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Dear Dr. Tsakanov,

It is with great satisfaction that we note the advancement of the CANDLE project. We admire the competence and the perseverance of our Armenian colleagues in bringing this ambitious project closer to realization.

We observe that the demand for synchrotron light as a tool for a large variety of advanced science is still increasing, and is far from satisfied by the existing sources. To respond to this demand we need synchrotron sources of various capabilities in all regions, with the ambition to advance science and technology as a basis of human welfare. In addition, these advanced facilities will provide a framework within which to initiate new science, to bring together different fields of science within one user community, to create a challenge for local and national industries, and to provide a creative, international, multidisciplinary and competitive environment, in particular for young scientists.

It is in this context that we see your efforts and also the efforts of the SESAME project, which we also support, and we welcome your project as part of our scientific community. Where appropriate, we shall be delighted to offer our scientific and technical advice. It is in the interest of the worldwide community that CANDLE should become an active, creative and stimulating partner.

With our very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

W.G. Stirling.