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To the GTC Director and Steering Committee

Dear Romano,

As the RIA Coordinator I have been aware of the MAAT project as an instrument for the 10,4m GTC, (a visitor-IFS mode for the OSIRIS spectrograph). As I told you in May, I could follow the scientific workshop on this instrument held on-line. I was positively impressed by the very interesting talks on the instrument and on its science capabilities. After having the opportunity of carefully reading a draft of the White Paper on MAAT, I have still reinforced my first satisfactory impression. In my opinion, the investment needed to make MAAT operative at GTC in the near future is really worth taking into account its high scientific potential (at a reasonable cost).

Finally, I would like to stress that, for the RIA, this instrument accomplishes very well the synergies that we try to promote between the different astronomical ICTS. It is clear from the scientific goals and observing strategies described in the White Paper that MAAT@GTC will increase their overall scientific productivity.

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