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APPOINTMENTS TO ALMA – JAPAN NEGOTIATING TEAM

At the meeting of the ALMA Coordinating Committee on 17 September it was agreed that the ALMA Bilateral partners, North America and Europe, should each nominate 2 members to the ALMA – Japan Negotiating Team. This will conduct the formal negotiations with NAOJ on the terms and conditions of Japanese participation in ALMA. This Team will establish technical working groups as required, and will be supported by legal and other advice. The first meeting is planned for late February 2003.

The North American side has nominated R. Dickman (NSF) and R. Giacconi (AUI). It is suggested that ESO Council may wish to consider nominating the President of Council and the Director General.