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Chairperson: Professor Mads Melbye (Denmark)

Secretary: Dr Christopher P. Wild, Director, IARC

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Dr Eduard SALAKHOV (<i>unable to attend</i>)	
Dr Zoya SEREDA (<i>unable to attend</i>)	
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Dr Douglas LOWY	United States of America
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1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Item 26 of the Agenda (Document GC/60/19)

The Governing Council met in closed session from 13:50 to 14:45. It invited the Secretary and the Chairperson of the Scientific Council to attend the closed session, and decided that it would continue to do so in future. On resumption of the plenary session, the RAPPORTEUR read out the following resolution, adopted by the Governing Council in the closed session, on the appointment of new members of the Scientific Council (GC/60/R19):

The Governing Council,

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

1. APPOINTS

Dr Anne Tjønneland, Denmark)

Dr Janne Mikael Pitkäniemi, Finland)

Dr Kazem Zendehdel, Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Dr Hendriek Boshuizen, Netherlands) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Sabine Rohrmann, Switzerland)

Dr James R. Cerhan, USA)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Stephen J. Chanock, Ellen Kampman, Ole Raaschou-Nielsen, Martin Rösli and Elisabete Weiderpass-Vainio, for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.

2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Item 28 of the Agenda

Dr STEVENS (United States of America) informed the Governing Council that her country was planning to put on a side event on implementation science during the United Nations High-level Meeting on Non-communicable Diseases (New York, 27 September 2018). She asked any other Participating State interested in implementation science or operational research to consider joining the event.

Ms HERNANDEZ (Canada) paid tribute to the outgoing Director. The Agency had been transformed under his leadership. She wished him every success for the future.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR NEXT SESSION: Item 29 of the Agenda

Dr Robbins (Canada), Vice-Chairperson, took the Chair.

On the proposal of Dr STEVENS (United States of America), Professor Melbye was re-elected Chairperson, the proposal being seconded by Dr BIFFONI (Italy).

Professor Melbye resumed the Chair.

Dr STEVENS (United States of America) proposed that Dr Robbins be re-elected Vice-Chairperson. She suggested that the Governing Council should take into account its own expressed commitment to ensuring gender balance when appointing Chairpersons in future. Dr SCHMEKEL (Sweden) seconded the proposal.

4. DATE OF NEXT SESSION: Item 30 of the Agenda

Dr STEVENS (United States of America), supported by Ms LÜBBEN (Germany) and Dr PINHO MENDES PEREIRA (Brazil), suggested that the Governing Council session should be held at a less busy time, particularly since the Agency was seeking to involve the diplomatic missions in Geneva more closely in its work.

Ms HERNANDEZ (Canada) said that the best way to engage diplomatic missions was to hold briefings in Geneva.

Professor MURPHY (Australia) said that representatives of distant countries, such as his own, were only able to attend the session because it took place so close to the World Health Assembly.

Dr STEBER-BÜCHLI (Switzerland), Rapporteur, said that the missions were unlikely to come to Lyon for a briefing. She feared that changing the dates would prevent senior representatives of many Participating States from attending.

The SECRETARY said that it would be difficult to move the Governing Council session earlier in the year because of the workload of preparing the documentation for the Scientific Council meeting in January/February.

The CHAIRPERSON suggested that, since there was no consensus on changing the date, the usual dates should be maintained.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution, entitled "Date of the sixty-first session of the Governing Council" (GC/60/R21), incorporating wording suggested by Dr STEVENS (United States of America) and Ms HERNANDEZ (Canada):

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 2019;
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known; and
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretariat to organize Mission briefings in Geneva at least once a year to enhance their engagement with IARC.

The resolution was **adopted**.

5. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION: Item 31 of the Agenda

The CHAIRPERSON thanked all the staff who had worked on the Governing Council session and wished the outgoing Director every success in his future endeavours.

The SECRETARY expressed his thanks to the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur, the Chairperson of the Scientific Council and the Principal Legal Officer for their hard work and support both during the session and throughout the year. He commended his staff for their hard work in organizing the session and thanked the Governing Council for the confidence it had placed in him over the previous 10 years. It had been a privilege to lead the Agency, and he looked forward to following its progress in future.

The meeting rose at 15:10.