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| Definitions:

| Country: as defined by the EARN Board of Directors

1. A senior member of the staff of a potential full institute member who is willing to represent his country within EARN, or a representative of the national country network sends a letter to EARN requesting further information about joining.
2. The EARN Office sends to the new country an EARN application for country membership, recommended country to establish connection to, and the cost of membership within EARN.
3. The new site fills out the EARN application form and sends it back to the EARN Central Office.
4. The application form is forwarded to the EARN President.
5. The EARN President decides if the application has been completed sufficiently. If so, he posts to the EARN-BOD list the nomination for acceptance of a new country member.
6. Electronic voting procedures are followed.
7. In the event of rejection, the President drafts a letter and sends it to the country.
8. In the event of acceptance, the President drafts a letter of acceptance, indicating whether full or associate country membership status has been approved, and requests that the country order a permanent telecommunications link in order to connect.
9. The EARN Central Office sends a package of papers to the new site,

included in which but not limited to, the following papers: EARN Statutes, EARN Charter, EARN Code of Conduct, EARN Directives and Recommendations, EARN Operational Procedures, and the name and address of a contact in the country to which they are connected.

10. The new country is required to sign the EARN Charter and return it to EARN. Upon receipt of the signed Charter, the new country will be an officially recognised member of EARN and will be invited to send a representative to the Board of Directors meeting upon physical connection to EARN.
11. In the event of temporary telecommunications link being established, the country will be assigned cooperating country membership. Temporary connections to EARN (X.25 SVC, dial-up) is limited to a one year period after which a permanent connection must be established.