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CERN EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

Action to be taken

Voting Procedure

For decision	CLOSED COUNCIL 214 th Session 15 December 2023	Two-thirds majority of all Member States
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TERMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CERN AND THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The Council is invited to adopt the Resolution set out in this document, thereby terminating the International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Russian Federation.

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THE COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING

The Convention for the Establishment of a European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), which was signed on 1 July 1953, entered into force on 29 September 1954 and was amended on 17 January 1971;

Article VIII thereof, which provides for cooperation with intergovernmental organisations and other institutions;

That scientific and technical cooperation between CERN and the State Committee of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics was first formalised in an Agreement of 1967;

The 2019 International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Russian Federation, which follows a 1993 Cooperation Agreement and which is currently in force until 30 November 2024 and constitutes the framework for cooperation between the parties;

That, pursuant to Article 8.3 of the said Agreement, the latter entered into force for an initial period of five years, following which it is renewed for the same period unless notice of termination is provided by one party to the other at least six months prior to the renewal date, *i.e.* by 29 May 2024;

RECALLING

Resolution [CERN/3626](#) dated 8 March 2022, in which it, *inter alia*, took account of United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/ES-11/L.1, entitled “Aggression Against Ukraine”, suspended the Observer status of the Russian Federation until further notice and decided that CERN would not engage in new collaborations with the Russian Federation and its institutions until further notice;

Resolution [CERN/3637/Corr.](#) dated 25 March 2022, in which it, *inter alia*,

- commended the appropriate and timely measures taken by the Management, including compliance with all applicable international sanctions and the effective suspension of all exchanges of funds, materials and personnel in both directions with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and
- suspended the participation of CERN scientists in all scientific committees of institutions located in the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and *vice versa*, and the granting of contracts of association to any new individuals affiliated with home institutions in the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus;

Resolution [CERN/3669](#) dated 16 June 2022, in which it, *inter alia*, declared its intent to terminate the International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Russian Federation at its expiration date, and stated that the situation would continue to be monitored carefully and that it stood ready to take any further decision in the light of developments of the situation in Ukraine;

DECIDES

To terminate the International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Russian Federation, together with all related protocols and addenda, with effect from 30 November 2024;

To terminate, *mutatis mutandis*, all other agreements and experiment memoranda of understanding allowing the participation of the Russian Federation and its national institutes in the CERN scientific programme, with effect from 30 November 2024;

AFFIRMS

That these measures concern the relationship between CERN and Russian and Belarusian institutes and do not affect the relationship with scientists of Russian nationality affiliated with other institutes;

AND REAFFIRMS

That all decisions taken to date by the Council and all the actions undertaken by the Management remain in force.