



PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST OPEN SESSION IN DECEMBER 2017

- In Restricted Session yesterday, the Council
 - ✓ **approved** the conclusion of international cooperation agreements with the Philippines, the Russian Federation and Thailand
 - ✓ **approved** a grant from the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) in support of the Non-Member State Summer Student Programme

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- In Restricted Session yesterday, the Council
 - ✓ **approved** the Medium-Term Plan for the years 2019-2023 and the draft Budget 2019 in 2018 prices
 - ✓ **approved** the percentage scale of contributions to be applied to the final Budget for 2019 in 2019 prices

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- Geographical Enlargement

In March, the Council approved:

- ✓ deadlines designed to streamline the processes of accession to Associate Membership and Associate Membership as the pre-stage to Membership,

Yesterday, it decided to:

- ✓ set up a working group to review certain aspects of the geographical enlargement policy of 2010, with its first meeting scheduled for 4 September.

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- Elections and appointments

In the Closed Session in March:

- Dr Peter Hristov was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Governing Board for three years, as of 1 May 2018.

In the Closed Session yesterday:

- Professor Jens-Jørgen Gaardhøje (Denmark) was re-elected as Vice-President of the Council, for a third period of one year with effect from 1 July 2018;
- Ms Sarah Verth (United Kingdom) was elected as Vice-Chair of the Tripartite Employment Conditions Forum (TREF) for an initial period of three years, with effect from 1 July 2018;
- Dr Frédérick Bordry's appointment as Director for Accelerators and Technology was extended for the period 18 July 2019 to 31 December 2020, and his contract of employment was extended for the same period.

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- European Strategy for Particle Physics

In March, the Council approved:

- ✓ The detailed plan for the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics,
- ✓ an extension of the Physics Preparatory Group to include a second representative from the Americas and a second representative from Asia,
- ✓ standing invitation to the NuPECC Chair to attend the Council's European Strategy-related agenda items.

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- **European Strategy for Particle Physics**

Yesterday, the Council:

- ✓ heard a status report from the Strategy Secretary, on the latest progress in the preparation of the Strategy update process,
- ✓ selected **Granada, Spain**, as the venue for the Open Symposium from 13 to 16 May 2019, and
- ✓ selected **Bad Honnef, Germany**, as the venue for the Strategy Drafting Session from 19 to 24 January 2020.

