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Action to be taken

Voting Procedure

For Approval	RESTRICTED COUNCIL 156 th Session 16 September 2010	Simple Majority of Member States represented and voting
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ORGANISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S RESTRICTED SESSION AND
EUROPEAN STRATEGY SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 2012

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- a) to hold the September 2012 meetings of the Scientific Policy Committee and Finance Committee at CERN, in the usual way;
- b) to hold its Restricted Session of Thursday 20 September 2012 at a Brussels venue to be confirmed at a later date by the Belgian delegation;
- c) to hold its European Strategy Session of Friday 21 September 2012, at which the European Strategy for Particle Physics will be updated, at the Brussels headquarters of the European Commission;
- d) to invite research ministers to attend the European Strategy Session on Friday 21 September 2012.

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Background

At the Special Restricted Council Session in Lisbon on 14 July 2006, the Council unanimously approved the "European Strategy for Particle Physics" (CERN/2685).

At the 9th European Strategy Session of Council on 18 March 2010, Professor S. Stapnes, Scientific Secretary, presented a document entitled "Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics" ([CERN/SPC/941-CERN-S/059](#)) and explained the rationale for aiming at concluding the Strategy Update by the middle of 2012, based notably on the status and plans for LHC data-taking in 2010-2011, followed by a long shut-down in 2012, and also the possibility of new results in the neutrino sector. In addition, R&D and preparation work for future facilities, including new projects in Europe and specifically at CERN, are being organised with the same timescale in mind and these will have reached a good level of maturity by the middle of 2012.

Document [CERN/SPC/941-CERN-S/059](#) was endorsed by the Scientific Policy Committee at its March 2010 meeting.

In the Council's discussion at its March 2010 Session, the following point was raised: *"consideration needs to be given to the date and venue for the European Strategy Session at which the Strategy will be endorsed in mid-2012, i.e. either during the full September Session or in a dedicated session in July, as was the case in 2006 (special July Session in Lisbon); the session can take place at CERN or in one of the Member States, one possibility being Brussels, in recognition of the strengthened ties with the European Commission and ESFRI"*.

The Council took note of the initial thinking concerning the organisation of the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics and the provisional timescale set out in document [CERN/SPC/941-CERN-S/059](#) and of the President's subsequent invitation to nominate candidate venues to host the 2012 European Strategy Session of Council (cf. CERN-Council-S/063/RA/Draft).

At its 155th Restricted Session on 17 June 2010, the Council received a kind invitation from Belgium to host the September 2012 European Strategy Session, at which the European Strategy for Particle Physics will be updated, in Brussels. The Council agreed that further thought needed to be given to whether, for practical reasons, its September 2012 Restricted Session should also take place in Brussels.

In the meantime, the Belgian delegation has proposed to host the Council's Restricted Session, on Thursday 20 September 2012, at a Brussels venue to be confirmed and the European Commission has proposed to host the European Strategy Session, on Friday 21 September 2012, at its own Brussels headquarters.

Proposals

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