterrestrial Activity



One of the NASA divisions is the Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (OSMA), also known as the Planetary Protection Office. A part of its mission is to 'rigorously preclude backward contamination of Earth by extraterrestrial life'.



In 2020, the Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono stated that Self-Defense Forces pilots have never encountered a UFO and that he does not believe in UFOs. He also said he would consider issuing protocols for such encounters.



In 2016, the Chinese Government released a white paper detailing its space programme. According to the document, one of the research objectives of the programme is the search for extraterrestrial life. It is also one of the objectives of the Chinese Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) programme.



In 2018, the German Ministry of Economics stated that the German government has no plans or protocol for the case of a first contact with aliens, as the government perceives such event as 'extremely unlikely'. It also stated that no cases of a first contact are known.



In 2020, chairman of the Israel Space Agency Isaac Ben-Israel stated that the probability of detecting life in outer space is 'quite large'. But he disagrees with his former colleague Haim Eshed who stated that there are contacts between an advanced alien civilisation and some of the Earth's governments.