



**Governing Council
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SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THIS SESSION

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Special Procedure to regulate the conduct of the Sixty-second session of the Governing Council as contained in [Document GC/62/22](#),

1. ADOPTS the special procedures set out in the document, for the conduct of the Sixty-second session of the Governing Council, and sets the date of 25 May 2020 for receipt of approval and comments under the silence procedure; and
2. THANKS the Secretariat for its efforts in organizing this virtual meeting and related procedures.

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APPLICATION TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING STATE – THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of the People's Republic of China to become a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer ([Document GC/62/21](#)),

1. NOTES with great interest the application from the People's Republic of China as received by the Director-General of the World Health Organization on 3 March 2020;
2. THANKS the Subcommittee for its report;

Recalling Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of IARC¹,

3. DECIDES to defer the review and decision on admission of a new Participating State to the next session of the Governing Council.

¹ Any such application shall be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Governing Council provided the application reaches the Director-General at least ninety days before the opening of such session.

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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2018–2019

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2018–2019 ([Document GC/62/2](#)),

1. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the work accomplished; and
2. COMMENDS the Director and her staff on the Biennial Report.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report ([Document GC/62/3](#)),

Noting its new structure and presentation,

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 Report.

Having further reviewed the supplementary information on the operational plans for the Agency's resource mobilization strategy ([Document GC/62/19 Rev.1](#)),

5. THANKS the Secretariat for the document and presentation; and
6. ENCOURAGES the Director to continue efforts made to strengthen and expand the Agency's resource mobilization strategy.

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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Fifty-sixth Scientific Council ([Document GC/62/4](#)) and the Director's response ([Document GC/62/5](#)),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/62/4) 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-sixth Session of the Scientific Council.



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UPDATE ON THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE” AND THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE” INVESTMENT CASE

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/62/8](#) (Update on the “Nouveau Centre” and the “Nouveau Centre” Investment Case),

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the French national authorities, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the Métropole de Lyon and the City of Lyon for the strong support received, both for the continued efforts to ensure adequate conditions of the current premises and for the progress made on the “Nouveau Centre” project;

2. ACKNOWLEDGES that there remains a funding gap of up to €9.16 million for a fully operational, modern, smart and open building, to be mobilized prior to the move to the “Nouveau Centre”, now planned in 2022;

Recalling its Resolution GC/61/R9 paragraph 5 requesting the IARC Director to explore alternative sources of funding for the Nouveau Centre,

3. NOTES with great interest the resource mobilization strategy presented in Document GC/62/8;

4. AUTHORIZES the Director to accept donations in cash or in kind for the purpose of furnishing and equipping the Nouveau Centre, subject to and in accordance with applicable internal rules and regulations, including *inter alia* with regard to FENSA and partner recognition;

5. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts toward the Nouveau Centre; and

6. REQUESTS the Director to report, on a regular basis, every six months, of such resource mobilization efforts to the Governing Council, and to keep the Governing Council and the Working Group on Infrastructure apprised of major future developments in relation to the “Nouveau Centre”.

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FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Governing Council,

Having examined [Document GC/62/7](#) "Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor, and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019" and its corrigendum (Document [GC/62/7 Corr.1](#)),

1. THANKS the External Auditor from the Republic of the Philippines Commission on Audit for his report and for his unqualified audit opinion, and for his collaboration during the past eight years;
2. THANKS the Secretariat for providing supplementary information on the After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liabilities and the funding gap ([Document GC/62/Inf.Doc. No.4](#)); and
3. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.



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ADVISORY GROUP EVALUATION REPORT ON THE IARC ACTIVITIES, AND UPDATE ON THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (MTS) 2021–2025

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/62/9](#) "Advisory Group Evaluation Report on the IARC activities vis-à-vis its mandate, update on the development of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025, and nomination of Governing Council members on the Working Group to oversee its development",

Recalling its Resolution GC/61/R7,

1. THANKS the ad hoc Advisory Group for their Evaluation Report and recommendations;
2. THANKS the WHO Evaluation Office and IARC Secretariat for providing valuable support to the ad hoc Advisory Group;
3. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the Advisory Group Evaluation Report, and for its comments as conveyed in [Document GC/62/4](#);
4. THANKS the IARC Secretariat for its update on the development of the MTS 2021–2025, to be finalized, in consultation with the Joint GC/SC MTS Working Group, for approval by the Governing Council at its next session in May 2021; and
5. Noting that the Scientific Council members nominated to be on the Joint GC/SC MTS Working Group are Drs Maria Sibilía (Austria), Christine Friedenreich (Canada), Janne Mikael Pitkäniemi (Finland) and Ravi Mehrotra (India), DECIDES to nominate the Governing Council members from Belgium (Dr Marc Van den Bulcke), Brazil (Dr Liz Almeida), Germany (Ms Elisabeth Schulte), Japan (Dr Yosuke Kita), the Russian Federation (Dr Igor Korobko), and the United States of America (Dr Satish Gopal) to participate in the Joint GC/SC MTS Working Group.



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ALIGNMENT OF IARC'S PROGRAMME AND BUDGET STRUCTURE 2022–2023 WITH THE DRAFT IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY 2021–2025

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/62/20](#) "Alignment of IARC's Programme and Budget structure 2022–2023 with the draft IARC Medium-Term Strategy 2021–2025",

1. ACKNOWLEDGES that the IARC Secretariat will have to prepare the proposed Programme and Budget 2022–2023 at the same time as the IARC Medium-Term Strategy 2021–2025 is being finalized, both to be submitted for approval by the Governing Council at its next regular session in 2021;
2. NOTES that the preparation of the proposed Programme and Budget 2022–2023 will be guided by the early advice from the Joint Governing and Scientific Council Working Group on the IARC Medium-Term Strategy, established by Resolution GC/62/R8; and
3. AGREES that a clear emphasis on priorities should steer the design of IARC's biennial programmes and budgets during the period 2021–2025, and that the upcoming Programme and Budget 2022–2023 be aligned with the identified priority areas.

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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2018–2019

The Governing Council,

Having examined the “Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2018–2019” as contained in [Document GC/62/10](#),

1. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the arrangements which are in place to ensure the health and safety of the Agency’s personnel; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on occupational health and safety issues at the Agency.

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BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES, 2018–2019

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/62/11](#) "Biennial report on publication activities, 2018–2019",

1. NOTES the Report with great interest;
2. NOTES that the net revenue from the sale of IARC publications to the Governing Council Special Fund amounted to €1 279 970 in 2018, and €1 262 932 in 2019, of which 75% was allocated in the following year to the publication programme; and
3. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on publication activities at IARC.

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OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/62/11](#) "Biennial report on publication activities, 2018–2019",

APPROVES the use of up to a maximum of €50 000 per annum from the Governing Council Special Fund for two years (2021 and 2022) for open access publishing, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund.



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ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/62/12](#) "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

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 projects:
 - Coordination of the International Birth Cohort Harmonisation Group [Ministry of the Environment, Japan (through the Center for Environmental Information Science (CEIS)) 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];
 - Burpeesforcancer campaign – voluntary undesignated contribution [Interspiro (Swedish company), in an amount of €15 000].
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/62/12;
3. NOTES the amounts of interest income apportioned; and
4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by [Document GC/62/13](#) of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2019 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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**REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
SCIENTIFIC IT PLATFORM
AND RETURN OF UNUSED FUNDS**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/62/14](#) "Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund: Scientific IT Platform and return of unused funds" and [Document GC/62/Inf.Doc. No.2](#) "Projection of Governing Council Special Fund Account for 2020–2023",

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €350 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund, for the acquisition of the Scientific IT Platform: storage servers (€115 000), computer servers (€70 000), network equipment (€25 000), data management and analysis software (€120 000), professional services (€20 000), as well as maintenance of the platform, for a period of four years;

Recalling its [Resolution GC/60/R16](#), in which it authorized the Director to purchase an automated system for plasma phospholipid fatty acid profiling for an amount of €115 000,

2. NOTES the return of €115 000 to the Governing Council Special Fund due to the cancellation of the purchase following a reprioritization of scientific activities in the related Section.

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REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP BY A PARTICIPATING STATE (AND ITS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS) – TURKEY

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/62/17](#) "Request for suspension of its membership by a Participating State and its financial implications – Turkey",

Recalling Articles III, XII and XIII of the IARC Statute and the Governing Council's Rules of Procedure,

1. NOTES that there is no established procedure for suspension of a Participating State's membership; and
2. CONFIRMS with regret, the withdrawal of Turkey as noted in [Resolution GC/61/R17](#).

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XIII OF THE IARC STATUTE

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/62/15](#) "Report of the Governing Council Working Group on the amendment of Article XIII of the IARC Statute",

1. THANKS the Working Group for examining possible options;
2. REQUESTS the Working Group to look at additional options;
3. DECIDES to defer the review of possible options and decision on a potential amendment to the Statute to the next session of the Governing Council, to allow more time for deliberation; and
4. WELCOMES Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Governing Council (ex officio) as members of the Working 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 Louisa Gordon, Australia)

Dr Marc Arbyn, Belgium)

Dr Manami Inoue, Japan) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Ferrán Catalá, Spain)

Professor Kalipso Chalkidou, UK)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Adèle Green (Australia), Atsushi Ochiai (Japan), Roberto Salgado (Belgium), Pilar Sánchez Gómez (Spain) and Simon Tavaré (UK) for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution that 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 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 Brazil, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

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DATE OF THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, in the week preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2021; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.