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*Action to be taken*

*Voting Procedure*

For decision	<b>CLOSED COUNCIL</b> 216 <sup>th</sup> Session 22 March 2024	Unanimity of all Member States
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR THE ADMISSION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA AS A MEMBER STATE OF CERN**

The Council is invited to approve the Resolution set out in this document for the admission of the Republic of Estonia as a Member State of CERN.



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### **THE COUNCIL,**

### **CONSIDERING**

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

The increasingly global nature of the scientific community participating in the Organization’s activities;

The Resolution by the CERN Council (“the Council”) dated 17 June 2010, as set out in Annex 3 to the “Report on Geographical Enlargement of CERN” ([CERN/2918/Rev.](#)), by which, in particular, it redefined the principles, criteria and procedures governing the admission of new Member States of CERN and created the status of Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN as a necessary first step before admission to Membership;

The arrangements concerning the special contribution payable by new Member States in accordance with Article VII 4 (a) of the Convention, as determined by the Council on 16 December 2010 (CERN/2940/RA);

The Council decision dated 26 September 2019 (CERN/3436/C/Rev.) revising certain aspects of the Geographical Enlargement policy of 2010;

The Model Resolution for the admission of new Member States as approved by the Council on 20 June 2013 (CERN/3075/RA), and revised by the Council on 24 September 2021 (CERN/3598/C);

### **HAVING REGARD TO**

The longstanding relationship between the Organization and the Republic of Estonia (“Estonia”) and the latter’s successful contributions to the fulfilment of CERN’s scientific programme, in particular through the Co-operation Agreement concluded between CERN and Estonia in 1996, as well as the Co-operation Agreement concluded between them in 2010, which further developed the Parties’ scientific and technical co-operation and replaced the 1996 Agreement;

Estonia’s desire to be considered for CERN Membership, as expressed in its letter dated 8 February 2018;

The Council decision dated 14 June 2018 that the accession of Estonia to Membership would, in principle, be in the interest of CERN;

The application for Membership submitted by Estonia to the President of the Council on 5 September 2018;

The Council decision dated 14 March 2019 (CERN/3418/C) that Estonia fulfilled the criteria for Membership of CERN, based on the report by the fact-finding Task Force established by the Council, and authorising the Director-General to initiate discussion with Estonia of the Agreement concerning the granting of the status of Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN (“the Agreement”) including with respect to Estonia’s financial contribution;

The Resolution by the Council dated 19 March 2020 (CERN/3482/C) to grant Estonia the status of Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN, subject to the entry into force of the Agreement;

The signature by CERN and Estonia on 19 June 2020 of the Agreement and its entry into force on 1 February 2021;

The report dated 15 December 2023 by the Task Force set up by the Council on 15 December 2022, confirming that Estonia is in compliance with its obligations as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN and continues to fulfill the applicable Membership criteria (CERN/3784/C);

The written confirmation from Estonia dated 5 December 2023 that it will be able to meet the financial obligations of Membership;

The written acceptance by Estonia dated 5 December 2023 of the amount, and the agreement between CERN and Estonia on the conditions of payment, of the special contribution towards the capital expenditure incurred by the Organization, due in accordance with Article VII 4 (a) of the Convention, which amounts to 2 436 700 CHF and will be paid in cash upon accession to Membership;

The commitment by Estonia to sharing the common resolve of all existing Member States to maintain CERN as a centre of scientific excellence fostering peaceful worldwide collaboration and progress and ensure that decision-making is built on consensus and driven by the scientific interests of the Organization;

## **DECIDES**

To admit Estonia as a Member State of the Organization. Membership shall be effective from the date of fulfilment by Estonia of the following conditions:

- a) deposit of its instruments of accession, without reservations, to the Convention, including its Financial Protocol, and to the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Organization for Nuclear Research;
- b) fulfilment by Estonia of the financial obligations resulting from its status as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN.

Unless Membership commences in the first quarter of the year, Estonia’s regular contributions for its first year of Membership shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis, it being understood that Estonia shall, in the determination of the amount due, be credited for contributions paid by it as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN for the period corresponding to its first quarter of Membership.