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*Action to be taken*

*Voting Procedure*

For decision	<b>CLOSED COUNCIL</b> 220 <sup>th</sup> Session <b>12 December 2024</b>	Unanimity of all Member States
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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR THE ADMISSION OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA AS A MEMBER STATE OF CERN**

The Council is invited to approve the Resolution set out in this document thereby admitting the Republic of Slovenia 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 Slovenia (“Slovenia”) 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 the Executive Council of the Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia in 1991, which further developed the Parties’ scientific and technical co-operation;

Slovenia’s desire to be considered for CERN Membership, as expressed in its letter dated 29 May 2009 and its application file submitted on 15 September 2009;

The Council decision dated 16 December 2010 that the accession of Slovenia to Membership would be in the interest of CERN and that Slovenia fulfilled the criteria for Membership of CERN ([CERN/2949/RA](#)), based on the report by the fact-finding Task Force established by the Council ([CERN/2943/RA](#)), and authorising the Director-General to initiate discussion with Slovenia 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 Slovenia’s financial contribution;

The Resolution by the Council dated 15 December 2016 ([CERN/3288/RA](#)) to grant Slovenia 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 Slovenia on 16 December 2016 of the Agreement and its entry into force on 4 July 2017;

The report dated 26 September 2024 by the fact-finding Task Force, set up by the Council on 15 December 2023, confirming that Slovenia is in compliance with its obligations as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership of CERN and continues to fulfil the applicable Membership criteria ([CERN/3849/C](#));

The written confirmation from Slovenia dated 9 September 2024 that it will be able to meet the financial obligations of Membership;

The written acceptance by Slovenia dated 18 November 2024 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 1.25 times the annual theoretical Member State contribution payable by Slovenia or 4 147 000 CHF;

The agreement between CERN and Slovenia dated 27 November 2024 on the conditions of payment by Slovenia of its special contribution, 80% of which will be paid in cash upon accession to Membership and 20% of which will be delivered in kind. The in-kind contribution will contribute to the renovation of the CERN industrial control software frameworks used throughout the CERN accelerator complex and its experiments and will be made within two years from accession to Membership; that failing, the residual 20% will also be payable by Slovenia in cash by the same deadline;

The commitment by Slovenia 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 Slovenia as a Member State of the Organization. Membership shall be effective from the date of fulfilment of the following conditions:

- a) deposit by Slovenia 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, and the entry into force of both legal instruments in respect of Slovenia; and,
- b) fulfilment by Slovenia 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, Slovenia's regular contributions for its first year of Membership shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis, it being understood that Slovenia 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.