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1. Introduction

Some 10 years ago the IAU Executive Committee created a Working Group on Future Large Scale Facilities, but its activities have fallen somewhat into abeyance in the last few years. It has been decided to revive the group, and Roger Davies (Oxford) has agreed to chair it.

2. Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference agreed at EC89 are:

1. To review the status of current planned or proposed large scale ground based and space projects in astronomy.

2. In doing so, to encourage contacts and cooperation between projects.

3. To report on progress against 1. above to the Executive Committee meeting EC90 in April 2012.

4. To organize a Special Session at the 2012 IAU General Assembly to hear presentations on selected projects and to develop a strategic overview of planned and required investment in large scale facilities.

5. To consider what further work might be undertaken by the Working Group, and present a proposal to the meeting of the new Executive Committee at the 2012 General Assembly.