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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);

HAVING REGARD TO

The longstanding relationship between the Organization and Ireland and the latter’s successful contributions to the execution of CERN’s scientific programme, in particular through the contributions of Irish universities to experiments at CERN;

The application by Ireland for Associate Membership, received by CERN on 25 November 2023;

The examination of Ireland’s application by the fact-finding Task Force appointed by the Council at its December 2023 Session, and the resulting Task Force report, submitted to the Council at its December 2024 Session (CERN/3875/C), which concluded that Ireland fulfilled the Associate Membership criteria;

The decision of the Council of 12 December 2024 to authorise the Director-General to submit to Ireland the Standard Terms and to finalise the terms of the draft Agreement (the “Agreement”), once Ireland’s financial contribution had been defined within the framework set out in documents CERN/2918/Rev. and CERN/3436/C/Rev.2;

The letter dated 7 January 2025 from the Director-General to the Secretary-General of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of Ireland, informing the Secretary-General of the aforementioned Council decision and conveying to Ireland the draft Agreement concerning the granting of the status of Associate Member State of CERN, which incorporates the Standard Terms;

The Note Verbale dated 7 March 2025 from the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva communicating Ireland's acceptance of the provisions of the Agreement and its agreement on its financial contribution to the Organization;

DECIDES

To admit Ireland 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 Ireland's 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 Ireland.