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To whom it may concern,

The European COST 724 action "Developing the scientific basis for monitoring, modelling and predicting space weather" has been working since 2 years at coordinating the scientific activities related to space weather in Europe. Today, 27 countries actively participate in the action. Our main objective is to further develop the scientific underpinning of space weather applications within a European framework while also exploring methods for providing a comprehensive range of space weather services to a variety of users.

The observation of the solar energetic particles from flares is of course of prime importance for space weather. This is why our community has been particularly delighted that the PHOEBUS experiment has been selected as a piggy-back experiment onboard the LISA probe.

Our management committee gathered in Athens this 13th of October, 2005, discussed the diverse experimental projects in the domain. There is a full consensus on the fact that the PHOEBUS represents an important step for the future of space weather in Europe. The Management Committee unanimously voted a motion to support it.

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