



**Governing Council
Sixty-sixth Session**

GC/66/R1

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**ADMISSION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE –
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer ([Document GC/66/2](#)),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 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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**ADMISSION OF A PARTICIPATING STATE –
EGYPT**

The Governing Council,

Having examined the request from the Government of Egypt for admission as a Participating State in the International Agency for Research on Cancer ([Document GC/66/20](#)),

1. DECIDES pursuant to Article XII of the Statute of the Agency, that Egypt 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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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT 2022–2023

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the IARC Biennial Report for 2022–2023 ([Document GC/66/3](#)),

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



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report ([Document GC/66/4](#)),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the highlights provided therein;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the continued efforts made towards further strengthening coordination and communication between IARC and WHO;
3. THANKS the Secretariat for its report on IARC engagement under the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) as part of the Director's Report, in accordance with [Resolution GC/60/R17](#);
Recalling its [Resolution GC/64/R2](#) in which it noted that, in support of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025, the Director would make partial use of the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States to modernize IARC's administrative management system through participation in WHO's new Business Management System project, and to further strengthen IARC's data protection framework and scientific data management systems,
4. NOTES that the Director will continue to make partial use of such funds for the afore-mentioned purposes in the biennium 2024–2025;
5. THANKS the Director for reporting on the use of these funds; and
6. 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 Sixtieth Scientific Council ([Document GC/66/5](#)) and the Director's response ([Document GC/66/6](#)),

1. NOTES the Report ([Document GC/66/5](#)) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for her constructive responses to the recommendations of the 60th Session of the Scientific Council.



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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Governing Council,

Having examined [Document GC/66/7](#) “Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023”,

1. THANKS the External Auditor for their Report;
2. NOTES the “unqualified” audit opinion; and
3. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.



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**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND –
TRANSFER TO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed Document [GC/66/21](#) "Request for use of funds from the Governing Council Special Fund - Temporary increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund (WCF)",

In accordance with the IARC Financial Regulations (Article V),

1. AUTHORIZES the Director to affect a one-time transfer of €4 200 000 from the Governing Council Special Fund to the Working Capital Fund. This authority is dependent upon there being sufficient cash balances available in the Governing Council Special Fund;
2. REQUESTS the Secretariat to use the Working Capital Fund in accordance with Article V of the IARC Financial Regulations, to manage short-term cash deficits;
3. REQUESTS that payment of the arrears referenced in Document [GC/66/21](#), be paid into the Governing Council Special Fund; and
4. REQUESTS the Secretariat to report on the status of any repayment of the arrears and the budgetary implications of any continued non-payments.



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**EVALUABILITY ASSESSMENT OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (MTS) 2021–2025
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/66/8](#) “Evaluability assessment of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2021–2025 and its working group membership”;

Recalling its Resolutions [GC/63/R4](#) and [GC/64/R12](#),

1. APPROVES the proposed workplan and process for the evaluation of the MTS 2021–2025;
2. ESTABLISHES a Working Group for the purpose of preparing the MTS 2021–2025 evaluation, composed of two members of the Scientific Council (Dr Pål Romundstad and Dr Luis Felipe Ribeiro Pinto), two members of the Governing Council and a representative from the World Health Organization;
3. NOMINATES the two respective Governing Council representatives from France and Spain, to be part of the Working Group; and
4. REQUESTS the Director to submit the Evaluation Report of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025 for review by the Scientific Council at its 61st Session in February 2025 and approval by the Governing Council at its 67th Session in May 2025.



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**PREPARATION OF THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY (MTS) 2026–2030
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP**

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/66/9](#) “Preparation of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) 2026–2030 and its Advisory Group membership”;

1. APPROVES the proposed timeline for the preparation of the MTS 2026–2030;
2. ESTABLISHES a Working Group for the purpose of preparing the new IARC MTS for 2026–2030, composed of two members of the Scientific Council (Dr Mohamed Berraho and Dr Satish Gopal), three members of the Governing Council and a representative from the World Health Organization;
3. NOMINATES the three respective Governing Council representatives from Brazil, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, to be part of the Working Group; and
4. REQUESTS the Director to submit the IARC Medium-Term Strategy 2026–2030 for review by the Scientific Council at its 62nd Session in February 2026 and adoption by the Governing Council at its 68th Session in May 2026.



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WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF IARC

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/66/10](#) “Working Group on sustainable financing of IARC - Proposal for the creation of a formal working group and its membership”,

1. ESTABLISHES a Working Group on sustainable financing of IARC, composed of four members of the Governing Council and a representative from the World Health Organization, and supported by such members of the Secretariat as are designated by the IARC Director;
2. NOMINATES the Governing Council representatives from Canada, Italy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, to be part of the Working Group; and
3. REQUESTS the Director to report back to the Governing Council at its 67th Session in May 2025 on the recommendations of the Working Group.



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IARC'S COVID-19 AND CANCER INITIATIVE

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/66/12](#) "The IARC-IRCC: Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control [*formerly the "IARC-C19: Covid-19 and Cancer Initiative"*] - ongoing activities and future steps",

Recalling its Resolutions [GC/64/R5](#) and [GC/65/R4](#),

1. THANKS the Secretariat for the update on this initiative, noting the new name as now being "IARC-IRCC: Initiative for Resilience in Cancer Control";
2. THANKS Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for their voluntary contributions to support funding for this initiative; and
3. REQUESTS regular updates to the Governing Council by the IARC Secretariat on progress throughout the term of the initiative.



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UPDATE ON THE NOUVEAU CENTRE BUILDING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/66/13](#) “Governing Council Working Group to examine IARC infrastructure projects – Update on resource mobilization efforts and Nouveau Centre building”,

Recalling its [Resolution GC/65/R5](#),

1. CONGRATULATES the Secretariat for a successful completion of the move to the new building and conclusion of the related fund-raising campaign;
2. NOTES that close follow-up with the Metropole de Lyon, as the owner of the building, is still required from the Secretariat as there remain a number of malfunctions under the responsibility of the Metropole de Lyon and falling under the extended warranty;
3. THANKS Germany for their voluntary contribution to support funding for new laboratory equipment;
4. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts towards new equipment for the Biobank;

Recalling its Resolution [GC/63/R11](#), whereby it authorized a loan of up to €1 million from the Governing Council Special Fund,

5. NOTES that the aforesaid loan was fully repaid into the Governing Council Special Fund at the end of 2023; and
6. REQUESTS the Director to keep the Governing Council apprised of future developments and resource mobilization efforts towards the Nouveau Centre on a regular basis as part of the standard Director’s Report and the reporting on donations, as applicable.



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IARC BIENNIAL REPORT ON PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES 2022–2023

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/66/14](#) “Biennial Report on Publication Activities, 2022–2023”,

1. NOTES the Report with great interest;
2. NOTES that the net revenue to the Governing Council Special Fund from the sale of IARC publications amounted to €2 172 648 in 2022 and €2 286 521 in 2023, of which 75% was allocated in the following years respectively 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

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/66/15](#) “Acceptance of grants and contracts”,

In accordance with the 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 projects:
 - a. European Cervical Screening Quality Assurance Update [European Commission European Health And Digital Executive Agency: EU4H, in an amount of €1 080 000.00 for 36 months]
 - b. HPV Vaccine Effectiveness Coordination Center [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in an amount of €3 213 228.93 for 60 months];
 - c. Cancer in Children – Epidemiology, Registration, Omics [Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of Netherlands, in an amount of €1 535 055.00 for 36 months]
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/66/15; 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/66/16](#) of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2023 under the authority vested in the Director by [Resolution GC/4/R3](#),

1. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contribution to the research activities of the Agency; and
2. NOTES that, in accordance with the standing authorization granted to the Director under [Resolution GC/63/R10](#), the Director allocated €80 000 in 2023 from the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions for the Postdoctoral Fellowship programme.



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**BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (OHSC), 2022–2023**

The Governing Council,

Having examined [Document GC/66/17](#) “Biennial Report of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OHSC) 2022–2023”,

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.



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IARC 60th ANNIVERSARY

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/66/18](#) “Maximizing the impact of IARC: Dissemination and communication strategy – Celebrating 60 years of IARC Research”,

1. NOTES with great interest the proposal outlined by the Secretariat for celebrating the 60th anniversary of IARC;
2. THANKS the members of the Scientific Council for their comments, as summarized in their Report of the 60th Session of the Scientific Council ([Document GC/66/5](#)); and
3. ENDORSES the one-year campaign culminating in the Scientific Conference to celebrate the 60th anniversary.



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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

Professor Adam Grant Elshaug, Australia)	
Professor Eric Van Cutsem, Belgium)	
Professor Hesham Elghazaly, Egypt)	
Professor Tatsuhiro Shibata, Japan)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr Ali Saeed Al-Zahrani, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)	
Dr María José Sánchez Pérez, Spain)	
Professor Richard Sullivan, United Kingdom)	

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Louisa Gordon (Australia), Marc Arbyn (Belgium), Manami Inoue (Japan), Ferrán Catalá (Spain) and Kalipso Chalkidou (United Kingdom) 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 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,

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



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**DATE OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, within the two weeks preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2025; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Governing Council as soon as these dates are known.



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GOVERNING COUNCIL WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE IARC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/66/13](#) “Governing Council Working Group to examine IARC infrastructure projects – Update on resource mobilization efforts and Nouveau Centre building”,

Recalling its Resolution GC/49/R11,

1. NOTES that the work of the Working Group to examine IARC infrastructure projects has been duly accomplished and that, with the move to the Nouveau Centre building, it is no longer required;
2. DECIDES to discontinue the Working Group to examine IARC infrastructure projects; and
3. THANKS the members of the Working Group, in particular Canada, France, Germany and Switzerland, for their work and longstanding support.