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**IARC INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT 2008**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Interim Annual Report for 2008 (Document GC/51/2),

1. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction with the work accomplished; and
2. **COMMENDS** the Director and his staff on the Interim Annual Report 2008.



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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/51/3),

Noting the request made at the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council that the Director's Report should be made available to members before the session as it was difficult to respond to such a wide-ranging report when it was presented orally,

1. **EXPRESSES** its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Report; and
2. **REQUESTS** that the Director's Report continues to be presented as a Governing Council Document.



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**REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Forty-fifth Scientific Council (Document GC/51/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/51/5),

1. **NOTES** the Report with great interest;
2. **CONGRATULATES** the members of the Scientific Council for their constructive and excellent work; and
3. **COMMENDS** the Director for his constructive responses to the recommendations of the Forty-fifth Session of the Scientific Council.



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**UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the year 2008, as contained in Document GC/51/6,

**APPROVES** the Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the year 2008 on the financial operations of the Agency.



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**REQUEST FOR INCREASE TO THE PROVISION  
TO COVER UNFORESEEN BUDGETARY COSTS  
DUE TO CURRENCY REALIGNMENTS**

The Governing Council,

Having taken note of Document GC/51/7 relating to a proposed increase to the provision to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments,

Recalling its Resolution GC/49/R9 which granted authority to the Director to use a maximum of US\$ 3 500 000 in the biennium 2008–2009 to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments,

1. **DECIDES** to authorize the Director to increase from US\$ 3 500 000 to US\$ 5 100 000 the amount to be used to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments in the biennium 2008–2009, from the Governing Council Special Fund; this authority being dependant upon there being sufficient cash balances available in the Special Fund; and
2. **FURTHER DECIDES** that the aforesaid authorization will remain in effect until 31 December 2009, i.e. the end of the biennium preceding the change of the base currency of the Agency from the US dollar to the euro.



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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME (2010–2013) AND BUDGET (2010–2011)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme (2010–2013) and Budget for the biennium 2010–2011 as contained in Document GC/51/8 and summary tables,

1. **APPROVES** the budget for the biennium 2010–2011 at the level of € 37 911 000;

2. **DECIDES** that the budget shall be financed by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:

(a) € 18 760 000 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2010,

(b) € 19 151 000 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2011,

3. **RESOLVES** to appropriate an amount of € 37 911 000 for the biennium 2010–2011 as follows:

Appropriation section	Purpose of appropriation	Amount (€)
1.	Governing and Scientific Councils	165 000
2.	Scientific Programme	28 622 300
3.	General Services and support	9 123 700
	Total appropriated	37 911 000

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4. **DECIDES** that the Director shall have authority under Financial Regulations Article III, Paragraph 3.3 to transfer credits between sections of the budget, provided that such transfers do not exceed 15 per cent of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 15 per cent of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of the Members of the Governing Council;
5. **DECIDES**
- (1) to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of € 1 000 000 in the biennium 2010–2011 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to availability of cash balances in the Fund;
  - (2) that these additional budgetary costs shall be charged directly to the Governing Council Special Fund and shall not affect the level of the budget;
6. **REQUESTS** the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports.



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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ACCEPTANCE  
OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/50/R17,

Having examined Document GC/51/9 on the financial implications of the acceptance of new Participating States,

1. **THANKS** the Secretariat and the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States for their analysis of the financial implications of accepting new Participating States on the contributions of existing Participating States of IARC to future programme budgets;
2. **DECIDES** to maintain the method by which contributions to the budget are assessed, as described in Resolution GC/15/R9;
3. **DECIDES** to maintain the gradual increase of contributions for new Participating States, as described in Resolution GC/37/R9; and
4. **FURTHER DECIDES** that no Participating State shall have an increase in its contribution as a consequence of the admission of a new Participating State.





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**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP  
TO EXAMINE IARC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
(INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASPECTS)**

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/51/10 of the progress made by the Working Group to examine IARC Infrastructure Projects (including financial aspects),

1. **THANKS** the Working Group, the City of Lyon and France for their valuable help;
2. **RECOMMENDS** that IARC continues its negotiations with the City of Lyon and the host country to provide adequate means in their respective budgets for 2010 onwards for the works mentioned in the table "Infrastructure maintenance projects" on page 2 of Document GC/51/10 Corr.1; and
3. **FURTHER RECOMMENDS** that the Director elaborates a long-term capital master plan based on his vision of the future activities of the Agency, which should include options for financing, e.g. by host country, the City of Lyon, public institutions, foundations, Participating States and other States.



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**SUGGESTIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED  
FROM THE VOLUNTARY UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its request to the Secretariat, at its 50<sup>th</sup> Session in May 2008, to prepare suggestions for special projects on which to spend voluntary undesignated contributions,

1. **THANKS** the Director for his suggestions;
2. **THANKS** the Scientific Council for endorsing the Director's proposals for special projects in low- and medium-resource countries; and
3. **APPROVES** the use of US\$ 1.0 million from the Voluntary Undesignated Contributions Account to cover the cost of three Special Projects in low- and medium-resource countries: a) improving the coverage and quality of data from cancer registries in Africa, Asia and South and Central America; b) recruitment of skills in behavioural and sociological research initially focused on screening in low-resource countries; and c) the Gambia Hepatitis Intervention Study (GHIS).



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**REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the proposals contained in Document GC/51/21A (“Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Publications”) and in Document GC/51/21B (“Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Upgrading of telephone and sound systems”),

Noting the need to allow the Agency to sustain and expand its publication activities,

Recalling its Resolution GC/50/R5,

1. **AUTHORIZES** the Director to draw supplementary funding for the Publications programme by returning up to 75% of the proceeds from the sales of publications from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Publications programme, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund;
2. **REQUESTS** the Director to submit such requests, if the need arises, at each Governing Council meeting, starting in 2010;
3. **FURTHER REQUESTS** the Director to report on an annual basis on Publications activities;

Noting the urgent need to upgrade the current central telephone exchange system and to replace the sound system for the Auditorium,

4. **AUTHORIZES** the Director to draw supplementary funding for the upgrading of the telephone and sound systems of up to US\$ 282 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to availability of an adequate balance in the fund; the savings from Resolution GC/50/R4 should be used for these two projects; and
5. **REQUESTS** the Director to report on the use of these funds.



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**IARC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/50/R16, in which it requested the Scientific Council to prepare a consolidated document of IARC Scientific Review Procedures,

Having considered Document GC/51/13, resulting from the above request,

1. **THANKS** the Scientific Council and the Secretariat for their joint effort in submitting a consolidated version of the IARC Scientific Review Procedures;
2. **ADOPTS** the revision of the IARC Scientific Review Procedures, as presented in Document GC/51/13 Annexes 3, 4, 5 and 6, which will form the new "Guidelines for IARC Scientific Review Procedures" to be used as from 2009;
3. **NOTES** that the guidelines use language that permits some flexibility in the method of conducting reviews and presentation of results; and
4. **AUTHORIZES** the Chairperson of the Governing Council, upon the request of the Chairperson of the Scientific Council to adapt the guidelines in light of experience in reviews. Any such adaptations shall be presented to the next session of the Governing Council for approval.



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**PROCESS TO DEFINE AND ENDORSE  
IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY  
AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2010–2014**

The Governing Council,

Having considered the proposal described in Document GC/51/14 "Process to define and endorse IARC Medium-Term Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010–2014",

Considering the recent arrival of the new Director and the associated re-organization of the Agency in a year of transition,

Considering the significant resource implications of holding an extraordinary session of the Governing Council with all or some of the Scientific Council members in attendance,

1. **ENDORSES** the Director's proposal to create a Working Group in 2009, comprised of six members of the Governing Council, four members of the Scientific Council and a representative of WHO. Technical and administrative support to the Working Group will be provided by the Secretariat (the Director and two senior IARC scientists). The Working Group, with the support of the Secretariat, will consider and finalize a draft Medium-Term Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010–2014;
2. **REQUESTS** the Director to proceed as suggested;
3. **NOMINATES** Dr Herman Autrup (Denmark), Dr Christine Fitzgerald (Canada), Mme Pascale Flamant (France), Dr Joe Harford (USA), Dr Irene Keinhorst (Germany) and Dr Duk-Hyoung Lee (Republic of Korea) to participate in the Working Group; and
4. **REQUESTS** the Director to submit the final Medium-Term Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2010–2014 for discussion at the next Scientific Council meeting in January 2010 and for approval at the next regular session of the Governing Council in May 2010.



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**BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE  
ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Review Committee (ERC), 2007–2008 as contained in Document GC/51/15,

1. **WELCOMES** the Report;
2. **THANKS** the outgoing Chairperson of the ERC, Dr David Byrne, for this Report;
3. **NOTES** that the Director will propose changes to the current two-tier (ERC/IRB) ethics review system at IARC; and
4. **REQUESTS** the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.



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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO  
IARC ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)/  
IARC INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) STRUCTURE**

The Governing Council,

Noting the constant need for IARC to ensure that it adheres to the highest ethical standards in its research,

Further noting the Scientific Council request to the Director to prepare recommendations to the Governing Council to adapt the ethics review process to the Agency's new needs,

1. **ENDORSES** the Director's proposal, as detailed in Document GC/51/16, to establish a single committee "The IARC Institutional Review Board (IRB)", with a modified membership from the current IRB (i.e. 12 members from diverse backgrounds: an independent Chair and Vice-Chair (both external), three members of IARC staff and seven additional members external to the Agency);
2. **DECIDES** that the appointments to the new IRB will be made by the Chairperson of the Governing Council;
3. **DECIDES** that the new IRB structure will be implemented as from January 2010 and that current arrangements will continue until the end of 2009; and
4. **THANKS** the outgoing members of the "Ethics Review Committee (ERC)" for their guiding role, views and advice in ensuring that international consistency and completeness in ethical approval be achieved.



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**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS**

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/51/17 of the unconditional donations accepted by the Director under the authority vested in him by Resolution GC/4/R3,

**EXPRESSES** its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contribution to the research activities of the Agency.





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**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/51/18 “Acceptance of grants and contracts”,

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. **NOTES** the *post facto* reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/51/18; and
2. **COMMENDS** the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.



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**APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Statute of the Agency,

**1. APPOINTS**

Dr Giulio Superti-Furga, Austria )

Dr Richard Gallagher, Canada ) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Florence Demenais, France )

**2. THANKS** the outgoing member of the Scientific Council, Dr Jack Siemiatycki, for his valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which he has made to the research activities of the Agency.



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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/18/R14 nominating members of the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States and the requirement to nominate new members at the end of each session of the Council,

**DECIDES** that this Subcommittee shall be composed of, in addition to the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member *ex officio*), the representatives of Canada, Germany, Japan and the UK, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.



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**DATES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

1. **DECIDES** to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Thursday and Friday preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2010; and
2. **REQUESTS** the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.