

THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF SESAME

King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea, Jordan, 4-5 December 2019

Decisions

The Council of SESAME took the following decisions at its 35th meeting:

- 35 C/Decision 1 Each Member will appoint a goodwill Ambassador to promote SESAME in their respective national science community. Their role will be to raise the visibility of SESAME and the opportunities it offers. Each Member will send the President of the Council what they believe should be the terms of reference of these Ambassadors following which the final terms of reference will be elaborated. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
- 35 C/Decision 2 The Council's Statement on Iran's announcement of its request to withdraw from SESAME made at the 34th Council meeting and contained in document SESAME/DEADSEA/35-C/19-12 is approved. The President of the Council will formally send the Statement to the delegates of Iran for its official acceptance by the Iranian Authorities. Upon receipt of this acceptance Iran's status will change to that of temporary inactive Member under the conditions laid down in document SESAME/DEADSEA/35-C/19-12. It will hold this status for three years following which it will be revisited by the Council. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
- 35 C/Decision 3 The creation of a category of Members to have the status of Associate Members is, in principle, approved. Only the current Observers will be eligible to such status. The annual contribution to the operational budget of an Associate Member will correspond to 30% of what it would be were it to be a full Member. At its next meeting, the President of the Council will provide the Council with criteria regarding the rights and obligations of Associate Members. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
- 35 C/Decision 4 The position of Scientific Director will be offered to Dr Andrea Lausi (Italy). He will work on a full-time basis and will take up the position in the first quarter of 2020. To avoid delays, a decision on the appointment of a Technical Director will be taken electronically before the next meeting of the Council. *(Decision taken during the closed session)*
- 35 C/Decision 5 The 2020 operational budget will amount to a total of US\$5,288,613.20 that includes an extra-budgetary component to the amount of US\$912,650.59. The extra-budgetary component is designed to encourage the Members to keep the overall budget balanced by seeking other funds, other Members and other donors. The budget will consist of the following budget lines: personnel (US\$2,698,454), consumables (US\$411,868), services

(US\$136,198), electricity (US\$450,000), recurrent costs (US\$367,130), fixed assets (US\$200,000) and machine and beamline maintenance (US\$1,024,963). Expenditures for machine and beamline maintenance will be kept to the bare minimum needed for the machine and beamlines to stay in operation, and should no extra-budgetary funds be received, funds from this budget line will be moved to those budget lines where they are needed. In 2020-2022, the number of staff members will be frozen at the 2019 value to keep the personnel budget line at almost the same value. The operational budget of US\$5,288,613.20 will be distributed among the Members as follows: Cyprus US\$518,551.45, Egypt US\$534,522.84, Israel US\$912,650.59, Jordan US\$518,551.45, Pakistan US\$912,650.59, and Turkey US\$912,650.59. US\$912,650.59 will be from the extra-budgetary funding it is hoped will be received. In view of the particular situation of Palestine, its contribution to the 2020 regular budget will be kept at US\$50,000.