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1. PLAN FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (INCLUDING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING): Item 9 of the Agenda (Document GC/54/6) (continued)

The RAPPORTEUR read out an amended draft resolution on the Plan for future infrastructure projects (including options for financing) (GC/54/R5), which read as follows:

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/54/6 "Plan for future infrastructure projects (including options for financing)",

Recalling its Resolutions GC/51/R8, GC/52/R8 and GC/53/R11,

Noting the risks posed by the current state of disrepair of the tower building and its poor fit to the future strategy of the Agency,

1. THANKS the City of Lyon for accepting responsibility, as per the terms of the existing Convention with the Agency, to provide adequate infrastructure to the Agency and carry out requisite repairs to the Tower to mitigate critical infrastructure risks;
2. THANKS the City of Lyon and Grand Lyon for their exceptional support towards safeguarding the Agency's scientific activities both on a short-term and long-term basis;
3. ENDORSES the Secretariat's continued cooperation with France as the host country, the Regional authorities and the City of Lyon on moving forward with the "Nouveau Centre" project and the related fund raising without this being interpreted as a pre-approval;
4. NOTES that Participating States are not in a position to make mandatory contributions with regard to the capital costs of the future infrastructure project;
5. NOTES that individual Participating States may be able to make voluntary financial contributions to the future infrastructure project;
6. REQUESTS the Director to consult with representatives of the Working Group on infrastructure (Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland), the Governing Council (through its Chair and Vice-Chair), the Scientific Council (through its Chair and Vice-Chair) and the World Health Organization, so that any construction to house IARC meets the Agency's needs, both current and future; and
7. REQUESTS the Director to consult the Working Group on infrastructure on a regular and timely basis, especially before any significant decisions related to the project are taken.

The CHAIRPERSON, inviting comments on the draft resolution, said that he assumed the reference to "significant decisions" in paragraph 7 involved the process of the project, since all significant decisions concerning the project itself would be taken by the Governing Council.

Dr BAUER (Austria) endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson in connection with paragraph 7 and proposed that the words "concerning the process of" should be added before the word "project".

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, asked the Director to clarify whether the Governing Council would be asked to take a decision in the following year. The present resolution could be interpreted as a pre-approval despite the reference to a "pre-approval" in paragraph 3.

The SECRETARY said that the French authorities, nationally and locally, had demonstrated their commitment to the Agency and they had assessed that a new build would be the best option in the long term. Therefore the next step would be to ensure that the requirements of the Agency were included in the planning process; he would be reporting back to the Working Group on infrastructure as the project progressed. Within the next year, the French authorities would probably propose a site, from which it would be possible to ascertain the possible footprint and design of the building. The goal would be to come back to the Council with a firm proposal for the plan of a building and with information concerning the financial commitments that had been made.

Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada) said that she still felt that the draft resolution lacked an appropriate reference to the vision of the Agency. She sought clarification on the reference to ownership made on the previous day and to ascertain the responsibilities of both the Agency and the Governing Council.

Professor TUNCER (Turkey), referring to paragraph 5, said that the possibility of making financial contributions should not be limited to Participating States but should also include individuals.

Dr KEINHORST (Germany) said that the requirement for the design of the new building to reflect the vision of IARC had been expressed in the phrase "meets the Agency's needs" in paragraph 6, since the vision would have to be interpreted in a practical manner when determining the amount of office or laboratory space.

The CHAIRPERSON, referring to paragraph 5, agreed that individuals, foundations and others should not be excluded from making financial contributions. Ultimately, the significant decisions concerning the project would be taken by the Governing Council.

Mrs McKEOUGH (Office of the WHO Legal Counsel) responding to the question by the member for Canada, confirmed that it should be made clear that the City of Lyon was the owner of the land and the new building and that all responsibilities flowed from that, including responsibilities for the repair and maintenance of the building. The Governing Council and IARC should not do anything that could imply a change in that relationship. IARC should take the advice of local counsel on French construction law during the negotiation phase. The general principle was to maintain a clear division with the City of Lyon having ownership with all the legal responsibility while IARC paid a nominal rent.

Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada), referring to paragraph 5, asked whether any funds raised would be given to IARC or directly to the City of Lyon.

Professor BAGGOLEY (Australia) said that the wording of the resolution reflected well the discussions held on the previous day although, as the member for Canada had pointed out, a little more clarification was needed on paragraph 5.

Mr ALLEN (Director of Administration and Finance) said that a mechanism to pass on funds without implicating IARC could be found; it would be a question of setting up an account in accordance with French regulations.

Professor TUNCER (Turkey) asked whether there would be any legal implications if funds towards the project were received from pharmaceutical companies.

The SECRETARY said that, in the interests of maintaining its independence, especially in relation to certain evaluations, the Agency had not accepted money from industry in the past; receiving money from industry could have negative implications for IARC's reputation.

Mrs McKEOUGH (Office of the WHO Legal Counsel), responding to a question from Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada), said that IARC was subject to WHO guidelines on relations with the private sector and therefore there was no need to mention complying with WHO rules on conflicts of interest concerning donations from industry in paragraph 5.

The CHAIRPERSON, noting that there was broad agreement on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, suggested that, in order to meet the concerns of members, the wording after "World Health Organization" in paragraph 6 could read: "to ensure that the decisions of the Governing Council on any construction of any new building to house IARC meets the Agency's needs, both current and future". Responding to a question from Dr STEVENS (United States of America), he explained that his proposed wording broadly covered the theme of strategy as it related to the ongoing consultations between the Director of IARC, the French authorities and the Governing Council. He sought comments on paragraph 7.

Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada) asked what steps would be taken following the consultations mentioned in paragraphs 6 and 7.

Dr KEINHORST (Germany) said that it was her understanding that the Secretariat would develop a vision of IARC that would form the basis of discussions in the Scientific Council and the Governing Council.

The CHAIRPERSON underlined that significant decisions would be taken in the Governing Council but that ongoing consultations would be held with the Working Group.

The SECRETARY said that a lot of strategic thought had gone into the preliminary proposal which had been put to the City of Lyon although it needed to be developed further and integrated into the planning process for the building. The Secretariat would provide a first draft of the rationale and share it with the Working Group and consult the Scientific Council in advance of its meeting in January.

Dr STEBER BÜCHLI (Switzerland), Rapporteur, suggested that, rather than referring to significant decisions, the last part of paragraph 7 could state: "especially before IARC takes any further significant steps related to the infrastructure project".

The SECRETARY, referring to the phrase "significant steps", said that it would be difficult to seek the approval of the Working Group before the French authorities took each step in the project; for instance, if an architect were hired.

The CHAIRPERSON said that he understood the phrase to mean: "before IARC committed itself to further significant steps". Responding to a question from Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, he explained that the renovations to the tower building were relatively technical issues and that the wording in the resolution could be taken to refer to the longer-term project of the new building.

Professor FRAZER (Outgoing Chairperson, Scientific Council) observed that the Governing Council met once each year but that the project must move in real time; if there was a requirement that each decision was to be referred back to the Council then it would be to the detriment of the project. In his view, the Director was the person who knew best what IARC needed and the Council should accord him a certain amount of latitude to direct the project in the interests of the Agency. He himself had recently commissioned a research facility and, while the shareholders had kept the financial control, they had delegated the design control to him and his team. He would encourage the Council to give as much responsibility as possible to the Director in order to facilitate the effective and timely pursuit of the project.

The CHAIRPERSON said that he believed the resolution gave the Director a measure of freedom while ensuring that the major decisions were taken by the Council.

The draft resolution, as amended, was **adopted**.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS: Item 14 of the Agenda (Document GC/54/11)

Mr ALLEN (Director of Administration and Finance) said that the Governing Council was invited to consider, for approval, projects submitted over €500 000 per annum, excluding sums passed on to collaborating institutions, and projects that required more than €100 000 per annum, excluding the principal investigator's staff costs, as detailed in document GC/54/11. Scientists were available in the meeting room to answer any questions concerning the projects that members might have.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on grants and contracts (GC/54/R10):

The Governing Council,
Having considered Document GC/54/11 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",
In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to seek funding for the following:
 - (a) Scientific and technical support to the European Partnership for Action against Cancer and follow-up of the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening – Revision of the European Code Against Cancer [European Commission (EC DG SANCO) in an amount of €524 451 for 24 months];
 - (b) Scientific and technical support to the European Partnership for Action against Cancer and follow-up of the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening [European Commission (EC DG SANCO) in an amount of €775 536 for 29 months];
 - (c) Infections in Cancers among the Immunosuppressed (ICI) [European Commission, Research Executive Agency (EC REA) in an amount of €6 194 990 for 72 months];
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/54/11; and
3. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS: Item 15 of the Agenda (Document GC/54/12)

Mr ALLEN (Director of Administration and Finance) said that the Secretariat reported annually to the Governing Council on unconditional donations which Director had the authority to accept. The donations were paid into the voluntary contributions account and a letter of thanks was sent to each donor.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on acceptance of donations (GC/54/R11):

The Governing Council,
Having been informed by Document GC/54/12 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.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

4. REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES: Item 16 of the Agenda
(Document GC/54/13)

**REQUESTS FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
Item 17 of the Agenda**

A. Publications (Document GC/54/14A)

Dr GAUDIN (Office of the Director, Communications Group) said that the IARC publications programme was a support service to IARC Sections that managed ongoing publications series, such as the Monographs. Support included human resource topical support to help with preparation of manuscripts, monitoring of reprints of sold-out titles and monitoring of promotional activities with WHO Press. For more general scientific publications not bound to specific Groups or Sections, support also included manuscript preparation planning, editing or translating, layout work, dealing with printers and publicizing of books and databases.

The most profitable IARC publication was the WHO Classification of Tumours and the new WHO Press agreement, which had come into force in 2010, still yielded adequate resources for that important support service and for specific support to the Blue Book project. The first of the two draft resolutions presented concerned the standard report on publication activities.

The increase in demand for electronic publications had led the Agency to consider the development of e-publications that could be made available to the wider community in web-based form, which would reduce the Agency's carbon footprint and also reduce costs. It was also proposed to develop a new online database and, potentially, to implement a pay-per-view or paid subscription information resource. Exclusive reliance on WHO Press had enabled the Agency to rely on some revenue and to save on staff costs, however, the formula worked out with WHO in 2009 was not entirely satisfactory for IARC as a large proportion of sales was kept by the parent Organization for its running costs. Currently, electronic publications on the Agency's web site were offered free of charge, but the cost of providing widening access to scientific results could be met by charging for electronic access to some publications.

Professor VAINIO (alternate to Professor Puska, Finland) said that IARC publications were much valued all over the world and they should continue to be made available in the vast majority of countries where resources were limited. Since it seemed likely that IARC publications would increasingly be made available in electronic form, it was his personal preference that they should remain free of charge wherever possible.

Dr STEVENS (United States of America) said that the Agency was to be applauded for its exemplary work, with over half of its articles being published in the top 20% of journals in their subject categories. She encouraged the Agency to continue to promote publication with colleagues from low- and middle-income countries. Publications should be made available in electronic format and contingency plans should be introduced to cover any future absence of an editor. She looked forward to the development of the new database that would make it possible to cross-link tumour entities and risk factors.

The CHAIRPERSON said that it was important to maintain a balance between the need for high scientific standards and for papers that were relevant for cancer control. The Governing Council was keen that access to publications should remain as open as possible.

Dr GAUDIN (Office of the Director, Communications Group) said that he understood the importance of having as wide an access as possible to the scientific results of the Agency's work, although charging for certain publications would allow IARC to recover some of the costs of developing online resources. The print programme would eventually be phased out and therefore revenue would decline steadily unless a way could be found to recoup costs.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on publication activities (GC/54/R12):

<p>The Governing Council, Having reviewed Document GC/54/13 "Report on publication activities",</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NOTES the Report with great interest; and2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting annually on publication activities at IARC.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Publications (GC/54/R13):

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/14A "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: A. Publications",

Recalling its Resolution GC/52/R10,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to draw supplementary funding for the Publications programme by returning 75% of the total proceeds from the sale of IARC publications from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Publications programme, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund;
2. NOTES that as the proceeds from the sale of publications in 2010–2011 was 1 437 834 Swiss francs (corresponding to €1 160 671) this approval is for the use of €870 503 from the Governing Council Special Fund, during the biennium 2012–2013; and
3. REQUESTS the Director to continue submitting such requests to the Governing Council, if the need arises, on a biennial basis.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

B. Scientific equipment (Document GC/54/14B)

Dr SCALBERT (Chair of the IARC Laboratory Steering Committee) said that the scientific equipment requested in document GC/54/14B had been identified through discussion between senior scientists and the IARC Laboratory Steering Committee. Acquisition of scientific equipment during the previous three years had been made in accordance with the IARC Medium-term Strategy and Implementation Plan to foster interdisciplinary research and interactions between laboratory-based and epidemiology research. The investment had allowed the establishment of several laboratory facilities, housed in different Sections but available to all Agency scientists. The equipment had contributed to the development of a large number of novel IARC research programmes on biomarkers, genetics, mechanisms of carcinogenesis and infections. To complement the original purchases, the Governing Council was requested to approve the purchase of DNA scanners, a digital slide scanner and additional computer storage capacity. The requests for purchase had been endorsed by the Scientific Council.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Scientific equipment (GC/54/R14):

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/14B "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: B. Scientific Equipment",

Noting that the Scientific Council supported the request for purchase of scientific equipment (see Document GC/54/4),

Also noting that the Scientific Council requested the Director to assess the adequacy of current computer storage capacity for the digital slide scanner, and include additional requirements accordingly in the request to the Governing Council,

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €481 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund, for the acquisition of the following scientific equipment:

	Approximate price (€)
Autopure DNA extractor	194 000
Electrophoresis and gel documentation system & DNA volume inspection system	35 000
EZ1 Advanced XL DNA/RNA extractor	50 000
Digital slide-scanner	172 000
Computing capacity	30 000
Total	481 000

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

C. Revision of funding for Senior Visiting Scientist Awardees (Document GC/54/14C)

Dr SELEIRO (Scientific Officer, Office of the Director), speaking as the former Acting Head of the Education and Training Group, said that the Senior Visiting Scientist awards were a simple and highly cost-effective way of bringing world-class scientists to the Agency for a period of up to 12 months. The awards were highly competitive, and a number of outstanding candidates had applied for places in the biennium 2012–2013. The Secretariat therefore requested that the Governing Council allow the use of a sum not exceeding €110 000 (equivalent to two awards of 12 months each) from the Governing Council Special Fund to fund additional Senior Visiting Scientists over the coming biennium.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: C. Revision of funding for Senior Visiting Scientist Awardees (GC/54/R15):

The Governing Council,
Having reviewed Document GC/54/14C "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: C. Revision of funding for Senior Visiting Scientist Awardees",
Recalling its Resolution GC/53/R14 authorizing the Director to use up to a maximum of US\$ 160 000 (equivalent to €111 840), from the Governing Council Special Fund to finance additional Senior Visiting Scientist Awards in 2011–2012,
Noting the large number of excellent applications received for the IARC Senior Visiting Scientist Award in 2012,
AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to an additional €110 000 (equivalent to two Awards of twelve months each) from the Governing Council Special Fund, to finance additional Awardees over the biennium 2012–2013, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

5. REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES REGARDING THE CRITERIA FOR AND IMPLICATIONS OF ADMITTING NEW PARTICIPATING STATES: Item 20 of the Agenda (Document GC/54/15)
(continued)

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, said that, following the consideration of the draft resolution on criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States at the previous afternoon's meeting, it had been suggested that the phrase "where appropriate" should be added, possibly at the end of paragraph 4.

Dr KEINHORST (Germany) said that the original version was too prescriptive. It was not clear whether the list of information in paragraph 4 was mandatory or merely indicative.

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, said that the draft resolution was intended to provide guidance for the Subcommittee. The only guidance at present was the statement in the Statute that the prospective Participating State should be "able to contribute effectively to the scientific and technical work of the Agency". The types of information listed were not intended to be prescriptive. In any case, there would be extensive discussions between the Agency and the State concerned before the formal application was submitted, in which the type of information required could be explained.

Following a discussion in which Professor BAGGOLEY (Australia), the SECRETARY, the CHAIRPERSON and Professor TUNCER (Turkey) took part, the RAPPORTEUR read out the following revised draft resolution on the report from the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States (1), regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States (GC/54/R17):

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/15 "Report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States",

1. THANKS the Subcommittee for its report;
2. SUPPORTS pursuing admission of new Participating States without setting a limit on the number of Participating States and without imposing undue conditions on entry, noting that admission should remain open to any Member State of the World Health Organization in this evolving research community;
3. AGREES with the development of a standardized application form, keeping in mind that participation in IARC also stimulates new areas of work and levels of cooperation and thus any a priori criteria should allow for and place value on potential future developments;
4. DECIDES that, in reviewing applications from new Participating States to assess whether "the State is able to contribute effectively to the scientific and technical work of the Agency" (Statute Article XII), the Subcommittee should receive structured information, for example and where appropriate, in the following areas:
 - A description of the current cancer research community, including relevant expertise in the areas of IARC activities;
 - Details of the presence of a national cancer institute or equivalent "lead" cancer organizations;
 - A description of cancer research funding in the public and NGO sectors;
 - Information on a national cancer control plan, if one exists;
 - The potential for the Participating State to contribute to the research priorities of IARC, as described in the Agency's Medium-Term Strategy;
 - Evidence of current scientific and technical exchange with IARC.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, introduced a greatly revised version of the draft resolution on the gradual increase in contributions for new Participating States, considered the previous day. The new version was based on the assumption that new Participating States would pay their contributions in full straight away, but that an exception would be made for States in the "low human development" group in

the edition of the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Index in force at the time of their application – a definition which would currently exclude China, for instance.

Dr HARFORD (alternate to Dr Stevens, United States of America), supported by Professor VAINIO (alternate to Professor Puska, Finland), said that, in practice, the proposed new system would eliminate the system of gradual increases in payments altogether, since few countries in the "low human development" group were likely to apply for membership.

Professor BAGGOLEY (Australia), supported by Dr BAUER (Austria), said that, in his opinion, the proposed draft did not accurately reflect the views of all Participating States. The proposal to eliminate the gradual increase in payments altogether, which would be the effect of the new system, had not been universally supported. The Agency was, after all, trying to encourage new States to join.

After a discussion in which Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada), Mr ALLEN (Director of Administration and Finance), Dr KEINHORST (Germany), Dr BLANKSON (Norway), Mr HULLEMAN (The Netherlands), the CHAIRPERSON, and the SECRETARY participated, Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Subcommittee, suggested that, since there was clearly no consensus on the revised draft resolution, the Governing Council should amend the existing resolution on the subject (GC/37/R9) to stipulate that all new Participating States should pay their full contribution from the third year of membership, rather than the fourth; that former Participating States which rejoined the Agency should pay their full contribution straight away; and that the Director was authorized to use the unbudgeted contributions for the scientific activities of the Agency.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States (2), regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States (GC/54/R18):

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/54/15 "Report from the Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States regarding the criteria for and implications of admitting new Participating States",

Recalling its Resolution GC/37/R9 on the gradual increase of contributions for new Participating States and paragraph 4.3 of IARC Financial Regulations,

Considering that the entry of new Participating States should be facilitated,

1. RESOLVES that as from the close of the 56th session of the Governing Council each new Participating State will pay:

- One third of its assessment in the first year of membership;

- Two thirds of its assessment in the second year of membership;
 - 100% of its assessment in the third and following years of membership;
2. DECIDES that after the graduated contributions described in paragraph one come into effect, any Participating State that withdraws from the Agency, or that has previously withdrawn from the Agency, and is admitted anew will not benefit from graduated contributions and will be required to pay its full assessment in the first and following years of membership;¹
 3. DECIDES to amend the Financial Regulations accordingly; and
 4. AUTHORIZES the Director to use the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States towards the activities of the Agency.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES: Item 21 of the Agenda

The CHAIRPERSON invited nominations for the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States. The current members were the representatives of Canada, Germany, Japan, Spain, United Kingdom and United States of America and himself, ex officio.

Ms HERNANDEZ (alternate to Dr Park, Canada) said that Canada would step down from the Subcommittee to make way for other candidates.

Professor BAGGOLEY (Australia) said that his country would join the Subcommittee.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the membership of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States (GC/54/R19):

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,

Recalling its Resolution GC/53/R20 deciding that the number of members and composition of the Subcommittee shall be agreed upon at each regular session of the Governing Council,

¹ Wording amended after the session for greater clarity.

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

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

7. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Item 18 of the Agenda (Document GC/54/16)

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2013 (CLOSED SESSION): Item 19 of the Agenda

The Governing Council met in closed session from 11:30 to 13:15.

On the resumption of the plenary session, the RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the appointment of new members of the Scientific Council (GC/54/R16):

The Governing Council,

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

1. APPOINTS

Professor James F. Bishop, Australia)

Professor Christos Sotiriou, Belgium)

Dr Teruhiko Yoshida, Japan) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Nuria Aragonés, Spain)

Professor Nicholas C. Jones, UK)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Professor Ian Frazer, Professor Karin Haustermans, Dr Hitoshi Nakagama, Dr Marina Pollán Santamaria and Professor Sir Alex Markham, for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

Dr MUGITANI (Japan) welcomed the appointment of Dr Yoshida, a specialist in genetics and cancer genomics, to the Scientific Council, since most of the other members were public health specialists.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the establishment of a screening process for the position of Director (GC/54/R21):

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES that, upon receipt of the copies of proposals referred to in the Rule 46 (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, each Participating State may convey to the Chair of the Governing Council the names of up to three candidates, in addition of the present Director, whom it proposes to be interviewed for the position of Director;
2. AGREES that the Chair of the Governing Council, together with the Director-General of WHO, will identify the three candidates with the highest number of requests for interview and for whom at least four Participating States have expressed such request, for interview by the Governing Council at its May 2013 session. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Governing Council, together with the Director-General of WHO, may decide to invite more than three candidates for interview;
3. Also AGREES that the serving Director will automatically be invited for interview without regard to the process described in this resolution, if he expresses his interest;
4. AGREES that the Governing Council will elect a person by secret ballot from among the candidates invited for interview; and
5. DECIDES that the names of the candidates to be interviewed will be published on IARC's web site, unless a candidate requests his or her name not be published.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

The CHAIRPERSON noted that the interview would consist of a presentation by the candidate showing his or her vision for the future work of the Agency, with an opportunity for the Governing Council to ask questions.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Item 22 of the Agenda

The SECRETARY said that, in the past, representatives of States or organizations which wished to attend the Governing Council session as observers had been obliged to wait outside the meeting room until the Governing Council granted them formal permission to enter – a procedure which might be interpreted as discourteous. It was proposed that, in future, the Chairperson should have the authority to allow any Member State of WHO to attend the session as an observer from the beginning. There was no question of granting formal observer status, but merely of granting permission to attend the meetings.

It was so **agreed**.

Dr KEINHORST (Germany) said that she had been assigned to other responsibilities by her Government, and would therefore be stepping down from the Governing Council. She would, however, continue to serve on the Working Group on Infrastructure.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR NEXT SESSION: Item 23 of the Agenda

On the proposal of Dr PALMER (United Kingdom), Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Professor AUTRUP (Denmark), Professor Puska was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson of the Governing Council.

The CHAIRPERSON thanked the Governing Council for the confidence it had placed in him and declared his willingness to serve for a further year.

10. DATE OF NEXT SESSION: Item 24 of the Agenda

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the date of the Fifty-fifth session of the Governing Council (GC/54/R20):

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 2013; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

11. CLOSURE OF SESSION: Item 25 of the Agenda

The SECRETARY thanked the members of the Governing Council, particularly the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur, for their preparatory work and the interest they had shown in the activities of the Agency throughout the session. He was gratified that the outgoing and incoming Chairpersons of the Scientific Council had been able to attend. He commended the excellent work of the Agency's staff, both scientific and administrative, and paid a particular tribute to the Agency's regular legal adviser, Mrs Joanne McKeough of the Office of the WHO Legal Counsel.

The CHAIRPERSON congratulated members on a productive session. He thanked the Director and the Agency's staff for their hard work, and declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 13:30.