



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST OPEN SESSION IN DECEMBER 2016

- Audit Committee

- ✓ In March, approval of Terms of Reference for a new CERN Audit Committee to replace the Standing Advisory Committee on Audits (SACA) ,
- ✓ incumbent members of SACA transferred mutatis to the new Audit Committee
- ✓ appropriateness of the new Terms of Reference to be reviewed in two to three years' time.

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- Pension Fund matters

In March:

- ✓ the Council decided to revisit the possibility of modifying the CERN pension conditions for new recruits at each three-yearly periodic actuarial review,
- ✓ taking due account of the financial evolution of the Fund and of the Consulting Actuary's updated projection of the cost of closing the existing scheme.

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- European Strategy matters

In March, approval of

- ✓ the general procedure for the selection and appointment of the Strategy Secretary for the future updates of the European Strategy for Particle Physics and of
- ✓ the specific profile required for the forthcoming update, due to be completed in May 2020.

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- Medium-Term Plan

The Council:

- ✓ approved the Medium-Term Plan for the years 2018-2022 and the draft Budget 2018 in 2017 prices,
- ✓ expressed appreciation for the Management's efforts to balance competing priorities within the available budget and to achieve savings while reducing the size of the cumulative budget deficit and the duration of the peak deficit period.

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- Other decisions yesterday

- ✓ the 2018 scale of Member States' contributions,
- ✓ a strategy and framework applicable to knowledge transfer by CERN for the benefit of medical applications,
- ✓ the conclusion of an International Cooperation Agreement with the Government of Nepal,
- ✓ substantive amendments to the CERN Financial Rules, in particular the Purchasing Rules.

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- Elections and appointments

In March:

- ✓ Brian Bowsher (UK), member of the Audit Committee,

Yesterday:

- ✓ Jens-Jørgen Gaardhøje (DK), reappointed VP of Council,
- ✓ Barbro Åsman (SW) appointed Chair of TREF,
- ✓ Matthew Eyton-Jones reappointed as CEO of the Pension Fund,
- ✓ National Audit Office of Finland, next External Auditors of the Organization, from 2018 to 2020.

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- Geographical enlargement

Yesterday, the Council decided:

- ✓ in line with the applicable procedure, to set up a Fact-Finding Task force to visit Serbia in the fourth quarter of 2017, and
- ✓ to admit Lithuania as an Associate Member State, subject to the signature and entry into force of the Agreement annexed to the corresponding Council Resolution.



