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Dear Dr. Webber,

Recently Spain has signed the Memorandum of Understanding joining the ALMA Project. Nominated by the OCYT (Oficina de Ciencia y Tecnología) I am the representative of Spain in the ECC.

In order to motivate the interest of the scientific and industrial communities of Spain in ALMA, recently a presentation, organized by the OCYT was held in Madrid. After an introduction of the project by Mrs. Catherine Cesarsky, Mr. Karl Menten and Mr. Stephane Guilloteau, it was a fruitful debate. The number of attendants as well as the enthusiasm and motivation shown during the presentation reveal the interest that ALMA raised in my country.

During the last month, I received many questions, both from industry and scientists related on up to what degree it is possible to be involved in the working groups of ALMA. I noted clearly that any participation requires the full agreement of all the working group members and, of course, of their technical and/or scientific capabilities.

Regardless that most of the institutions moved on driven by motivation rather than real willingness to participate, I would recommend them to get in contact directly with the chairs of the WG. The motivation of this letter is twofold: First to introduce myself and, second to ask you if you deem it adequate to address the potential interest of Spanish industries and scientists to you as chair of the WG.

I had sent all the address and composition of the WG to the attendants to the mentioned presentation.

Please do not hesitate in telling anything I can do to further improve the positive contribution of Spain to the success of ALMA Project.

Thank you very much in advance for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,

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