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ACCU MEETING

DRAFT Agenda for the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 12 June 1996

At 10 a.m. in the Director General's Conference Room 6th. floor, Main Building.

1. Chairman's remarks
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. News from the CERN Management
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters arising
6. News from Member States
7. Low cost accommodation
8. Relations with the Host States
9. Election of ACCU Chairman
10. Users' Office news
11. Any other business
12. Agenda for the next meeting

Anyone wishing to raise any points under item 11 is invited to send them to the Secretary in writing via the CERN Users' Office or by e-mail to

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ACCU is the forum for discussion between the CERN Management and the representatives of CERN Users to review the practical means taken by CERN for the work of Users of the Laboratory. The User Representatives to ACCU are (CERN internal telephone numbers in brackets):

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Spain	J. Marco (3316)
Sweden	V. Hedberg (5822)
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United Kingdom	J. Carter (6361)
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CERN Management is represented by L. Foà and M. Robin (Directorate) and W. Blum / PPE with B. Pattison / PPE as Secretary. Personnel Division is represented by J. Salicio Diez and the CERN Staff Association by M. Borghini. Other members of the CERN Staff attend as necessary for specific agenda items. Anyone interested in further information about ACCU is welcome to contact the appropriate representative, or the Chairman or Secretary (2923 or Bryan.Pattison@cern.ch).

FOR INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING OF 31 MAY 1996*

At the start of the Management Board's May meeting, the Director-General welcomed the Head of the Directorate Services Unit, J.-D. Mandica, and the Board's new secretary, C. E. Earnshaw.

– Outcome of the May Meeting of the Scientific Policy Committee

The Director-General reported that the main items on the agenda of the Committee's May meeting had been a report on various non-Member State matters and oral presentation followed by discussion of the medium-term plan, The Scientific Activities of CERN and Budget Estimates

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for the Years 1997-1999, in preparation for finalisation of the document to be submitted formally to the Council and its Committees in June 1996. Pending the 1997 review of LHC progress and resources, the 1996 plan, covering three rather than the usual four-year period, represented a development from the 1995 version, amended to take account of Council's approval of completion of the LEP upgrade in December 1995. The proposals had been generally well received by the Scientific Policy Committee.

- Preparation for the June Meetings of the Scientific Policy Committee, Finance Committee and Committee of Council and the Council Session

The Director-General, passing in review the main items on the agendas of the Council and its Committees, said that in addition to such regular business as the Organization's and the Pension Fund's annual accounts for 1995 and the medium-term plan, the Council and its Committees would address the scope and timetable of the 1997 review of LHC progress and resources (on which he presented a list of the documentation that the Management envisaged submitting as a basis for the review) and would hear a report on non-Member State matters. The Finance Committee would also be making recommendations to the Council on new proposals relating to the CERN materials index and implementation of the first-employment programme and would also examine progress reports on a detachment programme and on Health Insurance Scheme cost containment measures for 1997. In the latter context, the Management would be submitting a proposed amendment to Article R IV 1.17 of the Staff Regulations (see report on TREF meeting below). The main item on the agenda of the Committee of Council would be non-Member State matters.

The LHC Project Leader, L. Evans, emphasizing the importance of obtaining the Finance Committee's endorsement of all tendering and adjudication procedures associated with the LHC contracts, outlined the proposed adjudication procedures for the LHC civil-engineering contracts, involving separately sealed technical and commercial tenders evaluated with the assistance of independent Member State assessors. A document setting out the proposed procedure was close to finalisation with a view to presentation to the Finance Committee in June. The Management Board endorsed the general approach outlined.

- Non-Member State matters

The Director-General reported on further developments with regard to negotiations with the United States. Following the Committee of Council's authorization in March to pursue negotiations with the US on the basis of proposed bands of contributions to the machine and ATLAS and CMS experiments, the joint CERN/US machine and detector working groups set up in January had now begun the task of determining the consequences of different levels of US input. In parallel, satisfactory progress was being made within the administrative working group on the preparation of the umbrella agreement and administrative protocol.

A team of US Department of Energy experts had recently visited CERN to carry out an assessment of the Organization's cost estimates and schedule for the LHC, as a precondition for any US contribution. Their report, which constituted an independent feasibility study of LHC construction on the basis of the approval scenario, had been very positive and would be made available to Council delegates for information.

It was further announced that the Protocol with India concerning participation in the LHC project had been signed in April and that the corresponding Protocol with Russia

was being prepared for signature. It was hoped that the latter could be signed prior to the June Council Session.

- Outcome of the meeting of TREF on 9 May 1996

The Head of Administration, M. Robin, reporting on the main items on TREF's May agenda, informed the Board that the Forum had examined a progress report on the study of Health Insurance Scheme cost containment measures for 1997 and had discussed Management proposals, in particular the introduction of health insurance contributions for gainfully employed spouses of members of the insured personnel subject to certain conditions. Under the proposed arrangements, for spouses with a professional income who wish to continue to use AUSTRIA as a primary health insurance a regular contribution to the CERN scheme would be required if their income is beyond a certain threshold. Spouses having health insurance as a direct result of their employment must use that insurance in the first instance, with the CERN health insurance scheme as subsidiary health cover. In the latter case, no regular contribution to the CERN health insurance scheme would be required. A convergence of views had now emerged on the approach to be adopted and the Management had been invited to finalize its proposals in the light of the discussions and to draft corresponding amendments to the relevant provisions of the Staff Rules and Regulations, notably to Article R IV 1.17 to make declaration of a spouse's income from gainful employment mandatory. Further attention to the details of the arrangements had been given at the Standing Concertation Committee meetings of the 15 and 23 May.

The Forum had then examined the Management's proposals concerning implementation of the first-employment programme and a paper containing the comments of the Staff Association. There had been a broad consensus that the scheme should be associated with target figures and should be linked to incentives to recruit into the first-employment grades. While some divergence of views subsisted between the Management and the Staff Association on the matter, the distance between the relative positions appeared to have narrowed.

- Radiation Protection Group Annual Report for 1995

The Leader of the Radiation Protection Group (TIS), M. Höfert, presented some of the highlights of the Group's report for 1995, emphasizing that it was a public document that was available to any interested party. Referring to the recent allegations by the Commission de Recherche et d'Information Indépendantes sur la Radioactivité (CRIIRAD) and to CERN's recent written response, he emphasized that for its radiation protection arrangements, as provided for in its own Radiation Protection Manual, CERN had adopted the standards and limits of the Swiss Ordinance on Radiation Protection, currently the strictest in the world, and that in all its scientific operations, CERN remained considerably below those limits in all radiation protection fields.

Following some discussion of the issue, the Director-General, on behalf of the Management Board, expressed appreciation to all those responsible for maintaining CERN's high standard of radiation protection.

- Status of CERNVM rundown

D. Jacobs, representing the CN Division Leader, D. O. Williams, reported on the arrangements for the shutdown of the CERNVM service which, in line with previous announcements in the Bulletin, was scheduled for 30 June 1996. CN Division had conducted a survey of all 2600 recent users and the replies so far received (from some 60% of those canvassed) indicated that the overwhelming majority