



Governing Council Subcommittee
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REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES: APPLICATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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1. The Governing Council Subcommittee on the Admission of New Participating States met by teleconference on 15 April 2020 to consider the application of the Government of the People's Republic of China for admission in the International Agency for Research on Cancer.
2. The Subcommittee noted that the Government of the People's Republic of China had applied to be admitted as a Participating State by letter received electronically with its annex on 3 March 2020 and transmitted by the Director-General to all Participating States on 7 and 8 April 2020¹.
3. As required by Resolution GC/54/R17, in order to assess whether "the State is able to contribute effectively to the scientific and technical work of the Agency" (Statute Article XII), the Subcommittee reviewed the report on the status of cancer research activities in the People's Republic of China (see Document GC/62/21 Appendix). From this review, the Subcommittee agreed that the People's Republic of China has scientific and technical exchanges with IARC, has funding, interest and capacity in cancer research, has a national medium and long-term plan for chronic diseases prevention and control (2017–2025), and a specific action plan for cancer prevention and control since 2019, and therefore meets all the requirements to demonstrate that they would effectively contribute to the research priorities of IARC, as described in its Medium-Term Strategy.
4. In accordance with Article III of the Statute, the Government of the People's Republic of China also undertook "to observe and apply the provisions of the IARC Statute", in its application letter.
5. The Subcommittee recommends that the Governing Council admit the People's Republic of China as a Participating State of the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

¹ The WHO Director-General's office was following up with the Chinese Permanent Mission in Geneva to obtain the **original** signed letter; however, given the extraordinary circumstances due to the COVID-19 crisis, the DGO sent the Notes Verbales to all IARC Participating States on 7 and 8 April 2020, based on the electronic version.