

FUTURE GEMINI BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION

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Current Agreement

- ▣ Till 2012: US 50%, UK 25%, Canada 15%, Australia 5%, Brazil 2.5%, Argentina 2.5% + 10% Chile
- ▣ 2012-2015: Brazil 5% (2010-2012 2.5% nights UK)
- ▣ 2015-Future: -is Brazil member of ESO?
 - is access to Northern hemisphere crucial?
 - how many astronomers are there in Brazil?
 - is Gemini operating well?

Board retreat next week

- ▣ What is the future of the Gemini agreement?
- ▣ What should be the governing body (Aura?)
- ▣ What should be the strategy on instrumentation? High resolution optical spectrograph?
- ▣ One international TAC only?
- ▣ What to do if the budget is 22.5% smaller?
- ▣ Are we interested in building an instrument?
- ▣ Is Brazil interested in becoming a 25% partner?