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To Council Delegates

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Dear Delegates,

The 16th European Strategy Session of the CERN Council on 30 May 2013 in Brussels concludes the long process of the first update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics, which was launched by the CERN Council at its European Strategy Session on 16 September 2011. The main point of the Session's agenda in Brussels is the formal adoption of the document "European Strategy for Particle Physics, Update 2013" (CERN-Council-S/106), which was finalised and agreed by consensus at the 15th European Strategy Session of the Council on 22 March 2013. The place and time of the 16th European Strategy Session are symbolic and reflect the intensified co-operation between CERN and the EU resulting from the 2006 Strategy: it will be held at the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels, in parallel with the Competitiveness Council Session dedicated to Horizon 2020.

The Strategy Document is accompanied by two other documents. The first one, entitled "Deliberation Paper on the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics", was prepared by the European Strategy Group and describes the background information underpinning the Strategy Statements. This is a Council document (CERN-Council-S/103/Rev.), submitted for information only. The second document is a brochure called "Accelerating science and innovation; Societal benefits of European research in particle physics" which has been produced by the European Particle Physics Communication Network. The brochure is supplemented by National Information Sheets, which provide basic information about particle physics in the CERN Member and Associate Member States and the Candidate State for Accession, written in the national languages. The brochure and the National Information Sheets are aimed at the general public and are intended for outreach purposes.

The European Strategy Session of the Council in Brussels will be accompanied by several events on 29 and 30 May. The full list of these events is given in the annexed table. All participants in the Council Session are invited to the reception around the CERN exhibition stands on 29 May at 19:30 and to the Lunch Buffet on 30 May. All other events involve only the representations of the CERN Council and Management – details are given in the table.

The agenda and documents for the 16th European Strategy Session of Council as well as practical organisational information are available at http://indico.cern.ch/event/244974

All three documents and the additional information can be of assistance to you in your contacts with your respective national representatives on the Competitiveness Council and with your national media. A press release relating to the European Strategy for Particle Physics and to the Session in Brussels is being prepared by the CERN Press Office and you will receive it as soon as it is available. The effective transmission of the information to the general public in your respective countries depends very much on the coordination between the Council Delegates and the country representatives in the European Particle Physics Communication Network. Let us try together to make the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics a widely reported media event.

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