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International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) – The Committee recognizes the importance of understanding the potential relationship among agents and cancer. The Committee also recognizes that the NIH continues to provide financial and other support to the IARC Monographs Program, which has been criticized for lack of transparency and uncontrolled conflicts-of-interest. The Committee requests a comprehensive report on all aspects of NIH's support for the IARC Monographs Program, both monetary and through personnel. This report shall include, but not be limited to, all financial and other direct and indirect support by NIH of the IARC Monographs Program, including an accounting of staff time spent supporting the Monograph process. It shall also include an assessment of how the IARC Monographs Program aligns with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and related regulations and Administrative initiatives on transparency and openness. This review shall include an assessment of IARC's adherence to U.S. rules and regulations relating to conflict-of-interests; balance; public notice, and transparency. This report shall be sent to the Committee no later than July 1, 2017. NIH shall award no funds to the IARC Monograph program until the report has been submitted to Congress.