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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATE OF CERN**

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THE CERN COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING

The Convention for the Establishment of a European Organization for Nuclear Research (the “Organization” or “CERN”) 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 Resolution of 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 the status of Associate Member State was created;

That the status of Associate Member State comprises regular Associate Membership (“Associate Membership”) as well as Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership (“Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership”), it being understood that, subject to compliance with the applicable criteria and procedures, States that fall within the former category may transition to the latter status;

The Council decision dated 26 September 2019 (CERN/3436/C/Rev.2) revising certain aspects of the Geographical Enlargement policy of 2010;

The standard provisions for the granting of the status of Associate Member State (the “Standard Terms”), as approved by the Council at its Session of 12 December 2019 (CERN 3474/C);

The Council decision dated 6 October 2023 (CERN/3759/C) providing that, in well-justified circumstances and with the agreement of the State concerned, the latter may be permitted to transition from Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership to regular Associate Membership;

HAVING REGARD TO

The longstanding relationship between the Organization and the Republic of Cyprus (“Cyprus”) and the latter’s successful contributions to the realisation of CERN’s scientific programme;

The application for Membership submitted by Cyprus on 3 June 2009;

The conclusion by CERN and Cyprus of an Agreement concerning the Granting of the Status of Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership at CERN on 5 October 2012;

The institutional participation of Cyprus in CERN through its Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership from 1 April 2016 to date;

The Council decision in December 2020, in response to the request from Cyprus, to extend by one year, to 31 March 2022, the deadline for the visit of the fact-finding Task Force to investigate whether Cyprus was in compliance with its obligations as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership and fulfilled the Membership criteria;

The fact-finding Task Force visit to Cyprus in March 2022 and its report submitted to the Council in June 2023, indicating that Cyprus was in compliance with its obligations as an Associate Member State in the pre-stage to Membership and that it continued to meet most aspects of the eligibility criteria for Membership, but that the size and extent of the involvement of the community required further development, including funding, for Membership to be in the mutual interest of CERN and Cyprus;

The request by Cyprus to the Council to approve its transition from Associate Membership in the pre-stage to Membership to regular Associate Membership, as communicated in a letter dated 1 March 2024 from the Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy to the Director-General of CERN;

The Council decision dated 22 March 2024 (CERN/3810/C), to approve this request and to authorise the Director-General to submit to Cyprus the Standard Terms for the granting of the status of Associate Member State of CERN and to finalise the terms of the draft Agreement (the “Agreement”), once Cyprus’ financial contribution had been defined within the framework set out in documents CERN/2918/Rev. and CERN/3436/C/Rev.2;

The confirmation by Cyprus, as expressed by letter dated 13 February 2025 from the Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, that Cyprus accepts the conditions of the Agreement as well as the amount of the annual financial contribution negotiated between the Parties;

DECIDES

To admit Cyprus to the status of Associate Member State of the Organization, subject to the signature and entry into force of the Agreement annexed to this Resolution, to Cyprus’ accession without reservations to the Protocol on the privileges and immunities of the European Organization for Nuclear Research and to the entry into force of the said Protocol in respect of Cyprus.