

#### APPENDIX IV

The following letters were exchanged between the President of the IAU, Professor A. Blaauw, and the President of the Chinese Astronomical Society at Nanking, Professor Y.C. Chang.

Montreal, August 22, 1979

To Professor A. BLAAUW, President  
of the International Astronomical Union  
c/o the General Assembly of the IAU 1979  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Dear Professor Blaauw,

On behalf of the Chinese Astronomical Society, whose delegates have convened with IAU Officers during the 17th General Assembly of IAU at Montreal, I herewith confirm that,

considering that both the Chinese Astronomical Society and the IAU believe that the question of China's representation in the IAU needs urgent attention;

noting with satisfaction that the IAU wishes to find a solution to the question on the principle of one China, embracing the Mainland and Taiwan;

understanding the nature of complexity of such an endeavor in the present circumstances;

considering also the desire expressed by the IAU that the Chinese Astronomical Society is welcome to return without preventing the astronomical organization as well as astronomers in Taiwan from participating in the IAU;

reiterating that the Chinese Astronomical Society opposes any solutions which can suggest the existence of "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan";

the Chinese Astronomical Society proposes to the IAU Executive Committee

- a) that for the time being dual adherence should be introduced, the adherence and the adhering bodies to be specified as:

China — Chinese Astronomical Society (Purple Mountain Observatory, Nanking)  
 — (a name for the adhering organization representing the astronomical community of Taiwan; for this name we propose "Chinese Taiwan Astronomical Society" or, provisionally, as reference "Astronomy Taiwan, China"; the name to be established by the IAU Executive Committee in consultation with the two adhering organizations);

- b) that for the time being the financial contributions of China be composed of one component due from the Chinese Astronomical Society (Nanking) and one component due from (the name to be defined as under (a));
- c) that for the time being each of these adhering bodies nominates a representative authorized to vote in the General Assembly. In accordance with article VII, 11 of the IAU Statutes, on questions

involving the budget of the Union, the number of votes of these representatives will be one greater than the number of its category as defined in article 8, and on questions of administration, not involving the budget, each representative will have one vote.

Yours sincerely,

Y.C. Chang, President  
Chinese Astronomical Society

August 22, 1979

To Prof. Y.C. CHANG, President  
of the Chinese Astronomical Society  
c/o IAU General Assembly 1979  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Professor Chang,

In reply to your letter of August 22, 1979 I have the pleasure to inform you as follows:

The Executive Committee has taken note with great satisfaction of the proposal contained in your letter, recognizing the Chinese Astronomical Society's view leading to this proposal. It wishes to express its high appreciation for the constructive spirit in which the delegation of your Society has contributed towards restoring full participation of China in the IAU.

The Executive Committee therefore will be glad to take up the problem of deciding on the name to be used for the adhering body on behalf of the astronomical community of Taiwan. It will do so in the near future in consultation with the astronomical community of Taiwan and with your Society, and possibly benefiting also from the experience gained meanwhile by other scientific unions working similarly towards the full participation of China.

The Executive Committee, in view of the discussions held during this Assembly, hopes and expects that this course will soon lead to the formal restoration of full Chinese participation and would be extremely pleased to see the valuable participation of members of your Society in the scientific discussions at this Assembly, continued at the forthcoming scientific meetings of the IAU. To this purpose, the General Secretariat will supply your Society with all relevant documentation.

Yours respectfully,

A. Blaauw, President  
International Astronomical Union