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Dear Sir or Madam,

I undersigned Sabine Lopez, Head of the International Relations Office at Pierre and Marie Curie University (UPMC) strongly endorse on behalf of my institution the proposal submitted by Professor Jean-Olivier Irisson of UPMC and Professor Robert K Cowen from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Miami (RSMAS). We are fully committed to contribute to the project and confirm that necessary steps will be undertaken to ensure successful implementation of all planned activities as proposed in the project 'Physical-biological interactions at mesoscale in the ocean' submitted to the Partner University Fund program (PUF).

This project proposes a scientific component that relies on complementary skills of the French and US teams, both widely experienced in the field of oceanography. The UPMC/RSMAS program aims to greatly enhance the already strong interactions between UPMC and RSMAS via the exchange of master and PhD students as well as faculty for the purposes teaching and research. As a consequence, the research and educational programs of both institutions would be greatly enriched.

This proposal is ascribed in the general international policy of UPMC to promote close collaborations with US universities. I therefore fully endorse this PUF proposal and hope to see the collaboration become a sustained partnership in the long run.

Yours sincerely,

Sabine LOPEZ
Head of the International Relations Office

