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To Whom It May Concern:

I know Ronan Pardo Soares since 2004 when he attended an undergraduate course I was responsible for. At this time, I could immediately identify that he was very motivated for advanced studies. He was then selected for a fellowship in a training program for scientific research beginners under my supervision. During that stage, he worked on graph decomposition, in particular, on tree decomposition. At this time, he stood out by his excellent programming skills and theoretical background. He undergraduated in 2007 obtaining a *Magna cum Laude* distinction, since he got grade 9,025 (over 10) in his academic performance evaluation, which takes in account basically every grade he got in each undergraduate course. In 2008, he was accepted with a fellowship in the Master in Science Program at the Federal University of Ceará under my supervision. In 2009, he did a three-month stage at INRIA/Sophia Antipolis in order to work with Mascotte Project Team. Again, he proved to be a very talented and motivated student. He obtained several original results on the process number problem and its variations. In April 2010, he obtained his Master in Science degree with 9,5 (over 10) as the grade of his academic performance evaluation. I have no doubts about the intellectual capacity, motivation, responsibility and determination of Mr. Soares. I'm sure that he is able to take the maximum advantage of the PhD program at Nice Sophia Antipolis University, since he is ready to make deep research and follow a high quality PhD program. By that, I strongly recommend his admission in the Mascotte Project as a PhD student.

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