



**Governing Council  
Sixty-ninth Session (Extraordinary)**

**GC/69/2**

*24 September 2026, by web conference*

**SPECIAL PROCEDURES  
OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE IARC GOVERNING COUNCIL**

1. Following the application of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to be admitted as an IARC Participating State, the Secretariat received a request from more than one-third of the members of the Governing Council to hold an extraordinary session of the Governing Council for the purpose of considering such application.
2. In accordance with Rule 5<sup>1</sup> of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council and in consultation with the Governing Council's Chair and Vice-Chair, the Director has convened the Sixty-ninth Session (Extraordinary) by web conference, on Thursday 24 September 2026.
3. The Governing Council is invited to adopt the following special procedures to regulate the conduct of this extraordinary session:
  - (i) The session will be conducted in fully virtual mode. Accordingly, attendance by Participating States shall be through a secured access to videoconference or other electronic means, allowing representatives to hear other participants and to address the meeting remotely.
  - (ii) The session will be conducted exclusively in English, without interpretation.
  - (iii) It is understood that virtual attendance of the Participating States shall be taken into account when calculating the presence of a quorum.
  - (iv) All decisions of the Governing Council should as far as possible be taken by consensus. In any event, no decision shall be taken by show of hands or secret ballot. In the event that a vote is required, voting shall take place by roll call conducted through the virtual system.
4. The Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council shall continue to apply in full, except to the extent that they are inconsistent with the above special procedures; in the latter case, the Governing Council's decision to adopt these special procedures shall operate as a decision to suspend the relevant Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary, in accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council.
5. The special procedures set out above are adopted for the purpose of the Sixty-ninth Session (Extraordinary) of the Governing Council only, and should not be considered as setting a precedent for future Governing Council sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> "The Director of the Agency shall also convene the Governing Council at the request of one-third of its members. The request shall be addressed to him in writing and shall state the reason for the request. In this case, the Governing Council shall be convened within thirty days following receipt of the request. The agenda of such a session shall be limited to the questions having necessitated that session."