

APPENDIX F

Working Group on Strategy
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Following Council Action C33/05, Berlin, October 2002

Meeting Amsterdam, 17/18 February 2003

3 Council members, 7 GoR members

Tasks: Examine and propose improvements

- Impediments in achieving the GARTEUR goals
- Adequacy of the GARTEUR organisation
- Technology aspects
- Financial aspects

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Impediments (extract):

- Long time between first idea and start of AG
- AG not finished in time
- Perceived problem with role of XC,
no direct relation GoR – Council
- Rules too complex and not always followed
- Lack of adequate PR, no permanent secretary
- Difficulty of involving industry and universities
- Funding (e.g. timing, underestimation of cost, withdrawal,
lower priority than 'contract work')

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Technology aspects:

- Not all technology fields covered (nano-technology)
- Need for propulsion related research?
- Need for more contacts with users (military / civil)
- Difficulty to address inter-disciplinary activities

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Financial aspects:

- Lack of priority / commitment
- Reconfirm: To be solved at national level
- Diversity in national financing systems acknowledged
- Note: Industry financing can be different from national considerations

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Proposed way forward (extract):

- Give more responsibility to GoRs
- Direct communication GoRs – Council
 - GoR establishes and Council endorses AG
 - GoR chairmen report at each Council meeting
- Reinforce support function of secretariat
 - Archiving, Communication, Website maintenance
 - Support Annual Report, prepare Executive Summary

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Proposed way forward (cont.):

- 2 Council meetings / year
 - Spring: GoR reports of year before
 - Fall: Plans for next year
 - Council pay attention to consequences of withdrawal: liability
- XC = subset of Council
 - Council vice chair = XC chair
 - Prepare and go over Council meetings
 - Maintain contact to AECMA
 - 3 meetings / year adequate

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Proposal agreed at Council meeting, Madrid, March 2003

Next step: Change Basic Documents accordingly