



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION

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Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brasil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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3. Election of the Credentials Committee and appointment of the interim Chairmen of main Committees A and B
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A/RES/192(VII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents A/7/1, A/7/1 Add.1 and A/7/1 annot.)

The General Assembly

Adopts the agenda of its seventh session, as contained in document A/7/1.

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A/RES/193(VII)

Election of the President
and Vice-Presidents

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly

1. Declares elected as President of the seventh session
H.E. Dr. Taher Kanaan, Minister of Planning of Jordan and
Head of the Jordanian delegation;
 2. Declares elected as Vice-Presidents of the seventh session
the representatives of Argentina, Gabon, Greece, Indonesia,
Jamaica, Malta, Nepal, Syrian Arab Republic and United
Republic of Tanzania.
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A/RES/194(VII)

Election of the Credentials Committee and appointment
of the interim Chairmen of main Committees A and B

Agenda item 3

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President, made in
accordance with rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Declares the following elected as Members of the Credentials Committee: Cyprus, Jordan, Lesotho, Mali, Panama, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and United States of America;
2. Designates as interim Chairmen of main Committees A and B:
 - Interim Chairman of Committee A: Greece
 - Interim Chairman of Committee B: Gabon.

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A/RES/195(VII)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 4

(documents A/7/4, A/7/4 Add.1,
A/7/4 Add.2, A/7/4 Add.3 and A/7/4 Add.4)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the applications for full, associate and affiliate membership received by the Secretary-General and listed in documents A/7/4, A/7/4 Add.1, A/7/4 Add.2, A/7/4 Add.3 and A/7/4 Add.4,

1. Approves the application for full membership of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
2. Approves the application for associate membership of Aruba;
3. Approves, on the recommendation of the Executive Council (resolution 172(VI)), the applications for affiliate membership of the following bodies:
 - (a) World Association for Professional Training in Tourism (AMFORT)
 - (b) International Union of Food and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)
 - (c) Kenya Utalii College
 - (d) Syrian Arab Co. for Hotels & Tourism
 - (e) Alexander Anolik, Inc. (USA)
 - (f) Universidad Interamericana (Dominican Republic)
 - (g) International Leisure Group plc. (United Kingdom)
 - (h) George Washington University (USA)
 - (i) Oxford Polytechnic (United Kingdom)
 - (j) Borsa Internazionale del Turismo Milano (Italy)

- (k) France International Service
 - (l) Score Consultants (France)
 - (m) Patronato Regional de Turismo de Cantabria (Spain);
4. Takes note of the withdrawal of Malaysia, which took effect 14 August 1987, and that of Costa Rica, which will take effect on 14 July 1988, in accordance with Article 35 of the Organization's Statutes;
5. Takes note of the withdrawal of Gibraltar from associate membership, in accordance with Article 35 of the Statutes;
6. Takes note of the announced withdrawals of ten bodies from affiliate membership, in accordance with Article 35 of the Statutes;
- (a) Federación Española de Hospedaje (15 February 1986)
 - (b) Corso di Perfezionamento in Economia del Turismo-Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy) (16 April 1986)
 - (c) Nepal Association of Travel Agents (26 April 1986)
 - (d) Organización Hotelera Germán Morales e Hijos (Colombia) (2 October 1986)
 - (e) Office de tourisme de Nice (France) (26 December 1986)
 - (f) Philippine Convention Bureau (25 March 1987)
 - (g) World Association of Travel Agencies (WATA) (8 January 1988)
 - (h) Pan American World Airways, Inc. (20 March 1988)
 - (i) Société pour la promotion commerciale et technique de l'hôtellerie et du tourisme (PROMOTOUR) (France) (21 January 1988)
 - (j) Tourman Professional, Ges.m.b.h. (Austria) (31 July 1988);
7. Decides that the following three Affiliate Members, who can no longer be contacted, should no longer appear on the list of Affiliate Members of the Organization:
- (a) B.C. AD Service (Belize)
 - (b) Promociones El Morro, C.A. (Venezuela)
 - (c) Transport & Tourism Associates (United Kingdom).
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A/RES/196 (VII)

Report of the Secretary-General on
the activities of the Organization

Agenda item 5
(documents A/7/5 and A/7/5 Corr.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization since its sixth session, held at Sofia in September 1985, and his oral presentation,

1. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the new conception and the transparency which henceforth characterize the Organization's work, as well, as the activities carried out in the interest of the Organization's Members;
 2. Welcomes in particular his constructive suggestions for the future development of the Organization; and
 3. Thanks the Secretariat staff for the work completed.
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A/RES/197 (VII)

Parliamentary Conference on Tourism

Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Considering the suggestions made by the Secretary-General in his report on the activities of the Organization, in particular, the one relating to the holding of a Parliamentary Conference on Tourism,

Considering that, if it is to occupy the position it deserves among social and economic activities, tourism must be recognized as a priority sector of the economy of Full Members by governments and by parliaments who are jointly called upon to define and to implement national policy in this sphere,

1. Decides to convene a Parliamentary Conference on Tourism, in consultation with the Interparliamentary Union, with the aim of formulating the necessary recommendations for national parliaments and international parliamentary bodies that would ensure a greater involvement of parliamentarians in the development of domestic and international tourism;

2. Requests the Executive Council and the Secretary-General to agree upon arrangements for holding such a Conference which might take place during 1988 at the invitation of the Parliament of a Full Member; and
3. Decides that the expenses involved (i.e. 28,000 US dollars) shall be met from voluntary contributions.

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A/RES/198 (VII)

Technical cooperation activities

Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Considering that tourism worldwide generates 12 per cent of world gross national product, that international tourism alone accounts for over 5 per cent of total world trade and that tourism is today the third largest export industry in the world,

Noting with great concern that, despite the substantial contribution thus made by tourism to the socio-economic development of nations, it is very rare that tourism's real worth is recognized by governments,

Noting further that the resources generally allocated to tourism in national budgets as well as in the development funds of regional and international aid agencies are relatively small and indeed insignificant,

1. Urges governments to recognize the value of tourism's present and potential contribution to the country's economy by giving it the same attention and incentives as they do to other economic sectors, such as agriculture and manufacturing industries;
2. Urges in particular governments of developing countries having potential for tourism to ensure that tourism is accorded its rightful place in the national plan and that priority is given to the use and development of tourism resources within the general development strategy;
3. Places on record its appreciation and gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the support it has extended to the activities of the Organization by placing at its disposal resources that have enabled it to bring its technical experience and expertise to countries that have given priority to tourism and are in need of them;
4. Appeals to international and regional organizations to take into proper account the real contribution of tourism to the

socio-economic development of countries and regions, particularly in the developing parts of the world, and accordingly provide resources to tourism proportionate to the contribution it is making to overall development efforts;

5. Notes with satisfaction the various measures envisaged by the Secretary-General to increase the availability of funds through both multilateral and bilateral sources, public and private alike, and to extend the scope of activities through increased cooperation with international and regional organizations as well as closer involvement of all Members;
 6. Urges governments of industrialized countries to make voluntary contributions to the Organization, as a gesture of international solidarity, so that it may increase its technical cooperation activities;
 7. Appeals to international and regional organizations to strengthen their cooperation with WTO by making available the necessary funds for the implementation of tourism development projects;
 8. Reminds governments that they may call upon the Secretariat for necessary guidance and assistance in promoting greater awareness of the benefits of tourism and obtaining necessary funds from the various financing institutions; and
 9. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts in the field of technical cooperation in the best interests of developing countries.
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A/RES/199(VII)

Information service on tourism investments

Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization, in which he emphasizes in particular the lack of international cooperation on investments in tourism,

Noting that it has not been possible to implement a considerable number of tourism development projects, especially in the developing countries, owing to inadequate investment, and

Considering that to increase tourism investment capacity it is necessary to improve the flow of information on tourism projects and investment prospects from the standpoint of both potential investors and potential beneficiaries,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to establish and set in operation, by the most appropriate measures, an information service on tourism investment that will serve to establish contact between potential investors and potential beneficiaries; and
2. Urges Members to provide the Secretary-General with all the necessary assistance for operating this service.

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A/RES/200 (VII)

Environment

Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Concerned about the accelerating deterioration of the human environment and natural resources and its consequences for all forms of economic and social development, including tourism,

Aware of the danger that tourism facilities may be developed without proper care or supervision, leading not only to the despoiling of landscapes and the pollution of coastal areas but also to the degradation or disappearance of local customs and traditions,

Conscious of the need to preserve tourism's good reputation as a "clean industry" which helps preserve and conserve those natural features and local traditions that attract tourists in the first place,

Recalling the guiding moral principle expressed in the 1982 Joint Declaration on Tourism and Environment signed by the Secretary-General of WTO and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), namely that: "The protection, enhancement and improvement of the various components of Man's environment are among the fundamental conditions for the harmonious development of tourism",

Expressing its thanks to the Executive Director of UNEP for his continuing cooperation in WTO's activities relating to tourism and environment,

Welcoming the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development entitled Our Common Future, prepared by a group of eminent experts under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister of Norway, Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland,

Noting with interest the proposal by the Commission that the principle of "sustainable development" should be incorporated into the policies and programmes of organizations forming part

of or cooperating with the United Nations system as well as relevant multilateral development assistance and financial institutions,

Believing that the principle of sustainable development, which implies meeting present needs without compromising the self-sufficiency of future generations, should also apply to travel and tourism,

Convinced that if tourism is to continue its development successfully it is essential to adopt appropriate policies and take necessary measures as soon as possible,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue cooperation with UNEP in the spirit of the Joint Declaration on Tourism and Environment and pursuant to WTO's Cooperation Agreement with UNEP;
 2. Requests the Secretary-General to examine with the Executive Director of UNEP the possibility of dedicating a special edition of UNEP's "State of the Environment" to the subject of "Tourism and Environment";
 3. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the agenda of the next meeting of the Environment Committee of the Executive Council consideration of the implications of the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development entitled Our Common Future for WTO's policy and programmes, as a contribution to international discussion of said report;
 4. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue an active information-policy in the field of environment, directed not only to Members but also to the public;
 5. Encourages the Secretary-General to study the possibility of financing activities in the field of tourism and the environment by means of voluntary contributions;
 6. Calls upon Members to pay particular attention to environmental aspects of tourism development in their plans and programmes, taking due account of the recommendations contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development; and
 7. Urges Members, in the interests of tourism, to support national, regional or international initiatives to enhance and protect the environment and especially the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme.
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A/RES/201(VII)

Construction of the Columbus Beacon

Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Considering that in 1992 the entire American Continent and the world as a whole will be commemorating with joy the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of the Americas by the great Admiral Christopher Columbus,

Considering that any initiative that will help to highlight the Fifth Centenary celebrations is worthy of joint and effective support,

Bearing in mind that the Government of the Dominican Republic has begun work on the monument known internationally as the Columbus Beacon, whose inauguration will feature prominently among the ceremonies to mark the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of the Americas,

Considering that all the nations of the world owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the great Admiral Christopher Columbus for his immortal feat,

Decides to express its deep appreciation for the fitting initiative of the Government of the Dominican Republic to begin construction work on the Columbus Beacon and to plan its inauguration as part of the ceremonies marking the Fifth Centenary of the Discovery of the Americas, and gladly offers its moral support.

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A/RES/202(VII)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 6

(documents A/7/6, A/7/6 Rev.1 and A/7/6 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the reports submitted to it by the Credentials Committee,

Takes note of these reports.

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A/RES/203(VII)

Report on the activities of the Organization's organs

Agenda item 7(a) (document A/7/7(a))

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization's organs since its sixth session and of the delegations' observations which will be included in the summary record of the session.

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A/RES/204(VII)

World Tourism Day in 1988 and 1989

Agenda item 7(a)
(documents A/7/7(a) and A/7/7(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the document submitted by the Secretary-General containing the recommendations made by the Council concerning the themes for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1988 and 1989,

Considering with satisfaction the growing impact of this initiative and the positive effects of this celebration on world opinion, and

Having heard the various proposals formulated by the Members of the Organization,

1. Decides that the following themes should be used for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1988 and 1989:

for 1988: Tourism: education for all;
for 1989: The free movement of tourists creates one world;
 2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue awarding scrolls to candidates designated by Members of the Organization in recognition of their efforts on behalf of tourism; and
 3. Requests the Members of the Organization to provide the Secretariat, on a timely basis, a summary of the activities conducted for the celebration of World Tourism Day so that this information may be shared with the other Members of WTO.
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A/RES/205(VII)

Activities of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 7(b) (document A/7/7(b))

The General Assembly,

Having heard the report presented by the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members,

1. Welcomes the interest shown by the Affiliate Members in the Organization's activities and the active part they have taken in implementing the programme of work;
2. Encourages the Affiliate Members to persist in and strengthen their commitment, side by side with the other categories of Members, to making WTO an effective tool for the development of tourism and international cooperation in this area;
3. Accordingly invites the Affiliate Members to assist the Secretary-General in his search for effective formulas for achieving closer cooperation between the private sector and national administrations responsible for tourism; and
4. Invites the Committee of Affiliate Members and the Affiliate Members as individuals to take an active part in implementing the general programme of work for the period 1988-1989.

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A/RES/206(VII)

General programme of work for the period 1988-1989

Agenda item 8
(documents A/7/8 and A/7/8 Corr.)

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the need stressed by the Secretary-General in his report A/7/8 to enable the Organization to concentrate more than hitherto on the attainment of the aims fixed by its Statutes and, with this goal in view, to adopt a programme of work that would truly hold out the prospect of intervening in all those fields in which its presence is required in a truly operational manner, in the best interest of its Members,

Greatly regretting that the international economic outlook does not permit consideration of a substantial increase in the budget for the biennium 1988-1989, which would be necessary to fix new directions and priorities for the programme of work,

Convinced that zero budget growth during a period when the Organization's programme is being restructured will constitute an obstacle to the execution of the new programme unless voluntary contributions are forthcoming to maintain the Organization's potential,

1. Decides to limit the Organization's programme of work for 1988-1989 to the activities set forth in the draft submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/7/8 and prepared in accordance with the Executive Council's recommendation so as to:
 - (a) increase technical cooperation in favour of developing countries;
 - (b) give priority to the four following fields of activity: security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities; facilitation; education and training; and information (including statistics and promotion of the image of tourism);
2. Expresses its awareness of the fact that delay in payment of contributions or, even more serious, non-payment of contributions to the budget will have a direct impact on the implementation by the Secretary-General of the programme of work;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the programme according to the time-schedule for collection of outstanding contributions and on the basis of sums ultimately recovered; and
4. Launches an urgent appeal to all Members of the Organization to increase voluntarily the volume of their contributions by the amounts they credit to the Special Voluntary Contribution Fund and whose precise destination within the programme of work is duly indicated.

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A/RES/207(VII)

Budget of the Organization for the period 1988-1989

Agenda item 9
(documents A/7/9, A/7/9 Corr.,
A/7/9 Add.1, A/7/9 Add.2 and A/7/9 Add.3)

The General Assembly,

Referring to the programme of work it has just approved for the period 1988-1989,

Commending the Secretary-General for having, on the basis of the parameters in existence when the initial draft was prepared for

submission to the Executive Council, successfully kept within the limit of 11.7 million dollars set by the Executive Council the budget appropriations proposed for carrying out the activities provided for in the new draft programme of work drawn up according to the fresh guidelines of the Council and submitted to the Assembly in document A/7/8,

Acknowledging nevertheless that the depreciation of the dollar since the initial draft was prepared has led to a substantial change in these parameters, making it necessary to increase the overall budget by more than 1,300,000 dollars,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Council for an additional appropriation of 1.6 million US dollars for adapting the Secretariat, from the point of view of both staff and equipment, to the real needs of the Organization taking into account the priorities of the programme of activities, with a view to reducing purely administrative expenditure,

Strongly regretting that the international economic situation does not permit the provision for 1988-1989 of budgetary appropriations that fully meet the aforementioned needs,

1. Approves appropriations of 11,750,000 dollars for the Organization's budget for the period 1988-1989, to be distributed as provided for in document A/7/9, excluding the aforementioned additional appropriation of 1.6 million dollars;
2. Decides, in response to the Executive Council's recommendation concerning this additional appropriation:
 - (a) to approve an additional appropriation of 800,000 dollars for 1988 to restructure the Secretariat's staff;
 - (b) to appeal to Members to provide the Secretary-General, in the form of voluntary contributions in kind or in funds, with the means to procure the appropriate equipment for the computerization and automation of the Secretariat's activities;
3. Fixes, consequently, the amount of contributions to be collected at 6,473,200 United States dollars for 1988 and 6,076,800 dollars for 1989; and
4. Instructs the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 19(g) of the Statutes, after exhausting all possibilities for administrative economies, to approve measures that might be necessary as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of the Organization's accounting currency, after considering the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) on any proposal to increase budgetary appropriations. No budgetary increase entailing a rise in excess of 3 per cent in the annual contribution of any country shall be made without the consent of two-thirds of the Executive Council.

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A/RES/208 (VII)

Approval of the draft amendments to the Statutes

Agenda item 10(a)
(documents A/7/10(a) and A/7/10(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Considering document A/7/10(a) on approval of the draft amendments to the Organization's Statutes,

Bearing in mind decision 13(XXX) requesting the Secretary-General to explore ways and means of expediting the entry into force of amendments to the Statutes,

I.

Noting with concern that not one of these amendments has yet come into force, even though they were adopted by the General Assembly by a large majority, if not by consensus,

Taking note with keen interest of the suggestions of the Secretary-General for expediting the entry into force of the approved amendments,

Endorses these suggestions (document A/7/10(a)) and requests the Executive Council and the Secretary-General to act on them in their respective spheres of competence;

II.

Considering that the amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes was not approved by the General Assembly in the full version at its sixth session, part of the amendment having been omitted in error from the relevant resolution,

Decides to re-establish the full text of the amendment and consequently to approve the following amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes:

- "1. The term of elected Members shall be four years. Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years.
- "2. The terms of office of the Members of the Council shall not be immediately renewable upon expiration unless an immediate renewed membership is essential to safeguard a fair and equitable geographical distribution. In such a case, the admissibility of the request for renewal shall be obtained from a majority of Full Members present and voting."

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A/RES/209(VII)

Staff Regulations and Staff Pension Scheme

Agenda item 10(b)
(documents A/7/10(b) and A/7/10(b) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

I.

Considering document A/7/10(b) concerning the draft Staff Regulations, as well as the Addendum to that document,

Decides:

- (a) to approve the Staff Regulations, which shall enter into force on 1 January 1988, with the exception of regulation 19 concerning the staff pension scheme, which shall enter into force on the date the admission of WTO to the Joint Staff Pension Fund of the United Nations and its specialized agencies becomes effective;
- (b) to entrust the Executive Council, in accordance with regulation 1 of the new Staff Regulations, with adopting the new Staff Rules, which shall contain provisions for the enforcement of the aforementioned Staff Regulations;

II.

Considering Executive Council decisions 13(XXVIII), 9(XXIX), 14(XXX) and 6(XXXI),

Having taken cognizance of the consultations that the Secretary-General had with the Joint Staff Pension Fund of the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

Convinced that this Fund is the only one that offers a retirement scheme reflecting the exigencies of regulation 31 of the WTO Staff Regulations,

1. Approves WTO's affiliation to the Joint Staff Pension Fund of the United Nations and its specialized agencies pursuant to Article 3(b) of the Regulations of the Fund, it being understood that WTO's admission to the Fund will take place only when the necessary formalities have been completed;
2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to accept in due course the jurisdiction of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for any dispute relating to non-observance of the Regulations of the Fund;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to continue, in consultation with the Staff Association, his negotiations with the Secretary of the Fund so that WTO staff members might join the Fund, on the best possible terms for them, if possible by 1 January 1989;

4. Notes that because the provisions of the Staff Regulations which it approved at the present session include an obligation which will in future require WTO to align the conditions of service of its staff with those prevailing in the common system of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and approves, in this spirit, the measures of alignment with the common system governing staff remuneration, which were taken by the Secretary-General in 1987; and
5. Decides consequently, in accordance with the proposals of the Secretary-General approved by the Executive Council (CE/DEC/6(XXXI)), to assist officials having contributed to the WTO Provident Fund in making back contributions to the Joint Staff Pension Fund of the United Nations and its specialized agencies equivalent to their years of service with WTO.

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A/RES/210 (VII)

Agreements negotiated by WTO

Agenda item 10(c)
(documents A/7/10(c),
A/7/10(c) Add.1 and A/7/10(c) Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General (A/7/10(c)) on agreements and working arrangements concluded or being negotiated with governments and international organizations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12(n) of the Statutes,

1. Approves:

- (a) the agreement between WTO and the Italian Government concerning the instruction to be imparted by the International School of Tourism Sciences of Rome, under the patronage of and in association with WTO, to the holders of scholarships established by the Government of the Italian Republic;
- (b) the agreement between WTO and the Moroccan Government for the establishment of an advanced international tourism institute with headquarters at Tangier;

2. Takes note of the agreement concluded between the Secretary-General and the George Washington University on the establishment within that University of a WTO international tourism education and training centre; and

3. Takes note of the negotiations under way between the Secretary-General and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) with a view to establishing a working arrangement at regional level, in accordance with the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization.

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A/RES/211(VII)

Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 10(d)
(documents A/7/10(d) and A/7/10(d) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the financial situation of the Organization,

Recalling the concern expressed by the Auditors in their report on financial year 1986,

Noting that, at the date of opening of the session, only 59 per cent of contributions to the Organization's budget for 1987 had been paid and that, at the same date, 25 per cent of contributions for 1986 were still overdue,

Noting furthermore that accumulated contribution arrears since the creation of the Organization amount to a sum greater than the total budget approved for financial year 1987,

Taking note of the sustained efforts deployed by the Secretary-General to secure by all means at his disposal payment of the sums due,

Aware that such efforts digress from the true mission of the Secretariat, which is to execute the programme of work approved by the Members,

Deploing the chronic delays in payment of contributions, the only possible source of finance for the programme, which slow down and even paralyse programme execution and consequently detract from the image of efficiency which the Organization greatly needs if it is to continue to inspire confidence in its own Members and to ensure that its proper place within the system of inter-governmental organizations is recognized;

Stressing that this situation is aggravated further by the continuing depreciation of the United States dollar during the current financial period and by foreseeable prospects in this respect,

1. Appeals to all Members and Affiliate Members who have accumulated more than two years of contribution arrears and for this reason are subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to be aware of the heavy responsibility they bear for the grave difficulties experienced by the Organization, whose planned programme execution is in danger of being rapidly paralysed;
2. Draws the attention of other Members who only meet their financial obligations each year with serious delay that they partly share the same responsibility;
3. Solemnly declares that scrupulous respect for the financial obligations of Members to the Organization pursuant to Article 25 of the Statutes is the necessary basis for the international cooperation of which WTO is only an institutional instrument as well as a pre-condition for the continued existence of the Organization;
4. Requests all Members, and in particular the Members referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, to satisfy in full and within the urgent limits fixed by the Statutes their contributions to the budget of the Organization, if they do not wish to see the sanctions imposed by paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules applied to them or even to be suspended from membership of the Organization pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes; and
5. Decides, taking account of the constraints imposed by the above-mentioned financial situation and in particular the cash flow problems arising due to late contribution payments, to adopt the Executive Council recommendation to transfer 200,000 United States dollars from the Publications account to the Working Capital Fund.

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A/RES/212(VII)

Value Added Tax

Agenda item 10(d) (document A/7/10(d) Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Considering Article 9(2) of the Convention between WTO and Spain concerning the Organization's legal status in Spain, which provides that the Organization shall be exempt from indirect taxes on purchases, for its official use, of large quantities of taxable goods,

Considering document A/7/10(d) Add.2, in which the Secretary-General describes the difficulties he has encountered in the

implementation of this provision, especially now that Spain's accumulated debt to the Organization in this regard stands at more than 9 million pesetas,

Emphasizing that the obligation in question is contractual since it is embodied in a treaty freely entered into by the host State,

Noting that the Spanish Minister for External Affairs, in his letter of 17 July 1986 dealing with the procedures for discharging this obligation, acknowledges the legal validity of WTO's claims,

1. Invites the Spanish authorities to adopt a solution as soon as possible in line with the commitments entered into;
2. Requests the Secretary-General and the Headquarters Committee jointly to approach the Spanish Minister for External Affairs for this purpose at the earliest opportunity; and
3. Instructs the Executive Council to monitor developments closely and take any measures that may be necessary to ensure that the commitments entered into are fulfilled.

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A/RES/213 (VII)

Auditors' report and administrative
accounts for the financial year 1986

Agenda item 10(e) (document A/7/10(e))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Auditors' report on the financial year 1986 and the Secretary-General's report on the administrative accounts for the same financial year, which were submitted to it in accordance with regulation 17(2) of the Financial Regulations,

1. Takes note of the Auditors' report and thanks them for it; and
2. Approves the administrative accounts for 1986.

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A/RES/214(VII)

Auditors' report and administrative
accounts for the financial year 1985

Agenda item 10(f) (document A/7/10(f))

The General Assembly,

Having explained the Auditors' report on the financial year 1985 and the Secretary-General's report on the administrative accounts for the same financial year, which were submitted to it in accordance with regulation 17(2) of the Financial Regulations,

1. Takes note of the Auditors' report and thanks them for it;
and
 2. Approves the administrative accounts for 1985.
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A/RES/215(VII)

Assessment of the contributions of
Affiliate Members for the period 1988-1989

Agenda item 10(h) (document A/7/10(h))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 25(1) of the Statutes and regulation 6(3) of the Financial Regulations,

Noting that the amount of Affiliate Member contributions, 840 dollars, has not changed since 1982, despite the general increase in costs,

Noting that the estimate of administrative expenses incurred for the services to be provided to Affiliate Members, as prepared by the Secretary-General in document A/7/10(h), does not include indirect costs,

1. Decides to take these indirect costs into account in assessing Affiliate Member contributions for 1988 and 1989;
 2. Assesses this contribution at 1,000 dollars for each of these two years; and
 3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing a study for the Executive Council on the possibility of assessing the contribution of this category of Member for the financial period 1990-1991 according to a scale prepared on the basis of various criteria drawn from the proposals made during the debate.
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A/RES/216 (VII)

Suspension of application of paragraph 13
of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 10(i)
(documents A/7/10(i) and A/7/10(i) Corr.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General (document A/7/10(i)), transmitting to the Assembly the communications of the Dominican Republic, Iraq and Mali concerning their arrear contributions,

Considering the Executive Council's recommendation in decision 3(XXXI),

1. Decides to suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the Dominican Republic and Mali, in response to their explicit request;
2. Emphasized that in all cases suspension of application of paragraph 13 may be granted only for the period between one session of the General Assembly and the next;
3. Recalls that suspension of application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules is conditional on:
 - (a) immediate payment of the contribution corresponding to the financial year during which suspension of the application of paragraph 13 is granted; and
 - (b) strict observance of the plan agreed for on the settlement of arrears;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Dominican Republic and Mali that the decision taken in their regard is subject to the aforementioned conditions;
5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with ensuring that the conditions in paragraph 3 above are fulfilled; and
6. Decides that the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules do not apply to Iraq in view of the reasons set forth in its communication to the Assembly and pursuant to Executive Council decision 3(XXXI).

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A/RES/217(VII)

Suspension of Members in arrears in
the payment of statutory contributions:
Article 34 of the Statutes

Agenda item 10(j) (document A/7/10(j))

The General Assembly,

Considering decision 2(XXX) by which the Executive Council recommended the Assembly to apply Article 34 of the Statutes and consequently to suspend the Members of the Organization whose contribution arrears are equal to or exceed the contributions owed by such Members for four financial years and who have not, within six months, agreed with the Secretary-General on a payment plan for reimbursing these arrears,

Considering document A/7/10(j) prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the above Executive Council decision,

Recognizing that Article 34 of the Statutes, which provides the sanction of suspension when a Member persists in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of the Statutes, becomes applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the Organization's budget, such an attitude clearly constituting a policy contrary to the aims of WTO,

1. Decides to apply henceforward the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes:
 - (a) when a Member of the Organization has accumulated contribution arrears in respect of any four financial years, which need not be consecutive, partial payment of contributions not preventing the measure of suspension being applied, and
 - (b) when the aforementioned Member has not agreed a payment plan for the contribution arrears with the Secretary-General within a period of one year from the date of the resolution by which the Assembly noted that the measure of suspension was applicable to the Member pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes;
2. Notes that as the following Members fulfil the above conditions they are liable to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and therefore to suspension from the Organization:

Full Members:

Afghanistan
Bolivia
Burundi
Costa Rica
Democratic Kampuchea
Democratic Yemen
Gambia
Grenada

Lao People's Democratic Republic
Mauritania
Niger
Peru
Sierra Leone
Sudan
United Arab Emirates
Venezuela

Affiliate Members:

- Al Medina Travel (Morocco)
- Associazione Nazionale delle Cooperative Turistiche (Italy)
- Confederación de Cámaras Nacionales de Comercio, Servicios y Turismo (Mexico)
- Empresa de Turismo de Pernambuco (Brazil)
- Fédération européenne de l'hôtellerie de plein air (FEHPA)
- Forum international de l'hôtellerie de plein air (FIHPA)
- Instituto Universitario de Nuevas Profesiones (IUNP) (Venezuela)
- International Pantravel Consulting (Italy)
- Tourconsult/Italia
- Tourman Professional, Ges.m.b.h. (Austria) (whose withdrawal from the Organization will be effective as of 31 July 1988);

3. Requests the Secretary-General to apply the present resolution and to inform each session of the Executive Council concerning its application.

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A/RES/218(VII)

Provision of experts

Agenda item 10(k) (document A/7/10(k))

The General Assembly,

Considering document A/7/10(k) concerning the provision of experts free of charge to the Organization,

Considering the Executive Council decision 4(XXX) on this subject,

Considering the need to seek urgently new, additional means whereby the Organization could reinforce programme execution, especially those parts of the programme concerning technical co-operation with the developing countries,

Noting with gratitude that several Full Members plan to provide experts free of charge to the Organization,

1. Calls upon all the Members of the Organization to provide, at their own cost, experts to the Organization so as to contribute to the general programme of work and, in particular, to operational projects in favour of the developing countries;

2. Recommends that for this purpose Full Members should sign the Outline Agreement attached to the present resolution, adapting it, as necessary, to the particular situation of the signatory States;
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with:
 - (a) encouraging by all necessary means the signature and implementation of such Outline Agreements,
 - (b) inviting member States who need the services of experts to approach the Organization when their development aims are to be achieved by and through tourism,
 - (c) regularly informing the Executive Council about the application of the present resolution.

A N N E X

OUTLINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WTO AND THE MEMBER (OR NON-MEMBER) STATE PREPARED TO PROVIDE EXPERTS WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING TOURISM

Preliminary remarks

This outline agreement can take the form of an exchange of letters constituting an administrative arrangement or that of a formal agreement or any other form suitable for expressing mutual consent between the two parties. It may be complemented by any amendment or addition the two parties may deem necessary.

AGREEMENT

between

the World Tourism Organization the Government of
(hereinafter called "WTO") and (hereinafter called "the
Government")

Considering that, according to Article 3 of WTO's Statutes, it is important to promote and develop tourism with a view to contributing to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Considering that in order to attain this objective, it is necessary to provide WTO with the supplementary means to strengthen the implementation of its programme and to improve technical co-operation with the member States of the international community, particularly developing countries for which tourism development and promotion represent one of the essential means in the struggle for economic and social progress,

Considering that the Government wishes to conclude an agreement with WTO to establish the administrative, legal and financial framework for the participation of experts who are nationals of its country and whom it has decided to make available to WTO for the execution of WTO's programmed activities and for the implementation of its technical cooperation projects,

WTO and the Government agree to the following:

1. The Government undertakes, in accordance with the pertinent rules in force for the service of its nationals as experts abroad, and insofar as possible, to provide experts to WTO on the following basis:

- (a) the services of experts are provided to WTO in order to contribute to the implementation of its general programme of work approved by the General Assembly, and in particular, operational projects on behalf of the developing countries;
- (b) experts may be assigned to WTO Headquarters or elsewhere but may not assume a permanent post provided for in the WTO budget;
- (c) no expert will be sent to a country without this country's prior consent and that of the country that has made his services available to WTO;
- (d) it is the prerogative of the Secretary-General of WTO to take the final decision concerning the appointment and assignment of each expert;
- (e) so long as they remain in WTO's service, the experts must comply as international officials with the WTO Staff Regulations and Rules, subject to adaptations deemed necessary in the letter of engagement, concerning in particular the provisions on the post adjustments, performance reports, home leave, pensions and retirement and the transport of personal belongings and furniture; (*)
- (f) the Government shall be responsible for determining the expert's salary;
- (g) the Government shall be responsible for all expenditure related to the employment and use of experts, including - and this list is not exhaustive - salaries, allowances, insurance premiums, affiliation with health and retirement insurance funds, travel, in particular travel on mission, home leave and the removal of household goods and personal effects.

2. WTO undertakes to convey to the Government requests for the services of experts accompanied by a description of the functions and any other useful information.

3. Although not required to provide a specific number of experts during any given period, the Government undertakes to submit, at

(*) This paragraph may be amended as necessary.

the beginning of each year, a list of qualified persons who, upon initial consideration, appear to be able to serve as experts for WTO. The Government undertakes further to subsequently do everything possible to find candidates suitable for the conditions required in response to any request addressed to it by WTO.

4. Each expert shall be named in principle for a determined period, but this period may be extended by WTO in agreement with the Government.

5. The Government shall make available to WTO the funds in convertible currency necessary to enable it to meet all of the expenses related to the provision of the services of experts concerned by the present agreement. WTO will draw from these funds the sums necessary to meet any expenses that it may have to incur in connection with the expert mission.

6. WTO each year shall present to the Government a financial account position statement prepared in respect of the expert mission provided by the Government, in accordance with the present agreement.

7. The employment conditions for each expert specified in the letter of engagement must be consistent with this agreement. They may be amended by mutual written agreement.

8. This agreement will remain in force so long as the Government or WTO has not notified the other in writing three months in advance of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof, the present agreement has been signed in two copies.

On behalf of the World
Tourism Organization

On behalf of the Government of
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A/RES/219 (VII)

Special voluntary contributions fund

Agenda item 10(1)
(document A/7/10(1))

The General Assembly,

Considering decision 3(XXX) by which the Executive Council requested the Secretary-General to "submit to the General Assembly any proposals he deems appropriate for diversifying the sources of financing for activities, particularly WIO's operational activities, and for augmenting the necessary resources by means of voluntary contributions from States and other public and private entities",

Considering document A/7/10(1) prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to this decision,

Considering that the Secretary-General's study confirms that the present provisions of the Financial Regulations scarcely encourage Members of the Organization and other potential donors to make voluntary contributions on account of their excessive rigidity especially when it is a question of contributing to broad sectors of the Organization's activity which are insufficiently funded under the regular budget,

1. Decides to establish a special voluntary contributions fund which will be operated according to its financial regulations which are included in the annex;
2. Appeals to all Members of the Organization, and especially to the economically developed Full Members, as well as to other potential donors (foundations, national tourism organizations, public and private tourism enterprises, etc.) to contribute generously to the special voluntary contributions fund on a basis and in accordance with aims to be mutually agreed with the Secretary-General; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to disseminate this appeal through all appropriate means so that financing sources will have the opportunity of becoming aware of it.

ANNEX

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE
SPECIAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FUND

1. Establishment of the special voluntary contributions fund

- 1.1. A special voluntary contributions fund is established which, save as otherwise provided in these regulations, shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of WTO.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the fund shall be to receive voluntary contributions that can be regarded neither as miscellaneous income within the meaning of regulation 10(1) of the Financial Regulations of WTO nor as Funds in Trust within the meaning of regulation 10(3) of the said Financial Regulations.
- 2.2. Voluntary contributions to the fund may originate from public or private sources. They shall be moneys whose donors have indicated the general destination within the Organization's programme of work without however specifying a particular activity (for example: security and protection of tourists; facilitation; education and training; information, including statistics).

3. Receipts

- 3.1. The fund shall be credited with the voluntary contributions defined in regulation 2(2), together with the financial proceeds therefrom.

4. Expenses

- 4.1. The fund shall be debited with the expenses relating to the activities designated by the Secretary-General with reference to the general programme of work of the Organization and in accordance with the general destination indicated by the donor.

- 4.2. The Secretary-General shall consult the Executive Council on the use of voluntary contributions exceeding 10,000 dollars.
- 4.3. The report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization shall include information on the use of the contributions paid into the fund.

5. Accounting

- 5.1. The financial year shall be the calendar year.
- 5.2. The fund shall be administered under a separate accounting system from that of the Organization's budget and the Secretary-General shall furnish information on this subject in his report on the financial situation.
- 5.3. Any balance remaining at the end of a financial year shall be carried over to the next year.
- 5.4. The accounts pertaining to the fund shall be submitted each year for audit by the Auditors of WTO.

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A/RES/220 (VII)

International Conference on Youth Tourism

Agenda item 11
(document A/7/11)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the document A/7/11 (International Conference on Youth Tourism),

Referring to the Manila Declaration and Acapulco Document as well as to resolutions 186(VI) and 142(V) on youth tourism and, in particular to the active participation of WTO in the activities marking 1985 as International Youth Year,

Taking into consideration the role of youth throughout the world, and recognizing the irreplaceable significance of youth tourism

and exchanges in the process of educating young people in the spirit of peaceful coexistence, cooperation and mutual understanding,

Recognizing also the desirability of extending cooperation in this sphere with other international and intergovernmental organizations, acting in the area of human contacts,

Considering the importance attached to youth tourism by WTO Members,

1. Expresses support for the proposal to hold an International Conference on Youth Tourism in 1990;
 2. Invites all Members to join in constituting a Preparatory Committee so as to determine:
 - (a) subjects which might be included on the Conference agenda;
 - (b) international organizations which should be invited to cooperate in the Conference;
 - (c) preparatory and regional forums;
 - (d) date, venue and budget of the Conference;
 - (e) sources of finance for the Conference;
 3. Requests the Secretary-General to liaise with and support the Preparatory Committee, and to inform the Executive Council at its thirty-third and subsequent sessions of progress in preparations for the Conference; and
 4. Expresses gratitude to the Publishing and Promotion Company for Tourism (IPV), Hungary for having invited the Preparatory Committee to meet in Hungary and for having agreed to cover costs associated with holding the preparatory meetings.
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A/RES/221(VII)

National Tourism Administration/Operational
Sector Joint Seminar

Agenda item 12
(document A/7/12)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the document containing a proposal by the Affiliate Members to organize, during the budget period 1988-1989, a National Tourism Administration/Operational Sector Joint Seminar,

Recalling that this proposal arose from the work of a Preparatory Group established to study this subject and to put forward ideas which could serve as a basis for the work of the Seminar,

Aware that the problem of coordination between government authorities and the tourism industry has long exercised the Members,

Stressing that the increasing volume of domestic and international travel and tourism and the growing economic and social importance of tourism make the problem of coordination more acute,

Referring to its resolution 123(V) on the subject of powers, authority and responsibility of tourism administrations, and

Noting with satisfaction that over forty countries have already established coordinating or consultative machinery responsible for developing tourism at the national level,

1. Endorses the proposal for holding a National Tourism Administration/Operational Sector Joint Seminar, provided that this is financed from extra-budgetary funds;
2. Invites all Members to contribute so as to defray the costs of organizing the Seminar;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements with the donors to hold the meeting during the budget period 1988-1989; and
4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with drawing up the programme of the Seminar, taking into account the proposals contained in document A/7/12 and the observations and suggestions of Members during the discussion of this item at the General Assembly.

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A/RES/222(VII)

Security and protection of
tourists and tourist facilities

Agenda item 13

(documents A/7/13, A/7/13 Corr. and A/7/13 Add.)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to document A/7/13 concerning security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities and the addendum to that document containing the report of the Advisory Group on this subject convened by the Secretary-General,

Recalling its resolution 177(VI) which referred to creating the necessary conditions for eliminating unlawful acts committed against travellers and travel industry enterprises, as well as to safeguarding the safety of travellers,

Stressing that the first need of the tourist is appropriate protection and that he should in this respect benefit from measures of protection during his stay, notably against attacks on his person and his belongings including terrorists acts,

Noting that the tourist is no less a user of services and that he is thereby more susceptible to complications since he is frequently unaware of the conditions and rules governing socio-economic life in each State,

Recognizing the need for WTO to draw up and to implement as a matter of the highest priority a set of clearly drawn specific proposals reflecting current needs so as to ensure and guarantee the security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities, and

Recalling in this context decision 1(XXX) in which the Executive Council welcomed the Secretary-General's initiative and suggested that a body of rules should be drawn up concerning the protection and security of the tourist given that there is no convention or international treaty of a general character in this field,

1. Decides to entrust the Secretary-General with submitting to the Executive Council, on the basis of the documentation submitted to and the discussions which have taken place at the Assembly and the conclusions of the Advisory Group, a proposal for a specific WTO programme in the field of security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities, which would notably include:
 - (a) recommendations concerning legal matters,
 - (b) practical measures,
 - (c) information and education;
2. Decides to create a specialized working party on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities including representatives of WTO Members and competent international organizations which, as a subsidiary organ of the Executive Council, shall meet at least once a year and whose mode of operation and terms of reference shall be decided by the Council so as to consider sector by sector, specific problems and practical measures concerning security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to draw up draft general rules governing tourist protection and security and to submit them to the Executive Council at its thirty-third session for consideration and appropriate follow up;
4. Requests the Executive Council to fix, on the basis of the Secretary-General's proposal, drawn up in cooperation with the above-mentioned working party, the WTO programme on this subject to be implemented as part of the Organization's programme of work;

5. Decides to open, in the Special Voluntary Contributions Fund, a "Security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities" account and to appeal to all Members and non-member States of WTO, to international organizations and to the entire operational sector to contribute; and
 6. Requests the Secretary-General to report on progress in this field to the eighth session of the General Assembly.
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A/RES/223(VII)

Facilitation

Agenda item 14
(documents A/7/14 and A/7/14 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered Part A of document A/7/14 ("Facilitation") which discusses current trends and new directions in tourism facilitation as recommended by Executive Council decision 6(XXX),

Having examined Part B of the same document which contains the text of a "WTO draft Convention to facilitate travel and tourist stays" prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to Executive Council decision 14(XXVIII) and revised pursuant to Council decisions 11(XXIX) and 20(XXX),

Recalling that the Assembly at its sixth session in Sofia, Bulgaria in 1985 accepted a series of standards and recommended practices concerning passports and visas and requested the Secretary-General to determine a formula to enable States wishing to do so to apply these standards and recommended practices,

Noting the Executive Council's approval (decision 8(XXXI)) of the Facilitation Committee's recommendations on follow up to the above-mentioned draft Convention,

Convinced that facilitation should be viewed in a wider context than it traditionally has been and that its aims should also include the reduction and progressive elimination of financial, legal and administrative measures and practices which hinder the commercial activity of public and private tourism enterprises,

Also convinced that tourism is becoming the principal service sector in present-day economies, and that actions to reduce governmental protectionism of the tourism industry are necessary for tourism's fuller growth to be truly effective,

Believing that it is desirable to reinforce WTO's role and contributions to facilitation,

Believing that appropriate WTO organs should formulate recommendations about facilitation,

Recognizing that it is in the interest of all countries to facilitate travel and tourist stays since they contribute to the creation of a climate of trust and mutual understanding within the international community and thereby to the maintenance of world peace,

Convinced that a universal instrument setting forth provisions which States could apply to facilitate tourism would constitute a significant step forward in the field of facilitation and liberalization of the travel and tourism sector, and

Convinced that a Diplomatic Conference to complete the drafting and submit to governments for approval and adoption of a universal legal instrument to facilitate tourism and tourist stays is desirable,

1. Decides to convene a Diplomatic Conference with the task of finalizing and adopting an international legal instrument to facilitate travel and tourist stays;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Executive Council, at its thirty-third session, draft revised terms of reference for the Facilitation Committee as decided by the Council at its thirty-first session so as to enable it to play its role fully;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide to member States the text of the proposed instrument which shall reflect all views received by the Secretariat to date, as a preparatory step to convening the aforementioned Diplomatic Conference;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to seek, in close cooperation with the Director General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), all necessary means enabling WTO to make its own technical contribution to the success of the multilateral negotiations currently under way under GATT auspices for the liberalization of international trade in services relating to the travel and tourism sector;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain contact with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on the subject of facilitation and liberalization;
6. Welcomes the Executive Council's decision 8(XXXI), proposing that the above-mentioned instrument should bear the name of the city where the Diplomatic Conference is held;

7. Entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking the necessary consultations on a place and date suitable for holding this Conference;
8. Also entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to the thirty-third session of the Executive Council for approval:
 - (a) a carefully prepared report on preparations for the Diplomatic Conference and in particular on the results of consultations with the United Nations and other competent international organizations;
 - (b) a list of non-member States, non-autonomous territories and organizations which could be invited to take part in the Conference, or to attend as observers;
9. Also requests the Secretary-General:
 - a) to inform all Members of the convening of the Diplomatic Conference so that they may take part in elaborating the draft international legal instrument;
 - (b) to appoint a Conference secretary and to provide the Conference with the Secretariat personnel and necessary services in accordance with the provisions of an agreement to be concluded between the country hosting the Conference and the Organization;
 - (c) to study all possible options and modes of financing the administration of the said instrument and to inform the Facilitation Committee, the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Executive Council of these options; and
10. Thanks the Secretary-General and the Facilitation Committee for the work accomplished in drafting WTO's first legal instrument.

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A/RES/224(VII)

Education and training for tourism

Agenda item 15
(document A/7/15)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on education and training for tourism, as well as the various relevant statements by delegations on the subject,

Noting that the future of tourism, at present the world's largest service sector activity, depends largely on the capabilities of

its employees to provide quality services and, at the same time, to demonstrate behaviour towards the tourists characterized by understanding and human dignity,

Taking into consideration the difficulties that exist in the development of human resources at both the national and international levels, and

Recognizing that a new approach is necessary if the tourism sector is to respond adequately to future needs and that such an approach would involve widening of the scope of informal on-the-job training to attain a complete education and training system,

1. Invites Full Members to attach high priority to tourism education and practical as well as theoretical training bearing in mind the various points raised in document A/7/15;
 2. Affirms WTO's new education and training policy approved by the Executive Council in decision 6(XXIX), aiming to inspire and help its Members in establishing on a sound basis their education and training system for tourism professions on the one hand, and to provide direct assistance in the key areas of education and training, on the other;
 3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with seeking to promote the highest possible standards as the first criterion of any activity WTO is to undertake in the field of education and training, and to establish an appropriate certification programme and a WTO education logo as a sign of quality to be awarded to public and private institutes which satisfy standards set by WTO; and
 4. Appeals to Members and non-members and outside funding organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Special Fund to be used exclusively for tourism education and training activities, such as setting up WTO regional centres, organizing itinerant programmes, offering scholarships to participants in these courses (preference being given to those from developing countries), and any other activity carried out on the basis of the specific programme of work drawn up with a view to implementing the Organization's new policy and strategy in this field.
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A/RES/225 (VII)

Election of Members of the Council

Agenda item 16
(documents A/7/16 and A/7/16 Corr.)

The General Assembly,

Considering Articles 14 and 15 of the Statutes and rules 43, 54 and 55(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Declares the twelve following Full Members elected as Members of the Executive Council for the period 1987-1991:

Austria	Kenya
China	Maldives
Congo	Netherlands
Guinea	Senegal
Hungary	Uganda
Japan	United States of America.

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A/RES/226 (VII)

Election of the Auditors for the period 1988-1989

Agenda item 17 (document A/7/17)

The General Assembly,

Considering the provisions of Article 12(g) of the Statutes of the Organization and having received the recommendation of the Executive Council in this regard,

1. Thanks the Auditors Mr. Juan Pedro Cortés Camacho (Spain) and Mr. Nistor Moise (Romania) for the work they have performed for the Organization; and
 2. Renews the terms of office of Spain and Romania as Auditors of the Organization for financial years 1988 and 1989.
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A/RES/227(VII)

Place and dates of the eighth session
of the General Assembly

Agenda item 18 (document A/7/18)

The General Assembly,

Considering the invitation of the French Government to hold the eighth session of the General Assembly at Paris as part of the celebration for the Bicentenary of the French Revolution,

1. Thanks the Argentine Government, which, because of this particular circumstance, concurred in this proposal even though it had expressed the desire to host this same session of the General Assembly at Buenos Aires;
2. Thanks the French Government for its generous invitation; and
3. Decides, in accordance with rule 1(3) of its Rules of Procedure, to hold its eighth session at Paris on a date to be determined by the Executive Council in agreement with the French authorities.

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