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Cosmic Vision - Exploration of the Universe

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I will review the status of the ESA Science Program with particular emphasis to the Solar System and Planetary Science Missions. The Horizon 2000 program has been carried out very successfully and we are currently working on implementing the Cosmic Vision 2025 program. The launch of BepiColombo is expected in fall this year and the program will carry us well into the 2030's. We are planning to kick-off the next strategic planning cycle for a horizon up to 2050.