

Resolution to Berlin Council meeting of IUPAC, August 1999,  
from the UK National Adhering Organisation

Council recognizes the need for reorganisation of the future management of IUPAC, and welcomes any changes that enable the Union more precisely to meet the needs for both internal and external communication, and to meet the requirements of the scientific community. It therefore accepts the move to a carefully selected project-driven system, and towards the funding and organisational power being directed through the Division Committees. However, in view of concerns widely expressed by participants in the work of the Union, it directs the Executive Committee and the Bureau to ensure that it is everywhere clearly understood:

- (1) that the success of the Union's work depends, and will continue to depend, on the voluntary efforts of the expert members of the Commissions or their equivalents in any new structure;
- (2) that the views of Commission Chairmen will play a major part in selecting existing Commissions for continuation and in deciding future work programmes; and
- (3) that discontinuation and reconstitution of existing Commissions will not take place until all the consequences of these changes have been considered; in particular, so that the activities of the Union in areas such as nomenclature and atomic weights, regarded as indispensable by the scientific community at large, will not be interrupted or stopped.

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