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Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond

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FINAL HEARING FOR COMMISSION TO BE HELD AT ASIA SOCIETY

ARLINGTON, Virginia, April 21, 2004 -- The President's Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond will hold its fifth and final public hearing at the Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, New York City, on May 3 and 4, 2004.

The first day of testimony will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3 and continue until 4:00 p.m. On Tuesday, May 4, the hearing will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. From 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., the audience is invited to make comments. At 3:45 p.m., a news conference will be held. At 4:30, the Commissioners will discuss their findings; and this discussion is open to the public.

Commission Chairman Pete Aldridge noted the appropriateness of the site: "International partnerships for space is part of the Commission's charter," he said. "The Asia Society and New York City itself are fitting sites, and we anticipate welcoming representatives from the European Space Agency, Russia, Japan, Canada, and Arianespace to this hearing."

The President's Commission on Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy (Moon, Mars and Beyond) is charged with building

consensus, providing recommendations to the President regarding moon research activities, increasing young people's interest in space science, and bringing in industry and other countries as space partners.

Information about the President's Commission on Moon, Mars and Beyond is available at:

<http://www.moontomars.org>