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COUNCIL

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Following the July 2002 meeting of Council, the composition and role of the European ALMA Board (EAB) has been discussed at the Committee of Council. It was agreed that the composition should be changed to

- the President of Council, ex officio, Chair*
- the Director General, ex officio,
- the Chairman of the Finance Committee, ex officio,
- one representative from each member state, nominated by that member state.

The statement agreed in July, that the "members are nominated, preferably from Council, for their relevant expertise", was confirmed. Members would normally serve for two years, renewable. Council is invited to approve the composition of the European ALMA Board as outlined above.

Spain will appoint a member to the EAB

EAB Terms of Reference

Cou-837 rev. set out the function of the EAB. The following are proposed as formal EAB Terms of Reference:

The European ALMA Board (EAB) is the European interface with the ALMA Board. It is a standing body under the authority of the ESO Council and reports to Council through its Chair. The EAB shall

1. receive and discuss all business being referred to the ALMA Board, and agree a common European approach at the ALMA Board;
2. ensure that Council is kept informed on ALMA progress and issues arising;
3. advise Council on ALMA policy issues and receive guidance and instructions from Council on any matters concerning ALMA;
4. provide the ESO appointed ALMA Board members with European positions to be taken at ALMA Board meetings.

Council is invited to discuss and approve Terms of Reference for the EAB.

These arrangements enable Council to delegate the authority to the ESO appointed members of the ALMA Board to allow them to carry out their function within the policies set by Council and the positions arrived at by the EAB.

* The President of Council shall chair the EAB unless the President is also Chair of the ALMA Board, in which case Council shall appoint another member of the EAB as Chair

Appointments to the ALMA Board

At its meeting on 14 October the EAB elected R. Booth (Sweden) and R. Wade (UK).

Council is invited to appoint R. Booth and R. Wade to membership of the ALMA Board.