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1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Item 23 of the Agenda (Document GC/55/12)

The Governing Council met in closed session from 13:30 to 14:20.

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/55/R21):

The Governing Council,

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

1. APPOINTS

Dr Lukas A. Huber, Austria)

Dr Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto, Brazil)

Dr John J. Spinelli, Canada) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Françoise Clavel-Chapelon, France)

Dr Al-Hareth M. Al-Khater, Qatar)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Florence Demenais, Richard Gallagher and Giulio Superti-Furga, 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**.

2. PROPOSED PROGRAMME (2014–2017) AND BUDGET (2014–2015): Item 14 of the Agenda (Document GC/55/7 Rev.1) (continued)

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on the proposed programme (2014–2017) and budget (2014–2015) (GC/55/R10):

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme (2014–2017) and Budget for the biennium 2014–2015, as contained in Document GC/55/7 Rev.1 and summary tables Revision 2,

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2014–2015 at the level of €40 424 491;

2. NOTES with appreciation the efforts made to present more transparently the attribution of costs across the budget sections;

3. ACKNOWLEDGES the change in the scale of assessments for Participating States as a result of the WHO Executive Board Resolution EB132.R6 and the ensuing redistribution of costs according to the method of assessments described in Resolution GC/15/R9;

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

- (1) €19 739 084 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2014,
- (2) €20 185 407 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2015,

5. DECIDES that €500 000 shall be exceptionally funded from the Governing Council Special Fund;

6. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €40 424 491 for the biennium 2014–2015 as follows:

Appropriation section	Purpose of appropriation	Amount (€)
1	Governing and Scientific Councils	180 000
2	Scientific Programme	31 507 065
3	Administrative Programme	8 737 426
	Total	40 424 491

7. 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% of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 15% 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;

8. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €500 000 in the biennium 2014–2015 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to availability of cash balances in the Fund, noting the base rate of exchange for 2014–2015 is €0.758/US\$; and

9. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports.

Mr ALLEN (Director of Administration and Finance) noted that it was customary to allow a small transfer, typically 15%, between sections of the budget to provide some flexibility, as described in paragraph 7 of the draft.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES: Item 24 of the Agenda

The CHAIRPERSON invited nominations for membership of the Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States. The member for Germany was willing to continue on the Subcommittee.

Professor BAGGOLEY (Australia), Dr MUGITANI (Japan), Dr STEVENS (United States of America), Dr WALKER (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Dr SUSO (Spain), all currently members of the Subcommittee, said that they were willing to continue.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution on membership of the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States (GC/55/R24):

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,
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**.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Item 25 of the Agenda

Professor AUTRUP (Denmark) noted that a different procedure seemed to be followed every time a Director of the Agency was appointed. He proposed that a standard election procedure should be developed in time for the next occasion, in five years' time.

Ms HERNANDEZ (Canada) suggested that the Secretariat should prepare a compilation of the practice followed by other organizations, including WHO and the Pan American Health Organization.

The CHAIRPERSON suggested that the issue should be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Governing Council and that the information requested by Canada should be made available then.

It was so agreed.

Replying to a point raised by Dr STEVENS (United States of America), the SECRETARY said that, at the next session of the Governing Council, a Working Group would be set up to prepare the first draft of the new medium-term strategy.

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR NEXT SESSION:
Item 26 of the Agenda**

On the proposal of Dr STEBER-BÜCHLI (Switzerland), Dr Palmer (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) was unanimously elected as the new Chairperson of the Governing Council, the proposal being seconded by Dr BAUER (Austria).

On the proposal of Professor AUTRUP (Denmark), Professor Agnès Buzyn (France) was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson, the proposal being seconded by Dr SCHMEKEL (Sweden) and Dr SUSO (Spain).

6. DATE OF NEXT SESSION: Item 27 of the Agenda

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Vice-Chairperson, acting on behalf of the Rapporteur who had been obliged to leave the meeting early, read out the following draft resolution on the date of the Fifty-sixth session of the Governing Council (GC/55/R25):

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 2014; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.

The draft resolution was **adopted**.

7. CLOSURE OF SESSION: Item 28 of the Agenda

The CHAIRPERSON thanked the members of the Governing Council for the constructive atmosphere which had prevailed during the session. He congratulated the Director once again on his reappointment and thanked him and his staff for their hard work before and during the session. He wished his successor, Dr Palmer, every success as the next Chairperson.

The SECRETARY likewise commended his staff on their excellent preparatory work. He thanked the members of the Governing Council for their advice and support, particularly the outgoing Chairperson for his leadership and guidance, as well as the Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur.

Dr PALMER (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Vice-Chairperson, paid tribute to Professor Puska and declared himself honoured to be the next Chairperson of the Governing Council.

The CHAIRPERSON declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 14:45