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Subject : FIRST/Planck - Commonality Steering Committee

Dear all,

At the last meeting of the Commonality Steering Committee on 16.09.1999, we agreed to hold the next meeting on the 3.2.2000. The current status of the CWG activities does not warrant, we believe, a full day meeting.

We would therefore like to propose a shift in emphasis to address at the same time issues that are not strictly part of the commonality working groups, but are important and request the same group.

In the industrial briefing that was held on 15.12.1999, we communicated our plans w.r.t. the ITT to industry. These plans include, aside a release of the ITT in September, Industry proposals by December and start of the industrial phase B in June 2001, the firm intention to provide the prime contractor with well defined instrument interfaces.

To this point we would like to ask you to prepare for the meeting the prioritised list of interface definitions, resp. inputs on the S/C design, that you need in order to complete your instrument design to the required level of detail.

In order to leave enough time for preparation we propose to shift the combined meeting to the 22.02.2000 (at ESTEC).

Could you comment on the above proposal and confirm your availability to the meeting or propose an alternative date in week #8?

Best regards

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