

RESOLUTION

Recognizing that large interferometric arrays operating at millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths have great potential for addressing key questions in astronomy and astrophysics; that Japan, Europe, and the United States have begun developing such arrays; that Japan and the United States have been studying a possibility of combining their arrays; that Europe and the United States are negotiating a merger of their projects into a single, larger array; and that there is great potential advantage to be gained by merging the three projects into a single array, we resolve to:

1. Continue development of the Large Millimeter and Submillimeter Array (LMSA) by the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) under the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (MESSC); the Large Southern Array (LSA) under the European Coordinating Committee (ECC); and the Millimeter Array (MMA) funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) through Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI);
2. Establish appropriate technical and institutional liaison between the LMSA, LSA and MMA projects to guide and coordinate development efforts;
3. Work during the development phase toward the definition of a partnership that includes the LMSA in a joint project with the LSA and the MMA;
4. Recognize the principle of joint use of the site in Chile by all parties and form a joint approach to obtain access to this site;
5. Continue the joint program of site characterization.

NAOJ Representative

ECC Representative

AUI Representative

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