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### Participating State Representatives

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Mr Arno De Potter  
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#### Egypt

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No Representative

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Dr Andrey Moskalov [unable to attend]  
Mr Eduard Salakhov [unable to attend]  
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Professor Mushabbab Al Asiri  
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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

Dr Mark Palmer  
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**United States of America**

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Dr Maya Levine [remotely]  
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**1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION): Item 21 of the Agenda**

(Document [GC/67/17](#))

The Governing Council met in closed session. On the resumption of the public session, the RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution, adopted during the closed session and entitled “Appointment of new members of the Scientific Council” (GC/67/R14):

The Governing Council,		
In accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Statute of the Agency,		
1. APPOINTS		
Professor Eva Schernhammer, Austria	)	
Dr Mariana Emerenciano Cavalcanti de Sá, Brazil	)	
Dr Rayjean Hung, Canada	)	to serve for four years
Professor Robert Barouki, France	)	on the Scientific Council
Professor Lúcio José de Lara Santos, Portugal	)	
Professor Mohammed Ussama Alhoms, Qatar	)	
and		
Professor Henrik Hjalgrim, Denmark		to serve for one year to replace Dr J. Falck Winther.
2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Walter Berger (Austria), Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto (Brazil), Marie-Elise Parent (Canada), Jie He (China), Jeannette Falck Winther (Denmark), Mathilde Touvier (France) and Einas Abudlaziz Eid Al Kuwari (Qatar) for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.		

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES: Item 22 of the Agenda**

The CHAIRPERSON asked for volunteers to serve on the Subcommittee, noting that the current membership comprised representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Qatar, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, in addition to the Chairperson of the Governing Council as an ex officio member.

Dr ABOUSSELHAM (Morocco) said that her country wished to join the Subcommittee.

The CHAIRPERSON recalled the suggestion that the Governing Council should amend the deadline for submission of applications for membership of the Agency, which was laid down in Rule 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution, entitled “Membership of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States” (GC/67/R15):

The Governing Council,

Having read the report of the Subcommittee on the admission of new Participating States appended to Document [GC/67/18](#),

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,

1. DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member ex officio), and representatives of Brazil, Egypt, Japan, Morocco, Qatar, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council; and

2. REQUESTS the Secretariat to work with the Subcommittee to develop a proposal regarding Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council to be presented to the Governing Council for its consideration at its 68th session in 2026.

The resolution was **adopted**.

### **3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Item 23 of the Agenda**

**There was no other business.**

### **4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR NEXT SESSION: Item 24 of the Agenda**

The CHAIRPERSON noted that he would not be standing for re-election.

**On the proposal of Dr LIU (Canada), Professor Keefe (Australia), Vice-Chairperson, was elected as the next Chairperson of the Governing Council, the proposal being seconded by Dr ABOUSSELHAM (Morocco) and by the CHAIRPERSON, speaking as the representative of France.**

Professor KEEFE (Australia) said that her country was honoured to take on the chairmanship of the Governing Council.

**On the proposal of Dr BIFFONI (Italy), Dr Al-Khater (Qatar) was elected as Vice-Chairperson, the proposal being seconded by Mr DUBOIS (France).**

### **5. DATE OF NEXT SESSION: Item 25 of the Agenda**

Ms MEHTA (Director of Administration and Finance) said that the Secretariat had faced frequent challenges in preparing the documentation, translation and logistics of the annual Governing Council

sessions, since the preparations for and conduct of the Scientific Council session in January/February, the work involved in the end of the Agency's financial year in February and the preparation of the financial statements after auditing left very little time to spare when the Governing Council session took place on the traditional dates, namely in the two weeks preceding the World Health Assembly. The Secretariat therefore proposed that future sessions of the Governing Council should be held in the two weeks following the Health Assembly. To the Secretariat's knowledge, no relevant meetings of other agencies were scheduled for that period.

Mr HAMADA (Japan), participating remotely, suggested that the Governing Council session should be held within one month of the closure of the Health Assembly, rather than two weeks.

Dr LIM (United States of America), supported by Mr TARUTIN (Russian Federation), noted that, later in June, there was a risk of clashes with meetings of the regional committees of WHO or relevant United Nations entities.

The CHAIRPERSON noted that a period of two weeks was preferable as it would allow delegates coming from further afield to combine their travel for the Governing Council with that for the Health Assembly.

The RAPPORTEUR read out the following draft resolution, entitled "Date of the sixty-eighth session of the Governing Council" (GC/67/R16):

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, within the two weeks following closure of the World Health Assembly in the year 2026; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Governing Council as soon as these dates are known.

The resolution was **adopted**.

## **6. CLOSURE OF FORMAL SESSION: Item 26 of the Agenda**

The CHAIRPERSON expressed his appreciation to the Director and her staff for the efficient organization of the session and their enthusiasm in sharing information on the work of the scientific teams.

The SECRETARY thanked the Chairperson on behalf of herself, her staff and the members of the Governing Council for the outstanding leadership and commitment to the Agency he had displayed during his term of office.

Ms MEHTA (Director of Administration and Finance) paid tribute to the hard work of the IARC staff which had enabled the session to run smoothly. She thanked the Chairperson for his assistance and advice.

The CHAIRPERSON declared the session closed.

**The meeting rose at 16:00.**