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*Action to be taken*

*Voting Procedure*

For decision	<b>CLOSED COUNCIL</b> 214 <sup>th</sup> Session <b>15 December 2023</b>	Two-thirds majority of all Member States
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**TERMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN CERN AND THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

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



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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;

The 1994 International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Republic of Belarus, which is currently in force until 27 June 2024 and which constitutes the framework for cooperation between the parties;

That, pursuant to Article 10 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 six months prior to the renewal date, *i.e.* by 26 December 2023;

**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”;

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/3670](#) dated 16 June 2022, in which it, *inter alia*, declared its intent to terminate the International Cooperation Agreement between CERN and the Republic of Belarus 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 Republic of Belarus, together with all related protocols and addenda, with effect from 27 June 2024;

To terminate, *mutatis mutandis*, all other agreements and experiment memoranda of understanding allowing the participation of the Republic of Belarus and its national institutes in the CERN scientific programme, with effect from 27 June 2024;

**AFFIRMS**

That these measures concern the relationship between CERN and Belarusian and Russian institutes and do not affect the relationship with scientists of Belarusian 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.