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To the International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN) Steering Committee

Dear members of the IAWN Steering Committee,

On behalf of the **Civico Osservatorio Astronomico di Rozzano (MPC D66)** and the **Gruppo Astrofili Rozzano (GAR)**, I am pleased to express our formal interest in joining the **International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN)**. The Civico Osservatorio Astronomico di Rozzano is a public research and outreach facility inaugurated in May 2023 near Milan, Italy. Operated by the Gruppo Astrofili Rozzano, active since 1982 with over 40 years of continuous astronomical activity. The observatory obtained its MPC designation **D66** in January 2025. Since then, we have been actively performing astrometry and photometry of Near-Earth Objects (NEOs) and newly discovered asteroids, submitting observations to the Minor Planet Center. Our main instrument is a **16-inch Meade ACF f/10 telescope** on an **Astrophysics 1200 GTO mount**, currently equipped with a SBIG ST-10XME CCD camera. A forthcoming upgrade with a ZWO ASI 6200MM Pro CMOS camera or a bigger sensor will expand our field of view and sensitivity, enhancing our responsiveness to international alerts. Over the past two years, the observatory has hosted more than 400 events, engaged over 16,000 visitors in public outreach, and carried out dedicated observing campaigns on asteroids, comets, and exoplanets.

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The Gruppo Astrofili Rozzano fully understands and supports the responsibilities outlined in the IAWN *Statement of Intent*. We are confident that our observatory's technical capacity and public outreach can meaningfully contribute to the global planetary defense network.

Sincerely,

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