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ADMISSION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE – IRAN (Islamic Republic of)

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of Iran (Islamic Republic of) for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer (Document GC/60/20),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that Iran (Islamic Republic of) 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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SELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

The Governing Council,

Considering the provision of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Statute of the Agency and Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council,

1. SELECTS Dr Elisabete Weiderpass as Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General of the World Health Organization to appoint Dr Elisabete Weiderpass as Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer for a period of five years from 1 January 2019 on terms and conditions of employment equivalent to those of an Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, these conditions of employment being subject to the provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the World Health Organization; and
3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General of the World Health Organization to consult Dr Elisabete Weiderpass on the issue of pension arrangements and to include in the contract, as appropriate, an amendment in light of that consultation.

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DEPARTURE OF DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY

The Governing Council,

In deep appreciation of the services rendered to the Agency by Dr Christopher P. Wild during his Directorship of the Agency from 2009 to 2018,

1. EXPRESSES its profound gratitude to Dr Wild for his outstanding contributions to the Agency which have enhanced its role in and reputation for promoting and coordinating international collaboration in cancer research; and
2. DECIDES to bestow the title of Director Emeritus upon Dr Wild and to award him the International Agency for Research on Cancer Medal of Honour.

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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2016–2017

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2016–2017 (Document GC/60/2),

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



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/60/3),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the Key Performance Indicators provided therein;
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue this standard reporting on an annual basis; and
3. 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-fourth Scientific Council (Document GC/60/4) and the Director's response (Document GC/60/5),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/60/4) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for his constructive responses to the recommendations of the Fifty-fourth Session of the Scientific Council.

COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS BETWEEN IARC AND WHO – AT MANAGEMENT AND WORKING LEVEL

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/60/13 “Coordination and communication mechanisms between IARC and WHO – at management and working level”,

1. NOTES the progress made in terms of the collaboration between IARC and WHO to enhance coordination on assessments of hazards and risks, and on the communication of those assessments;
2. ENDORSES the “Interim Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)”, as described in Document GC/60/13 (Annex 1), as a basis for implementing coordination between IARC and WHO on assessments of hazards and risks, recognizing that the SOP, as a living document, will be updated based on further consultation and experience gained in its application;
3. NOTES the many positive collaborations between IARC and WHO across a wide range of areas relevant to cancer control; and
4. SUPPORTS the Director in his strategic discussions with the senior leadership at WHO to enhance cooperation in areas of mutual priority.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

The Governing Council,

Having examined Document GC/60/7 "Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor, and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017",

1. THANKS the External Auditor for his report and opinion;
2. THANKS the Secretariat for providing supplementary background information on the After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liabilities and the funding gap (Document GC/60/Inf.Doc. No.4);
and
3. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2016–2017

The Governing Council,

Having examined the "Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC), 2016–2017" as contained in Document GC/60/10,

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.



UPDATE ON THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE”

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/60/11 (Update on the “Nouveau Centre”),

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. RECOGNIZES the remaining unfunded balance of an estimated €5.04 million to be mobilized prior to the planned move to the “Nouveau Centre” in 2021, and ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions towards this collective target;
3. ALLOWS, as an exceptional measure, that future miscellaneous revenue originating from the sale of old equipment and furniture during 2018–2021 and credited to the Governing Council Special Fund, be used towards the “Nouveau Centre” project;
4. AUTHORIZES the Director to sign the agreement(s) with the City of Lyon regarding the sale of Latarjet and the Biological Resources Centre (BRC) buildings;
5. 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”; and
6. ENCOURAGES the Director to actively search for additional voluntary funds.

PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE AN EVALUATION OF IARC

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/60/12 "Proposal to undertake an external evaluation of IARC",

1. THANKS Finland for making this proposal;
2. REQUESTS that an evaluation on the topics raised in the Finnish proposal be included into the preparation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) for 2021–2025 and be carried out by external experts, Governing Council and Scientific Council members;
3. REQUESTS the Secretariat to prepare a document that describes the scope and terms of reference to be used for this evaluation, to be discussed at the next session of the Scientific Council and be submitted to the Governing Council at its 61st Session in May 2019;
4. REQUESTS the Secretariat to prepare a document with a detailed procedure for preparation of the MTS for 2021–2025, incorporating the evaluation options and a timetable; and
5. DECIDES that Governing Council Special Funds be used for this evaluation.



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REPORT ON IARC OPEN ACCESS POLICY

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/60/8 "Report on IARC Open Access policy", and

Considering the support from the Scientific Council (Document GC/60/4),

1. APPROVES the use of up to a maximum of €50 000 per annum from the Governing Council Special Fund for two years (2019 and 2020) for open access publishing, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund; and
2. THANKS the Secretariat for the Report.



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BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/60/9 "Biennial report on publication activities", and

Recalling its Resolution GC/58/R6 in which it requested the Director to report on publication activities on a biennial basis,

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 €1 450 172 in 2016 and €1 751 567 in 2017, 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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**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS,
INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/60/14 "Acceptance of grants and contracts",

1. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/60/14;
2. NOTES the amounts of interest income apportioned; and
3. 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/60/15 of the unconditional donations accepted by the Director under the authority vested in him 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

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/60/16 "Request for support from the Governing Council Special Fund" and Document GC/60/Inf.Doc. No.2 "Projection of Governing Council Special Fund Account for 2018–2021",

Noting the strong support from the Scientific Council on the request for support for the purchase of scientific equipment (€285 000) and for the replenishment of the EPIC Biobank (€250 000) (Document GC/60/4 "Report of the Fifty-fourth session of the Scientific Council"),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €535 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund, subject to there being sufficient cash balances available in the Fund, for the acquisition of the following scientific equipment and for the replenishment of the EPIC Biobank:

	Approximate price (€)	Annual maintenance costs (€)
a) Automated immunostainer	120 000	4000
b) Automated device for nucleic acid quality control	50 000	3000
c) Automated system for plasma phospholipid fatty acid profiling	115 000	Nil
Replenishment of the EPIC biobank		Nil
- Retrieval and shipment from EPIC Centres	130 000	
- Liquid nitrogen tank	30 000	
- Other materials and reagents	30 000	
- Staff costs – Biobank	<u>60 000</u>	
Total	250 000	
Grand total	535 000	

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK OF ENGAGEMENT WITH NON-STATE ACTORS (FENSA) AT IARC

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/60/17 "Recommendations from the Governing Council Working Group on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA)",

1. THANKS the Working Group for its recommendations;
2. NOTES that the "IARC-specific guide on engagement with non-State Actors" (as provided in the appendix to Document GC/60/17) will be used by IARC to implement the FENSA and RECOGNIZES that this is a living document which will be updated regularly; and
3. REQUESTS the Secretariat to report to the Governing Council each year on IARC engagement under FENSA as described in the above Appendix, and as part of the Director's Report.

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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING GROUP (ETR)

The Governing Council,

Having considered the Report of the activities of the Education and Training Group (ETR), covering the period 2015–2017, as presented in Document GC/60/18,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the Biennial Report of ETR activities;
2. COMMENDS the Director and his staff on the capacity building in cancer research internationally; and
3. NOTES that future ETR Biennial Reports should be presented to the Scientific Council only.

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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

Dr Anne Tjønneland, Denmark)

Dr Janne Mikael Pitkäniemi, Finland)

Dr Kazem Zendehtdel, Iran (Islamic Republic of))

Dr Hendriek Boshuizen, Netherlands) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council

Dr Sabine Rohrmann, Switzerland)

Dr James R. Cerhan, USA)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Stephen J. Chanock, Ellen Kampman, Ole Raaschou-Nielsen, Martin Rösli and Elisabete Weiderpass-Vainio 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 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 Australia, Canada, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Spain and the United Kingdom who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.

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DATE OF THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Thursday and Friday preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2019;
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known; and
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretariat to organize Mission briefings in Geneva at least once a year to enhance their engagement with IARC.