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ADMISSION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE – HUNGARY

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of Hungary for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (Document GC/61/18),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that Hungary be admitted as a Participating State in the Agency; and
2. EXPRESSES great satisfaction at the admission of this new Participating State.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/61/2),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the Key Performance Indicators provided therein;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the continued efforts made towards further strengthening coordination and communication between IARC and WHO;
3. THANKS the Secretariat for its report on IARC engagement under the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) as part of the Director's Report, in accordance with Resolution GC/60/R17; and
4. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Reports.



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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Fifty-fifth Scientific Council (Document GC/61/3) and the Director's response (Document GC/61/4),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/61/3) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for her constructive responses to the recommendations of the Fifty-fifth Session of the Scientific Council.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

The Governing Council,

Having examined Document GC/61/5 “Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018” and its corrigendum (GC/61/5 Corr.1),

1. THANKS the External Auditor for his Report and “unqualified” audit opinion;
2. THANKS the Secretariat for providing supplementary information on the After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) long-term liabilities and related funding gap (Document GC/61/Inf.Doc. No.4);
and
3. APPROVES the report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.

PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2020–2021

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme and Budget for the biennium 2020–2021, as contained in Document GC/61/6 and summary tables Revision 1,

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2020–2021 at the level of €44 149 793;
2. ACKNOWLEDGES that the presentation of the proposed budget for 2020–2021 is aligned with the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020 (Document GC/57/7 and Annexes 1–3);
3. DECIDES that the budget shall be financed solely by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:
 - (1) €21 865 751 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2020,
 - (2) €22 284 042 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2021,
4. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €44 149 793 to the six main Level 2 objectives of the IARC Project Tree (Document GC/57/7 and Annex 3) for the biennium 2020–2021 as follows:

Section	IARC Project Tree – Level 2 Objectives	Amount (€)
1.	Describe the occurrence of cancer	3 633 223
2.	Understand the causes of cancer	11 972 571
3.	Evaluate and implement cancer prevention and control strategies	4 153 150
4.	Increase the capacity for cancer research	10 103 795
5.	Provide strategic leadership and enhance the impact of the Agency's contribution to global cancer research	5 006 803
6.	Enable and support the efficient conduct and coordination of research	9 280 251
	Total	44 149 793

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5. 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;
6. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €500 000 in the biennium 2020–2021 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 2020–2021 is €0.819/US\$;
7. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports;
8. NOTES that the impact on the regular budget of the admission or withdrawal of Participating States is decided by the Governing Council on a case by case basis;
9. RESOLVES that IARC will establish a Core Voluntary Contribution Account to supplement the regular budget; and
10. REQUESTS that a Working Group (comprising Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Chair) of the Governing Council consider options for a potential change of the Statute of IARC to require a longer termination period of financial obligations for a withdrawing Participating State and to present these options for consideration at the next Governing Council session.



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EVALUATION REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (2016–2020)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/61/7 “Evaluation Report on the implementation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) (2016–2020)”,

Recalling its Resolutions GC/58/R7 and GC/59/R6,

1. COMMENDS the Secretariat for this comprehensive and detailed report;
2. THANKS the Scientific Council for its review thereof, for its comments, and for its recommendations on how to further improve the Agency’s evaluation reports in future, notably on the need to focus on indicators in key strategic areas linked to its core mandate and to further refine its impact assessments;
3. RECOGNIZES the impressive global reach and high impact of the work of IARC demonstrated in the Report, as also noted by the Scientific Council; and
4. APPROVES the Report as a fair representation that the Agency has implemented its strategy as foreseen.

**PROCEDURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE
IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2021–2025,
INCLUDING THE SCOPE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
TO BE USED FOR THE EVALUATION OF IARC**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/61/8 “Procedure for the preparation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025, including an evaluation of IARC”, and its Annex 1,

Recalling its Resolution GC/60/R11,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the proposal prepared by the Secretariat, and for its comments;
2. APPROVES the proposed process and timeline for developing the MTS 2021–2025 as described in Document GC/61/8 and its Annex 1;
3. ESTABLISHES an ad hoc Advisory Group to conduct an evaluation of IARC, composed of Scientific Council and Governing Council members as well as external experts as described under paragraphs 23–25 of Document GC/61/8, and NOMINATES the two Governing Council members from Germany and Switzerland to be part of this Advisory Group;
4. APPROVES the proposed terms of reference of the ad hoc Advisory Group as described under paragraph 26, and the scope and process for the evaluation as described under paragraphs 28–31 of Document GC/61/8 with the additional consideration of the impact and uniqueness of IARC;
5. APPROVES the composition of the joint Governing Council/Scientific Council MTS Working Group to oversee the development of the MTS 2021–2025 as described under paragraph 32 and will decide on the Governing Council members to participate in this Working Group at the next regular session of the Governing Council in May 2020; and
6. DECIDES that the current MTS 2016–2020 should be extended by five months, i.e. until end of May 2021, to allow sufficient time for the Director to finalize the MTS 2021–2025 for submission to the Governing Council’s approval at its 63rd Session in May 2021.



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE IARC ETHICS COMMITTEE, 2017–2018

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2017–2018, as contained in Document GC/61/9,

1. WELCOMES the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2017–2018;
2. THANKS the Chairperson, Professor Samar Al-Homoud, for her presentation of the report;
and
3. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.

UPDATE ON THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE”

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/61/10 “Update on the “Nouveau Centre””,

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the City of Lyon for their continued efforts to ensure adequate conditions of the current premises;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to all French partners, i.e. the French government, Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Métropole de Lyon, and City of Lyon, for their continued support and cooperation with the Secretariat on the “Nouveau Centre” project;
3. ACKNOWLEDGES that the remaining unfunded balance of at least €5.96 million should be mobilized prior to the planned move to the “Nouveau Centre” in 2021;
4. ENCOURAGES Participating States to contribute towards this target through voluntary contributions;
5. REQUESTS the IARC Director to explore alternative sources of funding and to present a funding strategy with projections for resource mobilization and potential contingency plans at the next Governing Council Session; and
6. REQUESTS the Director to keep the Governing Council and the Working Group on Infrastructure apprised of major future developments in relation to the “Nouveau Centre” project.

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REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/61/11 "Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund",

Noting the support from the Scientific Council on the request to purchase scientific equipment and to invest in the HELPER study (Document GC/61/3 "Report of the Fifty-fifth session of the Scientific Council"),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €500 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient fund balance, for the acquisition of scientific equipment detailed below (€300 000) and for investment in the HELPER study (€200 000):

	Approximate cost (€)
Equipment for the DNA extraction platform	
High-throughput DNA extraction system	224 000
Gel imager	20 000
Sub-total	244 000
Software and databases for metabolomics	
Compound Discoverer software	20 500
Software upgrades	35 500
Sub-total	56 000
Investment in the HELPER study	
Staff cost for participating centres	100 000
Research activities and operational costs for participating centres	55 000
Materials and equipment cost	15 000
Monitoring visits	30 000
Sub-total	200 000
Total requested budget	500 000

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS,
INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/61/13 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. CONFIRMS the provisional approval given by the Governing Council Chair between sessions, in accordance with Resolution GC/52/R13, paragraphs 2 and 3, for the following project:

Coordination of the International Birth Cohort Harmonisation Group [Ministry of the Environment, Japan (through Mitsubishi Research Institute Group) and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany in an amount of €60 060 (€30 030 from Japan and €30 030 from Germany) for 12 months];

2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/61/13;

3. NOTES the amounts of interest income apportioned; and

4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.



ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (1)

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/61/14 of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2018 under the authority vested in the Director 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 DONATIONS (2)

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by Document GC/61/17 of the in-kind donation accepted by the Director and the Governing Council Chairperson jointly in accordance with Resolution GC/4/R3,

AUTHORIZES the full amount of revenues generated by future sales of the children book provisionally titled "Dad has cancer" to be credited to the Governing Council Special Fund as publication revenues, and allocated to the activities of the Education and Training Group.

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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

Professor Ulrike Haug, Germany)
Professor Péter Nagy, Hungary)
Professor Ravi Mehrotra, India)
Professor William Gallagher, Ireland)
Dr Pietro Pichierri, Italy) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr Karima Bendahhou, Morocco)
Professor Tone Bjørge, Norway)
Professor Jong Bae Park, Republic of Korea)
Professor Sergey Ivanov, Russian Federation)
Professor Gunilla Enblad, Sweden)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Boris Alekseev (Russian Federation), Jonas Bergh (Sweden), Jenny Chang-Claude (Germany), Jerome Coffey (Ireland), Eugenia Dogliotti (Italy), Karima El Rhazi (Morocco), Kadir Mutlu Hayran (Turkey), Lalit Kumar (India), Dukhyoung Lee (Republic of Korea) and Giske Ursin (Norway) for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have 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 Governing 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 the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member *ex officio*), and representatives of Brazil, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.



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DATE OF THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Monday and Tuesday of the week preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2020; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.



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WITHDRAWAL OF A PARTICIPATING STATE – TURKEY

The Governing Council,

Having read Document GC/61/19,

1. TAKES NOTE of the decision of Turkey to withdraw from the International Agency for Research on Cancer with effect from 3 June 2019, and with dues of contribution amounting to €753 457;
2. EXPRESSES its regret on this decision;
3. HOPES that such withdrawal will be of a temporary nature and encourages continuing scientific dialogue with Turkey;
4. ACKNOWLEDGES the efforts of the Director, Governing Council Chair and WHO in attempts to maintain participation by Turkey; and
5. REQUESTS confidential notification to the Governing Council members when the WHO Director-General receives written notification of the intent to withdraw by a Participating State.