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To : FIRST and Planck Principal Investigators

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting of 16-17 February 1999, ESA's Science Programme Committee has confirmed the approval of the FIRST and Planck payload complements on the basis of the project schedule foreseeing a joint launch in the first quarter of 2007.

May I ask you to inform your co-investigators of this confirmation.

With my best wishes for a fruitful participation in these challenging missions.

Yours sincerely,



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