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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report (Document GC/59/2),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the standard set of data at the end of his Report;
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-third Scientific Council (Document GC/59/3) and the Director's response (Document GC/59/4),

1. NOTES the report (Document GC/59/3) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for the supportive and excellent work;
3. COMMENDS the Director for his constructive responses to the recommendations of the 53rd Scientific Council; and
4. EXPRESSES its support to the Director in his effort to work with senior leadership at WHO to further enhance cooperation and ENCOURAGES the development of a standard operating procedure to optimize communication and coordination in relation to cancer hazard identification and risk assessment.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

The Governing Council,

Having examined Document GC/59/5 “Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016” and its Corrigendum (GC/59/5 Corr.1),

1. THANKS the External Auditor for his Report and opinion; and
2. APPROVES the report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2018–2019

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme and Budget for the biennium 2018–2019, as contained in Document GC/59/6 and summary tables Revision 1,

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2018–2019 at the level of €44 149 793;
2. ACKNOWLEDGES that the presentation of the proposed budget for 2018–2019 is aligned with the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2016–2020 (Document GC/57/7 and Annexes 1–3);
3. DECIDES that the budget shall be financed solely by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:
 - (1) €21 912 328 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2018,
 - (2) €22 237 465 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2019,
4. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €44 149 793 to the six main Level 2 objectives of the IARC Project Tree (Document GC/57/7 and Annex 3) for the biennium 2018–2019 as follows:

Section	IARC Project Tree – Level 2 Objectives	Amount (€)
1.	Describe the occurrence of cancer	3 507 393
2.	Understand the causes of cancer	11 719 106
3.	Evaluate and implement cancer prevention and control strategies	4 317 788
4.	Increase the capacity for cancer research	10 950 537
5.	Provide strategic leadership and enhance the impact of the Agency's contribution to global cancer research	4 799 948
6.	Enable and support the efficient conduct and coordination of research	8 855 021
	Total	44 149 793

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5. DECIDES that the Director shall have authority under Financial Regulations Article III, Paragraph 3.3 to transfer credits between sections of the budget, provided that such transfers do not exceed 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of the Members of the Governing Council;
6. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €500 000 in the biennium 2018–2019 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to availability of cash balances in the Fund, noting the base rate of exchange for 2018–2019 is €0.894/US\$;
7. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports; and
8. REQUESTS the Director to consider options for improving cost recovery measures with regards to the execution of initiatives funded through voluntary contributions.

**ENGAGEMENT WITH NON-STATE ACTORS,
INCLUDING PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES,
AND IARC'S ONGOING RESOURCE MOBILIZATION EFFORTS**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/59/7 "Engagement with Non-State Actors, including private sector entities, and IARC's ongoing Resource Mobilization efforts",

1. NOTES the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) adopted by the World Health Assembly through Resolution WHA69.10;
2. NOTES that FENSA supersedes Governing Council Document GC/49/14 and Resolution GC/49/R13 "Acceptance of funds from industrial sources";
3. DECIDES to establish a Working Group, to explore ways for IARC to implement the FENSA in the context of IARC's work and research programme, including acceptance of funds from private sector sources;
4. Further DECIDES that the Working Group shall be composed of France, India, Italy, Morocco and The Netherlands, four members of the Secretariat (the Director, the Director of Administration and Finance, and two senior IARC scientists) and one member of WHO;
5. SUPPORTS the Secretariat's innovative resource mobilization efforts to secure additional extrabudgetary funds to support amongst others the seven priority projects as defined in Document GC/59/6, by organizing, inter alia, a Partners' Conference; and
6. REQUESTS the Working Group to report back to the Governing Council on its recommendations at the 60th session of the Governing Council in May 2018.

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PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (2016–2020)

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/59/8 "Proposed framework for evaluating the implementation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (2016–2020)",

Recalling its Resolution GC/58/R7,

1. THANKS the Scientific Council for reviewing the proposal; and
2. APPROVES the proposed approach described under paragraphs 20–25 of document GC/59/8 as well as the list of indicators, as amended, and given below:

IARC Reporting category	Category of outputs/outcomes to be measured	Proposed indicators – description and examples
Advancing knowledge for cancer prevention through research	Publications in scientific journals	<p>Bibliometric analyses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - total numbers of papers (sub-categorized by peer reviewed articles; letters to the Editor or comments; invited reviews; editorials/news and other) - number/proportion of IARC papers published in top 20% of journals in their subject category - <i>number of papers published expressed by the number of IARC regular budget funded scientists</i> <p><i>Indicators from non-traditional sources (Altmetrics):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>number of policy documents which have cited IARC's papers</i> <p><i>[including the option of case studies]</i></p>
	Other types of publications	<p>Access to IARC publications and resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - volume of sales of printed publications - <i>volume of sales of e-publications from IARC e-bookshop</i> - total revenue from sales of IARC publications (proportion of revenue from sales of Blue Books) - <i>number of access/downloads of online/pdf publications from IARC and external websites</i> - <i>number of visits to IARC online databases</i> <p><i>Indicators from non-traditional sources (Altmetrics):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>number of policy documents which have cited IARC's publications</i> <p><i>[including the option of case studies]</i></p>

IARC Reporting category	Category of outputs/outcomes to be measured	Proposed indicators – description and examples
	Research competitiveness; ability to attract extrabudgetary funding	Analyses of grant applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - total value and percentage of signed contracts (breakdown between grants and direct contracts) - value of signed contracts attributed to IARC - value of Voluntary Contributions as a proportion of regular budget for scientific programme - <i>total value of signed contracts expressed by the number of IARC regular budget funded scientists</i>
Increasing capacity for cancer research	Developing human resources	Early Career and Visiting Scientists (ECVS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mapping of ECVS at IARC and breakdown by category (PhD students, fellows, postdocs, Senior Visiting Scientists) <i>by region/country</i> - mapping of IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships awarded <i>by region/country</i> - <i>proportion of ECVS and Postdoctoral Fellowships from LMICs</i> Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mapping of courses organized <i>by region/subject</i> - proportion of courses held in LMICs - total number of course participants <i>by region/subject</i> - <i>number of trainers trained (i.e. GICR, cancer screening, etc.)</i> Training materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>list of published training manuals, guidelines, etc.</i> - <i>numbers of purchases/downloads/views of published training materials</i>
	Developing new methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>number of downloads of IARC open access tools</i>
	Developing collaborative networks	International collaboration networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>mapping of co-authorship of published papers [including the option of case studies]</i> - <i>mapping of international collaboration in the preparation of grant applications/successful grants [including the option of case studies]</i> Management and participation in large International research consortia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>list of partnerships and consortia led by IARC [including the option of case studies]</i> - <i>list of consortia in which IARC is a partner [including the option of case studies]</i>
	Developing research infrastructure	Support to the development of research infrastructures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>list of research platforms to which IARC provided support (by type of activity and type of support) [including the option of case studies]</i> - <i>mapping of site visits on cancer registries [including the option of case studies]</i>

IARC Reporting category	Category of outputs/outcomes to be measured	Proposed indicators – description and examples
Providing strategic research leadership – Shaping the international cancer research agenda	Developing institutional partnerships	<i>Institutional agreements:</i> <i>- mapping of MoUs, MoAs, CRAs, etc.</i>
	Supporting national and regional policy development	<i>- case studies on provision of expertise to governments on the implementation of cancer control programmes</i>
	Supporting global strategic initiatives	<i>- case studies on provision of scientific evidence base for policy development in global cancer control</i>
	Communication of key activities to stakeholders and the public	<i>Communications:</i> <i>- number of visits to IARC websites</i> <i>- volume of downloads</i> <i>- additional communication indicators (Altmetrics) both in traditional media and in new media</i>
Providing strategic research leadership – Enabling and supporting the efficient conduct and coordination of research	Ensuring the efficient management of research activities	<i>- compliance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) standards</i> <i>- compliance with the Project Management Institute/WHO Project Management Centre of Excellence (PMCE) standards</i> <i>- number of outstanding audit recommendations</i>

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/59/9 “Proposal regarding the procedure for the election of the Director”,

Recalling its Resolution GC/58/R11,

1. ADOPTS the detailed procedure appended hereto; and
2. DECIDES to conduct the next election of the Director, to be held at its 60th Session in May 2018, in accordance with the procedure appended hereto.

Appendix to Resolution GC/59/R7 Procedure for the election of the Director

Part I – Submission of candidatures

1. Any WHO Member State may propose one or more candidates, and must attach to the proposal the curriculum vitae of the candidate(s). In addition, proposals with a curriculum vitae may be submitted directly by individuals. The Director holding office may be a candidate without having to be proposed if he or she so requests and is eligible for re-election.¹

(i) Criteria for appointment

2. The IARC Statute and Rules of Procedure do not prescribe the criteria to be applied when selecting a Director. In past selections this was left unaddressed, except on the two occasions when the Governing Council decided to establish a search committee to assist in the identification of suitable candidates (i.e. the selections that occurred in 1993 and 2003).

3. The Governing Council decided to draw on the agreed “characteristics and attributes” used for the selection of the Director in 1993 and 2003; the criteria used to guide Member States for the election of the Director-General, WHO; the criteria used to select Directors of other major research institutes; and other relevant sources of information (e.g. the criteria for the selection of the Director, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)), to set the criteria for selection of the Director, IARC as now specified [in Annex 3](#) [Document GC/59/9, page 6].

¹ Eligibility is determined under Rule 46.6 of the IARC Statute, Rules and Regulations.

(ii) Curriculum vitae – standard form

4. The Rules of Procedure require candidates for the post of Director to provide a curriculum vitae (see Rule 46.2). In the last two IARC selections (2008 and 2013) candidates were encouraged to use a standard form that was available on the IARC/WHO website, however its use was not required. The Governing Council decided to require the use of the curriculum vitae standard form previously used for the 2013 selection of the Director, IARC ([see Annex 4](#)) [Document GC/59/9, pages 7–12], supplemented with a Written Statement (see the section beginning “Please evaluate your qualifications and suitability...”) and with reference to the “characteristics and attributes” required for the post ([Annex 3](#)) [Document GC/59/9, page 6].

(iii) Curriculum vitae – serving Director, candidate for second term

5. The Rules of Procedure do not expressly address whether a serving Director who wishes to be a candidate for a second term must submit a curriculum vitae.

6. The Governing Council decided to ask all candidates to submit a curriculum vitae, including a serving Director. This would also apply when a serving Director runs for a second term unopposed.

(iv) Publication of names/curriculum vitae of candidates

7. In Resolution [GC/54/R21](#), the Governing Council decided that for the 2013 selection “...*the names of the candidates to be interviewed will be published on IARC’s website, unless a candidate requests his or her name not be published*”.

8. The Governing Council decided not to maintain the above practice and that the names and *curricula vitae* of candidates will not be published.

Part II – Short-list of candidates

9. The Rules of Procedure do not address whether a short-list of candidates is drawn from the full list of proposed candidates and, if so, how the list is determined. Rule 46.5 simply provides that “... *The Governing Council shall elect a person by secret ballot from among the candidates proposed. ...*”.

10. The Governing Council decided to continue to select a short-list of candidates following the approach used for the two previous selections of the Director in 2008 and 2013.

11. The Governing Council decided that shortly after receipt of all the eligible candidatures (as described in Rule 46.3 of the Rules of Procedure) each Participating State will convey to the Chair of the Governing Council the names of up to five candidates whom it proposes to be interviewed for the position of Director. The Chair will identify the candidates with the highest number of proposals for interview and whom at least four Participating States have proposed for interview, in a number not exceeding five.

Part III – Interviewing of candidates

12. Interviewing of candidates by the relevant governing body, or committee of the governing body, is the norm within WHO, including in IARC, where the Governing Council interviewed short-listed candidates in the previous two selections².

Interview modalities

13. The interview method used at IARC involves all Participating States participating in the interviewing of short-listed candidates. The interviews occur on the day preceding the election, and include each candidate giving a presentation setting out his or her vision for IARC followed by questions and answers. Procedures are put in place to ensure the fair and equal treatment of all candidates, e.g. concerning the order of interviews; the duration; and the method of choosing questions, which are all agreed by the Governing Council at the opening of the session at which the interviews take place³.

14. The Governing Council decided to interview up to five short-listed candidates using the procedures and format used in IARC for the 2008 and 2013 selections.

² In 2008, nine candidates were interviewed; in 2013 the sole short-listed candidate (the serving Director) was interviewed.

³ The procedures were described in a letter from the Chairman of the Governing Council to Participating States that was sent before the session ([Annex 5](#)) [Document GC/59/9, pages 13–16].



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE IARC ETHICS COMMITTEE (2015–2016)

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee (2015–2016), as contained in Document GC/59/10,

1. WELCOMES the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee (2015–2016);
2. THANKS the Chairperson, Professor Béatrice Fervers, for her presentation of the report;
and
3. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document GC/59/11 "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund: Scientific Equipment",

Noting the support from the Scientific Council on the request to purchase scientific equipment (Document GC/59/3 "Report of the Fifty-third session of the Scientific Council"),

AUTHORIZES the Director to use up to a maximum of €700 000 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:

	Total price (€)
a) Upgrade of the IARC scientific computing capacity	300 000
b) Upgrade of the IARC next-generation sequencing (NGS) platform	310 000
c) Automated system to study cancer chromatin at genome-wide level	90 000
Total	700 000

UPDATE ON THE “NOUVEAU CENTRE” PROJECT

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/59/12 “Update on “Nouveau Centre” project”,

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the City of Lyon, for their continued efforts to ensure adequate conditions of the current premises, and to the French national authorities, i.e. French government, Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Métropole de Lyon, and City of Lyon, for the progress made on the “Nouveau Centre” project;
2. WELCOMES the Secretariat’s continued cooperation with France as the host country, and local authorities, resulting in the progress of the “Nouveau Centre” project;
3. ACKNOWLEDGES that the remaining unfunded balance of €5.04 million should be mobilized prior to the planned move and encourages Participating States to contribute through voluntary contributions; and
4. 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” project.



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**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS,
INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having considered Document GC/59/14 "Acceptance of grants and contracts, including report on interest apportionment",

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

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 project:

Mutographs of cancer: To advance understanding of the causes of cancer through studies of mutational signatures [Cancer Research UK (CRUK), United Kingdom through Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, United Kingdom in an amount of €5 297 206 for 60 months];

2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/59/14;

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/59/15 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 contribution to the research activities of the Agency.

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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 Maria Sibilía, Austria)
Dr João P.B. Viola, Brazil)
Dr Christine Friedenreich, Canada) to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr Jacqueline Clavel, France)
Dr Salha M. Bujassoum Al Bader, Qatar)

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Al-Hareth M. Al-Khater (Qatar), Françoise Clavel-Chapelon (France), Lukas A. Huber (Austria), Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto (Brazil) and John J. Spinelli (Canada) 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, India, Spain and the United Kingdom, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.



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DATE OF THE SIXTIETH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2018; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES IN BETWEEN GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSIONS

The Governing Council,

Desiring that as many WHO Member States as possible, which fulfil the criteria described in its Resolution GC/54/R17, should participate in the work of the Agency,

Desiring that more Participating States should enable the Agency to expand its present regular programme,

Considering that WHO Member States may apply for membership in IARC between regular sessions of the Governing Council, at which time their application should normally be examined,

1. REQUESTS the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States to review the applications received by the WHO Director-General as soon as possible upon receipt and no later than 30 days after receipt;
2. DECIDES that the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States, through the Director, will write to the Governing Council to update the Council on progress and to ask the Council Members to reply 'yes' or 'no' to a recommended decision, with a deadline for reply, in order to allow assessment of whether the requirement of a two-thirds majority of the Governing Council in favour of acceptance in accordance with Article XII of the IARC Statute is met; and
3. DECIDES that, if the two-third majority in favour of accepting the application(s) is met, the Agenda of the ensuing regular or extraordinary Governing Council session will include an item to adopt a Resolution on the acceptance of new Participating State(s).