Comments from Germany

- Phase B was prolonged until end of March
- Final presentation planned for March 20
- Two basic detector designs ready and tested (TV & vibration tests successfully performed)
- Problem with funding of GBM by DLR:
  - proposal of the budget committee to reduce the national space budget by ~20 M€ (~15%)
  - initiative of scientists for a revision of this proposal
  - final decision of the budget committee on February 20, 2003
  - approval of the budget by the parliament in March 2003
  - possible solution has been worked out between DLR, DJO and MPE
    - financial commitment of DLR to MPE in April
    - begin of phase C in April 2003 (hopefully)
    - payment of 2003-activities in 2004
  - from all projects supported by DLR which are at the beginning of phase C the GBM has the highest priority