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Dear Colleague,

I would like to announce the release of the “Call for mission concepts for the Large-size “L3” mission in ESA’s Science Programme”, which follows on the selection by the Science Programme Committee in November 2013 of the “The Gravitational Universe” science theme for the L3 launch opportunity, to be pursued by implementing a Gravitational Wave Observatory with a planned launch date of 2034.

Responses to this Call are due by 16 January 2017, at 12:00 (noon) Central European Time. All information about the Call’s scope, the proposal format, points of contact, etc. can be found in the Call itself, available at

<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/2016-L3-mission-call>

Please note that submission of a Letter of Intent is mandatory, with a deadline of 15 November 2016 (12:00 noon CET).

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvaro Gimenez', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Alvaro Giménez  
Director of Science