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Subject: Letter of Commitment for the TMBI Convergence Lab submitted as a project proposal within the Investment for the Future programme of the French Research Agency

Dear Coordinator of TMBI,

We hereby confirm our firm intent to participate as partner in the proposed **Convergence Lab**: "Toulouse Mind and Brain Institute" (TMBI).

MIAT is a INRA Research Unit that works on mathematics and computer science applied to agronomy, ecology and biology.

In the domain of agronomy, MIAT develops in particular a systematic approach to identifying, representing and simulating the contextual, informational and inferential aspects of the cognitive work done by a farm manager in operational decision-making. Farmers are looked at as intentional agents that have goals and devise and execute course of actions to achieve these goals. This decision problem concerns actions decided sequentially at appropriate moments dictated by the dynamic environment.

It is then my firm opinion that TMBI will provide a crucial step forward in artificial and natural intelligence interdisciplinary work, and that joining forces will thus allow an effective speed-up in our research areas.

With this letter of intent we agree and assure that INRA-MIAT Research Unit wants to participate in the TMBI Convergence Lab as a partner.

We therefore fully support this initiative. We encourage the French Research Agency to consider this project proposal favourably and wish every success to the TMBI Convergence Lab and for the accomplishment of the proposed work.

Looking forward to a lasting and fruitful collaboration within TMBI,

Yours faithfully,

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