



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTH SESSION

(New Delhi, 3-14 October 1983)

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Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, China (People's Rep. of), Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Greece, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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A/RES/117(V)

Election of the President

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly,

Elects by acclamation, as President of its fifth session,
Mr. Khurshed Alam Khan, Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation
of India.

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A/RES/118(V)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 3 (documents A/5/odj.prov.,
A/5/odj.prov. annot. and A/5/odj.prov.
annot. Corr.1)

The General Assembly,

Adopts its agenda, as contained in document A/5/odj.prov.

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A/RES/119(V)

Election of the Vice-Presidents

Agenda item 4

The General Assembly,

Elects by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of its fifth session:

Austria	Dr. Anton Würzl
Brazil	Dr. Luiz Mendonça de Freitas
German Democratic Republic	Dr. Rolf Illgen
Indonesia	Mr. Achmad Tahir
Iraq	Mr. Sadiq Ali Shaaban
Mexico	Mr. Guillermo Grimm
Pakistan	Begum Viqar-un-Nisa Noon
Upper Volta	Mr. L. Basile Guissou
Zimbabwe	Mrs. V.F. Chitepo

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A/RES/120(V)

Organization of work at the fifth
session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 5 (document A/5/5)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of report A/5/5 on the Organization of work at the fifth session of the General Assembly, submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

1. Endorses the proposals contained in the said document;
2. Elects the following States to the Credentials Committee on the proposal of the President: Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Maldives, Mali, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand and United States of America;
3. Elects as Officers of the Administrative Committee the following States: Argentina, Democratic Yemen, France, Ivory Coast, Nepal and Republic of Korea;
4. Notes that the Officers of the Administrative Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Mr. P. Poolou (Ivory Coast)

Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. Mihura (Argentina)

Rapporteur: Mr. G.F. Blarel (France)

Members: Mr. A.A.A. Al Quaiti (Democratic Yemen)
Mr. S.R. Sharma (Nepal)
Mr. S.C. Hong (Republic of Korea);

5. Elects as Officers of the Technical Committee the following States: Dominican Republic, Egypt, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Nigeria and Sri Lanka;
6. Notes that the Officers of the Technical Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Franklin Adejuwon (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Rainer Burchard (Germany, Fed. Rep. of)
Mr. Tawfik Abdou Ismail (Egypt)
Mr. Liriano William Napoleon (Dominican Republic)

Mr. Douglas Liyanage (Sri Lanka)

Rapporteur: Mr. Fumihiro Sampei (Japan).

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A/RES/121(V)

Reorganization of the work of the General Assembly

Agenda item 6 (documents CE/20/12 and CE/21/8)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the document attached to this resolution*, submitted to it by the Executive Council, on the appropriateness of reorganizing the work of the General Assembly,

1. Adopts this recommendation so that it may be implemented for its sixth session in 1985;
2. Hopes that such a measure will enable the prominent individuals responsible for tourism in the various States Members of the Organization to attend the biennial meetings of the Organization so as to participate in the plenary meetings of the Assembly during which decisions on the various agenda items are taken; and
3. Invites the Members of the Organization to take note of the document attached to this resolution so as to familiarize themselves with the changes it entails in the work of the General Assembly.

*See page 51 of this compendium.

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A/RES/122(V)

Progress report of the Secretary-General
(October 1981 to September 1983)

Agenda item 6 (document A/5/6)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the progress report covering the period 1982-1983 which the Secretary-General presented to it with his comments, and in the light of the activities undertaken in the three preceding periods, 1976-1977, 1978-1979 and 1980-1981 and the future approaches and action of the Organization,

1. Notes with interest the report as a whole and in particular the comments contained in the introduction thereto;
2. Acknowledges the accuracy of certain observations relating to factual situations which directly affect the development and effectiveness of the Organization's activities in the interest of the developing countries in particular;

3. Invites the Members of the Organization to take account of those observations, comments and forecasts wherever appropriate in their policies and strategies for tourism;
 4. Expresses its appreciation of the information given in the report on the activities of the Organization during the period 1982-1983, which bear witness to the satisfactory functioning of all the WTO bodies;
 5. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made by the Secretariat towards the global and specific goals of the Organization in executing its general programme of work, in implementing the decisions of WTO organs and in its conduct of external relations;
 6. Expresses pleasure in particular at the strengthening of operational activities carried out in the field in 1982-1983 with the help of the financial resources allocated by the United Nations Development Programme for meeting in tangible fashion the needs of the developing countries;
 7. Congratulates the Secretary-General on what has been achieved in the interest of all the Members of the Organization with the praiseworthy, competent and loyal help of the staff of the Secretariat.
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A/RES/123(V)

Powers, authority and responsibilities
of tourism administrations

Agenda item 6 (document A/5/6)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reference in the progress report of the Secretary-General for the period 1982-1983 to the concerns expressed by certain Regional Commissions and their indications of the way in which they desire the role of tourism administrations to be modified,

Noting that the volume of journeys and stays away from their usual residence of travellers from all layers of the population, for holidays, leave and leisure activities as well as for non-voluntary reasons such as business, family matters, health, sports, etc., implies henceforth action on a large scale in which the States must take a direct responsibility, as the Manila Declaration indicates,

Estimating conservatively, on the basis of tourism and demographic data, that such movements will grow at an ever-increasing rate, and irreversibly so, given the unquestionable repercussions on social and labour legislation of developments in industrial technology and the economy,

1. Deduces that governments will become increasingly committed as a result of this situation to ensuring that all operational branches of tourism are soundly and viably managed and coordinated, so that all layers of the population may fruitfully benefit from their holidays;

Aware that national tourism administrations should not be considered as minor, marginal ones in the life of the nation but, on the contrary, deserve full recognition as being responsible for an important socio-economic, cultural and political sector of national life,

2. Invites the States Members of the Organization to examine in the context of their Constitutions and their social, economic and political systems all appropriate measures for granting national tourism administrations the authority, powers and resources required for discharging their responsibilities fully and in the most direct and effective manner, in the spirit of the Manila Declaration;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to initiate an inquiry into the situation for its guidance and to report on the matter at its sixth session.

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A/RES/124(V)

Technical cooperation activities
of the Organization

Agenda item 6 (document A/5/6)

The General Assembly,

Making reference to that part of the introduction to the progress report of the Secretary-General (October 1981 to September 1983) which deals with technical cooperation,

Noting that tourism does not benefit as much as it should from multilateral technical and financial assistance,

Noting further the limited involvement of the Organization, as an executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme, in a great many tourism projects, particularly in the field of vocational training,

Believing that, as the Organization's Executive Council has frequently recommended, the States should call on the services of WTO wherever possible as an executing agency for technical cooperation projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme and other multilateral and bilateral sources of financing, in order that WTO may fulfil the central and decisive role accorded to it by the General Assembly of the United Nations,

1. Invites the States Members of the Organization and of the United Nations to entrust WTO with the execution of technical cooperation projects in all fields of tourism, excluding specific cases where there might be justification for not complying with this wish, since the Organization is continuously active in those field and is recognized as having accumulated knowledge, qualifications and expertise therein;
2. Expresses the hope that the States concerned will heed this call, which is aimed solely at ensuring that all countries in receipt of technical cooperation of all kinds obtain the skilled services of the intergovernmental organization which those same States created to operate in all fields of tourism, including that of technical cooperation;
3. Takes note of the Secretary-General's comments on the procedures and functioning of the international machinery for multilateral technical cooperation, which are currently the subject of consultations within the competent bodies of the United Nations;
4. Emphasizes that, at a time when austerity prevails in the operations of the United Nations Development Programme, funds allocated to sectoral support missions are providing help with considerable effectiveness to the States Members of WTO in all fields of tourism;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme of the desire of the States Members of the Organization that the latter may continue to be allocated such funds for sectoral support, but in even larger measure;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to take all the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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A/RES/125(V)

WTO's central and decisive role in the field of tourism

Agenda item 6 (document A/5/6)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that under the terms of resolution 2529(XXIV) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 5 December 1969 the World Tourism Organization achieved recognition of its central and decisive role in the field of tourism,

Recalling also that the content of the aforementioned resolution has on numerous occasions been endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in subsequent resolutions,^{1/}

^{1/}Resolutions 2802(XXVI), 32/157, 33/122, 34/134 and 36/41.

Referring to the part of the Secretary-General's report concerning the various activities engaged in by certain intergovernmental bodies in the field of tourism,

Considering that such isolated and unilateral initiatives result in repetitious and overlapping and, hence, a waste of human and financial resources,

Aware of the consequences of this situation not only for the Organization, which has been vested by the international community with the central and decisive responsibility for tourism, but also for the international system as a whole, whose efficient functioning is thereby impaired,

Recalling the concern expressed on several occasions by the Executive Council and the Secretary-General of the Organization about this state of affairs,

Convinced of the need for an appropriate form of cooperation, coordinated by WTO, to preclude such distortions and overlapping of activities in all fields of tourism both at the universal level and within the various regions,

Anxious that the Organization should fulfil in their entirety the terms of reference conferred upon it by its member States,

1. Reaffirms the central and decisive role of WTO in the field of tourism, as recognized by the highest body of the intergovernmental system;
 2. Invites the States Members of the Organization to act at the level of the intergovernmental organizations of which they are Members, by the means they deem most appropriate, to foster recognition of the Organization's major responsibility in the field of tourism in every appropriate instance;
 3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with transmitting the text of this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, requesting his good offices to bring it to the attention of the United Nations General Assembly;
 4. Further entrusts the Secretary-General with taking all the necessary steps, within the limits of the statutory provisions, rules and regulations of the Organization, to ensure that WTO can fulfil its central and decisive role in the field of tourism in cooperation, wherever appropriate, with other partners whose contribution cannot fail to be appreciated provided it is made within the context of sound and constructive cooperation.
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A/RES/126(V)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 7 (documents A/5/7, A/5/7 Add.1
and A/5/7 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Anxious to ensure the achievement of the statutory aims of the Organization and to enable it to enhance its universal role,

Taking into account the provisions of Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Statutes concerning membership of the Organization,

Having examined the applications for full, associate and affiliate membership contained in the documents submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

1. Decides to admit to full membership the People's Republic of China;
2. Decides to admit the following bodies to affiliate membership under Article 7(4) of the Statutes:
 - (1) Arusha International Conference Centre (Tanzania)
 - (2) Centre international de formation de cadres en prévention et protection (Tunisia)
 - (3) Cross Keys Travel Services (Nigeria)
 - (4) Department of Hotel, Catering and Tourism Management - University of Surrey (United Kingdom)
 - (5) William S. Doyle and Company, Inc. (United States)
 - (6) Egyptian General Authority for the Promotion of Tourism
 - (7) Hawkins and Associates, Inc. (United States)
 - (8) Hentsch et Cie. (Switzerland)
 - (9) Hotel President (India)
 - (10) Instituto de Capacitación Turística (INCATUR) (Venezuela)
 - (11) Iran National Airlines Corporation
 - (12) Office de tourisme et syndicat d'initiative de la ville de Nice (France)
 - (13) Organización de Turismo Estudiantil y Juvenil de Venezuela
 - (14) Patronato Municipal de Turismo de Madrid (Spain)
 - (15) The Tourist Magazine (Nigeria)
 - (16) Travel Agents Association of Pakistan;
3. Takes note of the withdrawal from the Organization of the State of Bahrain with effect from 1 February 1984;
4. Notes that the following have ceased to be Affiliate Members of the Organization:
 - (1) American Express Company (United States)
 - (2) ARTOU, Assistance en Recherche Touristique (Switzerland)
 - (3) Asociación Argentina de Agencias de Viajes y Turismo
 - (4) Asociación Ecuatoriana de Agencias de Viajes y Turismo (ASECUT)

- (5) Caribbean Tourism Association
 - (6) Conseil international des monuments et des sites (ICOMOS)
 - (7) Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI) (Italy)
 - (8) Evergreen Cabs Ltd. (Tanzania)
 - (9) Fédération nationale des offices de tourisme et syndicats d'initiative (FNOTSI) (France)
 - (10) Fomento del Turismo de Mallorca (Spain)
 - (11) Hotel Association of Nepal
 - (12) Institut international de recherche camping-caravanning (Italy)
 - (13) Inso (Sistemi per le Infrastrutture Sociali S.p.A.) (Italy)
 - (14) International Air Carrier Association (IACA)
 - (15) International Civil Airports Association (ICAA)
 - (16) Internacional de Ingeniería y Estudios Técnicos, S.A. (INTECSA) (Spain)
 - (17) Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Aeronáutico y del Espacio y de la Aviación Comercial
 - (18) Mercantile Tours (Ceylon) (Sri Lanka)
 - (19) Metz Consulting Corporation (Switzerland)
 - (20) Oberoi Hotels (I) pvt. Ltd. (India)
 - (21) Olympic Airways (Greece)
 - (22) Servicio Confederal de Turismo (Spain)
 - (23) San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau (United States)
 - (24) Setec tourisme international (France)
 - (25) Sitara Travel Consultants Ltd. (Pakistan)
 - (26) Sri Lanka Railway Tourist Service
 - (27) Turkish Airlines
 - (28) Travel Agents Association of India
 - (29) Travel Walji's Limited (Pakistan)
 - (30) Walt Disney Productions (United States)
 - (31) Ziff Corporation (United States);
5. Decides that the following three Affiliate Members, which cannot be traced, should cease to be included in the list of Affiliate Members of the Organization:
- (1) Charles Smrodyni and Associates (Spain)
 - (2) Instant Travel Inc. (United States)
 - (3) Asociación Interamericana de Instituciones de Enseñanza Turística y Hotelera, A.C.; and
6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing his approaches to States which are not yet members of the Organization with a view to securing their accession so that they may participate in the joint effort of the international community to ensure the harmonious development of world tourism.
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A/RES/127(V)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 8 (documents A/5/8
and A/5/8 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted to it by the Credentials Committee, appointed in accordance with rule 13(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure,

Approves the said report.

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A/RES/128(V)

Interim administrative accounts
for the financial year 1983

Agenda item 9(a) (documents A/5/9(a)
and A/5/9(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General in presenting documents A/5/9(a) and A/5/9(a) Add.1,

Bearing in mind that those documents are for information purposes,

1. Takes due account of the information they contain on the financial situation of the Organization at 30 September 1983;
2. Emphasizes that delays in the payment of contributions to the Organization have been detrimental to the execution of the general programme of work of the Organization;
3. Recalls that the thirty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly drew the attention of States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to the serious problems resulting from delays in the payment of contributions;
4. Urges the Members of the Organization to observe with the utmost rigour the statutory provisions and regulations governing the Organization's financial affairs, particularly in regard to the time of payment of contributions, as laid down in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules, to ensure, in the interest of the Members of WTO, that the execution of the programme and other activities of the Secretariat is in no way hampered by shortage of funds; and

5. Urges the States and Affiliate Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions for previous years to work out the most suitable formulas for meeting their financial commitments, reaching the necessary agreement with the Secretary-General, so that they can readily bear the payment of the sums in question.
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A/RES/129(V)

Auditors' report and administrative accounts
for the financial year 1982

Agenda item 9(b) (document A/5/9(b))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Auditors' report and administrative accounts for the financial year 1982,

1. Takes note of the said report and audited administrative accounts;
 2. Invites the Members of the Organization to ratify as soon as possible the amendment to paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, in order to alleviate partially the situation resulting from delays in the payment of contributions;
 3. Requests the Executive Council to study all other measures for improving the situation experienced in previous years, so that the Organization may draw on its appropriations for the implementation of its programmes and activities; and
 4. Thanks the Auditors for their work.
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A/RES/130(V)

Auditors' report and administrative accounts
for the financial year 1981

Agenda item 9(c) (document A/5/9(c))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Auditors' report and administrative accounts for the financial year 1981,

1. Takes note of the said report and audited administrative accounts; and
 2. Thanks the Auditors for their work.
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A/RES/131(V)

Audited administrative accounts for the Organization's third financial period (1980-1981)

Agenda item 9(d) (document A/5/9(d))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report and the audited administrative accounts for the Organization's third financial period (1980-1981),

Expressing its concern over the delays during that financial period in the payment by Members of their contributions,

1. Takes note of the said report and audited administrative accounts; and
2. Thanks the Secretary-General for the satisfactory way in which the administrative accounts have been kept and for their clear presentation.

A/RES/132(V)

Assessment of the contributions of Affiliate Members for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 9(e) (document A/5/9(e))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the contributions of Affiliate Members for the period 1984-1985,

Decides to maintain the annual contributions of Affiliate Members at the previous level of 840 United States dollars.

A/RES/133(V)

Recommendations of the Executive Council concerning requests for exemption from or deferral of contribution payments

Agenda item 9(f) (documents A/5/9(f) and A/5/9(f) Add.)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the communication of the Secretary-General concerning Members which have contribution arrears or are requesting contribution adjustments,

Having given due consideration to the various cases set forth in this resolution,

1. Decides to suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the following Members which have explicitly requested such a measure, viz. Mali, Ghana, and Peru;
 2. Also decides to endorse the proposal of the Executive Council to suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the following States which have requested exemption, viz. Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Gambia and Honduras;
 3. Further decides that Democratic Yemen, Gambia and Honduras should each announce the date on which they will be in a position to agree with the Secretary-General on a plan for discharging their debts;
 4. Agrees to suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the Federación Argentina de Hoteles, Restaurantes, Confiterías, Bares y Afines, an Affiliate Member;
 5. Also agrees to the proposal of the Executive Council to entrust the Secretary-General with continuing the appropriate consultations with the Islamic Republic of Iran to determine more precisely the reasons why that State is seeking a contribution adjustment;
 6. Emphasizes that the foregoing measures proposed in respect of the Members concerned will restore to them their rights in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
 7. Decides to accede to the request of Costa Rica that, if by 1985 it has in fact accumulated arrears equal to two years' contributions, the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules not be applied to it;
 8. Specifies that the reinstatement of the full rights of the aforementioned Members relates to the period between one General Assembly and the next, except in those cases where the Council recommends that the measure of suspension should be extended until such time as the States in question announce that they have regained their financial capacity;
 9. Further specifies that the measure of suspension granted to the aforementioned States entails the resumption on their part of the prompt payment of their contributions as of the financial year 1984; and
 10. Entrusts the Secretary-General with establishing the terms of payment in each appropriate instance as part of a plan to recover the contribution arrears that are due.
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A/RES/134(V)

Amendment to Article 14 of the Statutes

Agenda item 10(a) (document A/5/10(a))

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 114(IV) by which it decided to invite Spain, in its capacity as host State of the Headquarters of the Organization, to sit on the Council as a privileged Member and requested the Secretary-General to initiate the procedure for amending the Statutes so as to create a seat on the Council for the host State, without thereby affecting the principle of just and equitable regional representation,

Having examined the draft amendment to Article 14 of the Statutes, as approved by the Executive Council in decision 8(XVIII) in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution, together with the modification made in this draft amendment during the discussions,

Observing that the Secretary-General has notified all the Members of the draft amendment to Article 14 of the Statutes proposed by the Executive Council, thereby observing the provisions of Article 33(1) of the Statutes, which reads, "Any suggested amendment to the present Statutes and its Annex shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General who shall circulate it to the Full Members at least six months before being submitted to the consideration of the Assembly",

1. Adopts the said amendment to the Organization's Statutes, the text of which is contained in the Annex to this resolution and which will come into force for all Members when two-thirds of the member States have notified the Depositary Government of their approval, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Statutes;
2. Requests the President of the fifth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the Organization to sign two copies of this resolution, one copy to be transmitted to the Spanish Government as Depositary of the Statutes and the other to be retained in the Organization's files.

ANNEXArticle 14

- "1. bis. The host State of the Headquarters of the Organization shall have a permanent additional seat on the Executive Council, which shall be unaffected by the procedure laid down in paragraph 1 above concerning the geographical distribution of Council seats."
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A/RES/135(V)

Amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes

Agenda item 10(a) (documents A/5/10(a)
and A/5/10(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 115(IV) by which it reaffirmed the principle that the terms of office of the Council would not be immediately renewable on expiration, as already expressed in resolution 45(II), and by which it entrusted the Secretary-General with submitting to it a proposed amendment to introduce this principle into the Organization's Statutes,

Having considered the draft amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes, as approved by the Executive Council in decision 9(XVIII) in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution, together with the modifications made in this draft amendment by a member State,

Observing that the Secretary-General has notified all the Members of the draft amendment to Article 15 of the Statutes proposed by the Executive Council, thereby observing the provisions of Article 33(1) of the Statutes which reads, "Any suggested amendment to the Statutes and its Annex shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General who shall circulate it to the Full Members at least six months before being submitted to the consideration of the Assembly",

1. Adopts the said amendment to the Organization's Statutes, the text of which is contained in the Annex to this resolution and which will come into force for all Members when two-thirds of the member States have notified the Depositary Government of their approval, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Statutes;
2. Requests the President of the fifth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the Organization to sign two copies of this resolution, one copy to be transmitted to the Spanish Government as Depositary of the Statutes and the other to be retained in the Organization's files.

ANNEX

Article 15

"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/136(V)

Guidelines recommended for negotiating with member States
in connection with holding meetings of the Organization
in the territories of its member States

Agenda item 10(b) (document A/5/10(b))

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 98(IV) by which it considered that the draft Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of WTO in the territories of its member States should be discussed within the framework of a diplomatic conference,

Having taken note of document A/5/10(b) prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of decision 11(XIX) of the Executive Council,

Recognizing the relevance of the considerations contained in the document, and

Bearing in mind the various observations made by member States on this subject,

1. Decides to endorse the recommendation submitted to it by the Executive Council not to hold a diplomatic conference; and
 2. Approves the Annex to document A/5/10(b) entitled, "List of guidelines recommended for negotiating with member States in connection with holding meetings of the Organization in the territories of its member States".
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A/RES/137(V)

Status of the representatives of the States
Members of WTO accredited to the Secretary-General

Agenda item 11(a) (document A/5/11(a))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the negotiations under way with the Spanish Government with a view to concluding an addendum to the Convention of 10 November 1975 between the Organization and the Spanish Government to define the status of the representatives of States Members of WTO accredited to the Secretary-General,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing these negotiations and keeping the Executive Council informed thereof.

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A/RES/138(V)

Cooperation agreements and working arrange-
ments with other international organizations

Agenda item 11(b) (document A/5/11(b))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the arrangement of consultation and cooperation between the World Tourism Organization and the World Health Organization (WHO) concluded on 26 July 1982 and 8 November 1982,

Approves the said arrangement of consultation and cooperation in accordance with the provisions of Article 12(1) of the Organization's Statutes.

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A/RES/139(V)

WTO's role and responsibility in the
field of tourist facilitation

Agenda item 11(c) (document A/5/11(c))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report on steps towards a review of the United Nations Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring,

Noting that the most appropriate formula would be to request the United Nations to convene a diplomatic conference for this purpose, as provided for in Article 23 of the said Convention,

Judging, nevertheless, that such a practice would entail a lengthy wait owing to the particularly heavy timetable of conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations,

Having noted that the Kyoto Convention of the Customs Cooperation Council includes a section F.3 dealing with customs facilities for travellers, which is entirely consistent with the customs facilities granted to tourists, though additional liberalization would be needed to improve the allowances provided for in that text,

1. Decides not to initiate the procedure with the United Nations for convening a conference to review the 1954 Convention concerning Customs Facilities;
2. Requests the Secretary-General, after hearing the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee, to initiate the necessary consultations with the Customs Cooperation Council to determine how it will be possible to liberalize the provisions of section F.3 of the Kyoto Convention; and
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to inform member States of the steps taken so that they may, for their part, adopt the most appropriate positions to ensure that the action taken to improve the text of the Convention of the Customs Cooperation Council best reflects the interests of travellers and tourists in particular.

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A/RES/140

General programme of work for the period 1982-1983

Agenda item 12 (documents A/5/12 and A/5/12 Add.B.1.1., Add.B.1.2., Add.B.1.3., Add.B.1.4., Add.B.2.1.7., Add.B.2.2.1., Add.B.2.2.2., Add.B.3.1.2., Add.B.3.2.1., Add.B.3.2.2., Add.B.4.2.1., Add.B.4.2.2., Add.B.5.1.7., Add.B.5.2.1., Add.B.5.2.2., Add.B.6.2.1., Add.C.3.1., Add.C.3.2., Add.C.3.3., Add.C.3.4. and Add.C.3.5.)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the results of the activities carried out under the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1982-1983,

Bearing in mind that the Organization's programmes are an essential means of implementing,, collectively and universally, the recommendations contained in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism as confirmed by the Acapulco Document,

Considering that these activities have enabled the Organization to play an ever more operational role while not neglecting the basic research which is essential to a proper understanding of the many dimensions of the present-day tourism phenomenon,

Considering also that the contacts and exchanges made possible through the general programme of work have enabled all countries, especially those developing their tourism, to benefit from the dissemination of knowledge upon a universal basis,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the timely completion of the programme and the improvement in the quality of the studies and handbooks prepared;
2. Expresses the wish that transfers of knowledge continue to be effected through the Organization's programmes;
3. Emphasizes the need to ensure practical application of the results of research undertaken in the 1982-1983 programmes;
4. Stresses the importance of furnishing models in this regard which can be implemented by centrally planned as well as market economy and other countries and which also furnish the necessary problem-solving guidance for the developing countries;
5. Expresses its appreciation of the beneficial and positive co-operation achieved in the execution of the programme with various international organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental;
6. Suggests that such cooperation might serve as a model for future action, so as to eliminate overlap and unnecessary duplication which at times have prevented the Organization from playing the decisive and central role in world tourism which has been assigned to it by the international community;

7. Emphasizes that the Organization is the agency through which future universal action in the field of tourism can and must be concentrated;
8. Further notes with satisfaction the Organization's contribution to the development of tourism and the accession of new layers of the population to travel and holidays, through technical cooperation financed by multilateral cooperation agencies, notably the United Nations Development Programme;
9. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts made by the Secretary-General to strengthen the operational activities of the Organization during the period 1982-1983 and of the results so far obtained;
10. Recognizes the importance of operational activities as a means to help developing countries to undertake continuous monitoring of their respective development efforts in the field of tourism;
11. Underlines the need to develop, in future, suitable criteria for assessing the effectiveness and evaluating the overall results of the various forms of assistance provided in the framework of the operational activities of the Organization;
12. Expresses its appreciation of the value of the results achieved through sectoral support missions financed by UNDP and which, inter alia, contributed to a better identification of the needs of developing countries and to the provision of technical assistance in priority areas;
13. Considers that such sectoral support activities should be maintained, if not increased, in the future;
14. Urges Members to participate more actively, within their Regional Commissions, in the choice of the themes for technical meetings so that they better reflect their tourism needs and priorities;
15. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the quality of studies and operations is improved through a more rigorous choice of the consultants entrusted with them.

Development of leisure time and the
right to holidays (B.1.1.)

Considering the role which paid holidays play as basic to the modern tourism market,

Bearing in mind the qualitative and quantitative information furnished in this study concerning leisure time and the right to holidays,

Considering that the right to holidays is referred to in sixty-five national constitutions,

Having regard to the fact that between 1,500 million and 1,700 million individuals throughout the world benefit from the social measure of leave with pay,

Considering furthermore that the number of beneficiaries could rapidly rise to 2,000 million individuals,

16. Proposes the following measures for implementation by States:

- (a) to plan a reasonable increase in the number of days of leave with pay insofar as economic and social conditions allow;
- (b) to adopt or standardize legislation and regulations so as to embody the new responsibilities laid down in the Manila Declaration and the Acapulco Document;
- (c) to draft plans for the development and promotion of domestic, family, youth, cultural and social tourism;
- (d) to improve methods of collection of statistics concerning leave with pay, number of beneficiaries and percentage of free time devoted to holiday and leisure travel;
- (e) to survey the needs and motivations of those who take holidays and those who do not;
- (f) to reduce utilization costs of tourism plant by elimination of obstacles which lead to bottlenecks, peaks and saturation,

17. Furthermore proposes the following measures for action by the Organization:

- (a) to take all appropriate measures to play a decisive role in the development of world tourism;
- (b) to pursue efforts aimed at dissemination of the concepts and ideas contained in the Manila Declaration and reaffirmed by the Acapulco Document, endeavouring in particular to exert influence on various sections of the community, such as the teaching profession, the trade unions, parliamentary circles, public opinion and the media;
- (c) to continue to study in future work programmes the relation that exists between leisure time and holiday taken, not only among employees but also among other groups, such as housewives, the farming community and retired people;
- (d) if so requested, to assist countries in developing their legislation on leisure time and leave with pay;
- (e) to submit this study for further consideration to the Regional Commissions.

Summary of developments in the fields of world economy, demography and energy: prospects for tourism (B.1.2.)

Recognizing the value of a clearer understanding of the constraints as well as accelerating factors of tourism development,

Considering that this study has enabled the significance of certain variables for tourism growth to be more precisely evaluated,

18. Notes that the models developed in the study may also serve for forecasting future growth of the holiday and leisure market and could be refined by the use of additional variables or analytical techniques;
19. Invites the Secretary-General to make appropriate practical use of the models developed in the Organization's future forecasting and statistical activities.

New concepts of tourism's role in modern society: possible development models (B.1.3.)

Bearing in mind the importance of developing suitable models whereby tourism can occupy its appropriate place in present-day society,

Stressing that such models will be inspired by understanding of tourism's contribution on the social, cultural, educational, economic and political levels, as emphasized in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism and confirmed by the Acapulco Document,

Recognizing also that preparation for tourism is a matter not only for States but also for citizens,

20. Urges States to take all possible steps to promote awareness of the new concepts of tourism and to introduce them into teaching and vocational training material so as to ensure the necessary preparation for tourism of all layers of society.

The framework of the State's responsibility for the management of tourism (B.1.4.)

Recognizing the importance of defining the new responsibilities of States in the field of tourism so as to progressively implement the concepts of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism,

Bearing in mind that this will require the discarding of outworn approaches and the adoption of new policies with regard to tourism,

21. Emphasizes that the strengthening of institutions with responsibility for tourism will play a vital role in this process, as will the development of the coordinating, legislative, planning and especially the financial functions of States;

22. Urges States therefore to take the necessary steps progressively to assume the necessary responsibilities by laying particular emphasis on the creation of financial bodies to channel funds from the public sector to tourism development projects;
23. Invites the Secretary-General to give priority in the Organization's future programmes to study the appropriate organizational structures necessary for assuming these responsibilities.

World tourism (B.1.5.)

Considering the importance of charting tourism trends, both quantitative and qualitative, in the six regions of WTO,

Noting also the desirability of monitoring the development of tourism policies and the expansion of areas of competence of national tourism administrations as regards both domestic and international tourism,

24. Expresses its satisfaction that six regional tourism monographs have been prepared with a view to their examination by the WTO Regional Commissions concerned;
25. Recommends that these monographs should be published as a collection together with a short introduction under the title World Tourism;
26. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the necessary action in this regard.

Report on the budgets of national
tourism administrations (NTAs) (B.2.1.7.)

Considering the importance of having reliable and comparable information on the budgets granted to NTAs to perform their respective tasks for the promotion and the development of tourism,

Noting further that the development of such budgets reflects the growing responsibility of NTAs and their adaptation to the new responsibilities incumbent upon them as a result of the progressive implementation of the concepts of the Manila Declaration,

27. Expresses its satisfaction with the provisional document submitted by the Secretary-General containing information about the 1981-1983 budgets of the NTAs which have so far replied to questionnaire SG/123;
28. Entrusts the Secretary-General with revising and completing the document so as to take account of replies received from NTAs by 15 November 1983 and with distributing the resulting document to all Members of the Organization;

29. Invites the Secretary-General to establish fresh guidelines for the preparation of this report in the 1984-1985 biennium so as to evaluate, so far as possible, the total tourism promotional efforts of each country, as well as compiling detailed data on the budgets of NTAs.

Concept and production innovations of
the tourism product (B.2.2.1.)

Bearing in mind the importance of innovation in tourism product design so as to encourage wider access to tourism,

30. Notes with interest the various proposals put forward in this study for innovations in the various components of tourism;
31. Notes further that in the current world economic and social conditions innovation depends largely on making the most efficient use of existing resources and finding new ways of using old resources;

Considering that further work on this subject would be desirable,

32. Notes the possible interest of this subject as a theme for technical meetings at regional level.

Prospects for restructuring tourist
flows, destinations and markets (B.2.2.2.)

Mindful of the existing unequal distribution of tourist flows throughout the world,

Aware of the need to take all possible steps to promote redistribution of tourist flows, including the creation of new tourist destinations especially in the developing regions and countries,

33. Notes with satisfaction that the trend towards redistribution of tourist flows, already observed in previous studies of the Organization, is continuing;
34. Observes, however, that this trend is gradual and long term;

Having regard to the imbalance detected by this study between beneficiaries of leave with pay and those who actually take holidays in the non-industrialized countries,

35. Calls upon the governments concerned to take steps to correct this imbalance by all means at their disposal, with the support and solidarity of the international community;
36. Notes the possible interest of this subject as a theme for future regional technical meetings.

Report on the development of the
accommodation sector (B.3.1.2.)

Bearing in mind the need to have available reliable and comparable information on the development of the accommodation sector, its occupancy rates and the seasonal fluctuations in the use made of both conventional and supplementary means of accommodation,

37. Notes with interest the detailed information on all aspects of the accommodation sector furnished in this report;
38. Stresses the vital role played by the existence of suitable forms of accommodation in broadening access to domestic and international tourism;
39. Recommends that the next edition of the report should include information on tourism accommodation projects implemented by States together with details of their funding.

Adapting new technologies to tourism:
remote data processing as a case study
among others (B.3.2.1.)

Conscious of the value of applying new technologies to tourism, in particular so as to improve and accelerate the process of tourism documentation and information,

Aware, however, of the dangers of dependence that can arise for the developing countries as a result of over-rapid or inappropriate application of new technology,

Aware, too, that the implementation of new technologies depends on their acceptability to the public at large,

40. Notes with interest and satisfaction the study prepared on this subject;
41. Believes that the Organization is well-placed to assist in the solution of problems raised by and the use of opportunities afforded by new technologies;
42. Notes the relevance of the new procedure of consultation and negotiation envisaged for the 1984-1985 programme to the formulation by the Organization of informal or standard-setting recommendations on the subject of information technology;
43. Invites the Secretary-General to examine the possibility of the Organization's functioning as an information clearing-house on the subject of new technologies applicable to tourism;
44. Recommends that the Organization should act as a focal point for exchanges of experience between countries on the strategies and approaches to new technology;
45. Further recommends that the Organization seek opportunities of furthering the north-south dialogue by:

- (a) including information technology in its vocational training courses designed for tourism personnel;
- (b) continuing to provide assistance to developing countries through technical cooperation projects involving information technology so as to favour transfers of technology and know-how on this subject under appropriate conditions.

Tourism and employment: enhancing the status of tourism professions (B.3.2.2.)

Bearing in mind that a great effort has yet to be made towards the upgrading of the status of tourism professions,

Recognizing that this relates to both the prestige enjoyed by members of tourism professions and their employment conditions,

Considering also that enhancement of tourism professions is an indispensable step towards the achievement of aims set forth in the Manila Declaration and confirmed by the Acapulco Document,

46. Recommends the holding during the 1984-1985 biennium, as part of the Organization's operational activities, of a Seminar on tourism professions at which this study, and the self-assessment procedure it contains, could be used as a working document.

Study on tourism's contribution to protecting the environment (B.4.2.1.)

Bearing in mind 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,

Considering further that tourism's negative effects hitherto tended to receive more attention than its positive effects,

47. Takes note with satisfaction of the new insight provided into this subject by the present study;
48. Recognizes that the views expressed in this study are entirely consistent with the position taken by the Secretary-General of WTO and the Executive Director of UNEP in 1982 in their joint Declaration;
49. Underlines the importance of the role to be played by WTO and UNEP in future in promoting greater awareness of the environmental aspects of tourism;
50. Commends the guidelines in this study especially to tourism planners;
51. Invites States which have not done so to communicate to the Secretariat case studies identifying tourism's beneficial effects on the environment;
52. Notes also the interest of this study for the work of the Environment Committee.

Risks of saturation or tourist carrying capacity
overload in holiday destinations (B.4.2.2.)

Recognizing the dangers of saturation or carrying capacity overload for holiday destinations from the standpoint of both tourists, local residents and the natural environment,

Considering that difficulties have arisen in properly evaluating tourist saturation owing to the lack of internationally accepted criteria and standards,

53. Notes with satisfaction the information furnished by the Secretary-General on this subject in this study;
54. Notes also the various methods proposed so as to measure carrying capacity, and their application both to initial planning and to correction of overload situations;
55. Recognizes, however, that a wider exchange of experience is required before the Organization is in a position to recommend specific criteria for the evaluation of carrying capacity;
56. Invites countries to make available to the Secretary-General the results of their experience in carrying capacity evaluation, using both the concepts set forth in the study and other approaches which they may have developed;
57. Notes the interest of this subject as a possible theme for technical meetings at regional level;
58. Notes also the interest of this study for the work of the Environment Committee.

Economic Review of World Tourism (B.5.1.7.)

Recognizing the importance of periodically monitoring tourism's position in international trade and national economies and of identifying and evaluating the quantitative and qualitative factors underlying its development,

Recognizing further that tourism's economic contribution to national and international development is witnessed not only in the economic and financial sphere but also in the social, cultural, educational and political fields,

59. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for making available in the Economic Review a wide-ranging reference on both domestic and international tourism.

Determination of the importance of tourism as
an economic activity within the framework of
the national accounting system (B.5.2.1.)

Recognizing the need to create a new framework for the economic evaluation of domestic and international tourism so as properly to reflect the global approach inherent in the Manila Declaration,

Aware that only such a framework, integrated within the national accounting system, will enable homogeneous, global and reliable comparisons to be made between tourism and other sectors of the national economy,

Conscious that the use of outdated methods can only understate the true importance of tourism,

Aware, too, that as the tertiary (service) sector of which tourism is a significant part, develops, so adjustments will need to be made to national accounting systems,

60. Commends the Secretary-General for the timeliness of the present study;
61. Invites States to make known the comments of their national experts on the methodology proposed;
62. Entrusts the Secretary-General with circulating this study to interested international organizations so as to seek their views;
63. Recommends the establishment of a working party composed of experts from both the developed and the developing countries to assist the Secretary-General in considering the proposals in more detail and in formulating recommendations for future action;
64. Suggests that such a working party might hold its first meeting during 1984;
65. Notes the interest in this regard of the study included in the programme budget for 1984-1985 concerning tourism's place in the input-output tables of the national economy;
66. Notes also the interest for future programmes of undertaking a similar study adapted to the needs of countries employing the net material product system.

Domestic and international tourism's
contribution to State revenue (B.5.2.2.)

Considering the interest of States in evaluating domestic and international tourism's contribution to the economy of each country and to its tax revenue in particular,

Having regard to the various classes of State revenue from tourism identified in this study,

Noting that in certain developing countries State revenue from tourism may reach or exceed 50 per cent, while in industrialized tourist-receiving countries State revenue is in general around 5 per cent,

67. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the high quality of this study and the useful insights provided by it;
68. Recommends that the Secretariat continue to gather information on this subject so as to identify possible areas for future research;
69. Notes also the interest of the theme for technical meetings at regional level.

Appraisal and social value of investments
in domestic tourism (B.6.2.1.)

Bearing in mind the desirability of evaluating investment in domestic tourism from a social standpoint in the light of the precepts of the Manila Declaration,

Considering the importance of taking into account the interests of both investors, representatives of local populations and tourists/users in carrying out such evaluations,

Noting the preliminary considerations set forth in this study on this subject,

Aware of the need to evaluate additional material in order to reach useful conclusions and develop suitable models,

70. Therefore invites States to submit to the Secretariat case study material which may be at their disposal so that further consideration may be given to this subject in future.

Methodologies for carrying out sample
surveys on tourism (C.3.1.)

Recalling the need for each State to have constant access to reliable up-to-date information on trends in the domestic and international tourism market,

Noting that the traditional methods of collecting tourism statistics, such as frontier controls and hotel registers, are proving increasingly inadequate, not only in the industrialized countries but also in the developing countries,

Acknowledging that the surveys described in the handbook on the conduct of statistical surveys in the field of tourism constitute a minimum survey programme which could be carried out in both the developing and developed countries,

71. Invites the member States to explore the possibility of conducting such surveys in their countries and to ensure that there is coordination between the tourism authorities and the other professional associations and groups concerned to improve the effectiveness and reduce the costs of these surveys;
72. Recommends that the Organization continue its work in this field so as to harmonize the scope and methods of these surveys and improve the international comparability of the statistical data produced.

Organization and operation of the statistics
service within the national tourism adminis-
tration (NTA) (C.3.2.)

Noting that a great many of the industrialized and developing countries alike experience difficulties in collecting domestic and international statistics on a continuing basis and that, because of lack of coordination between the administrations concerned, duplication of effort and overlapping occur in the collection and dissemination of tourism statistics,

Acknowledging that, notwithstanding the basic role that statistics should play in the promotion and development of tourism, there is often a lack of awareness, particularly in the developing countries, of the importance of statistics, a lack which is chiefly reflected in the absence of an appropriate statistical infrastructure within the tourism administration,

73. Recommends that:

- (a) the criteria set forth in addendum C.3.2. be given wide distribution among all the member States;
- (b) national tourism administrations so far as possible use these criteria as a basis for examining the problems of organizing tourism statistics in their countries;
- (c) priority be given in future work to a review of the procedures to be adopted to solve the problems of coordinating activities in the field of tourism statistics among the various administrations concerned;
- (d) the organization of tourism statistics be included in the agendas of Regional Commissions and that particular emphasis be placed on the problems of statistical training for tourism;

74. Invites the member States to consider the adverse effects that lack of investment can have on the production of tourism statistics.

Comparability of tourism statistics
at regional and international levels:
focus on main problems (C.3.3.)

Recalling the need to improve the quality and comparability of domestic and international tourism statistics collected by member States,

Noting that the constant exchange of statistical information on tourism and comparable statistical methods among neighbouring countries at the regional or subregional level may help to standardize tourism statistics,

75. Recommends that member States:

- (a) adopt and implement WTO's recommendations for the harmonization of definitions, classifications and units of measurement, as contained in the Guidelines and other similar publications of the Organization;
- (b) include in their publications on tourism statistics comparative tables and summaries indicating, in the light of the quantitative and qualitative information available, to what extent their national definitions reflect international recommendations;
- (c) provide an estimate of those categories of travellers for tourism purposes that are not covered by their national statistics;

76. Entrusts the Secretary-General with facilitating the setting up of groups for bilateral, trilateral or multilateral consultation and negotiation with a view to adopting and applying common definitions, standards and practices for the collection of tourism statistics;

77. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue and strengthen technical cooperation and assistance activities concerning tourism statistics, in favour of the developing countries in particular, by the organization of operational missions or other appropriate means.

Techniques for preparing and
circulating tourism statistics (C.3.4)

Bearing in mind the growing importance attached by many of the developed and developing countries alike to the problems of automated processing and dissemination of tourism statistics,

Considering that WTO is required to play a basic role in promoting new institutional agreements for the dissemination, monitoring and exchange of statistical information on tourism,

78. Invites member States to take the necessary steps to improve their capacity for collecting, storing and processing tourism statistics, with particular reference to the use of appropriate modern techniques and methods;
79. Recommends to the member States that they adopt the necessary measures to reduce delays in the collection, processing and dissemination of tourism statistics and to ensure that they are regularly transmitted to the WTO Secretariat;
80. Invites the Secretary-General to explore for the future the possibility of setting up an automated device for the collection and processing of tourism statistics once their volume warrants it.

Definitions concerning tourism statistics (C.3.5.)

Acknowledging the need for member States to adopt the standards and definitions generally admitted for the establishment of domestic and international tourism statistics,

Noting that the definitions applied for the purposes of tourism statistics in certain of the industrialized and developing countries deviate from internationally recommended standards, a practice which hampers the regional and international comparability of tourism statistics,

81. Recommends to member States that they ensure the practical application of WTO's definitions as a whole in all statistical activities carried out for tourism purposes in their countries;
82. Requests the Secretary-General to:
 - (a) arrange for this study to be circulated to the national tourism administrations of member States and other bodies concerned at both the national and international level;
 - (b) submit the study on statistical definitions for tourism to the Regional Commissions;
 - (c) contemplate the possibility of carrying out other methodological studies on the standardized classification of travel motivations and the socio-economic characteristics and expenditure of travellers for tourism purposes.

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A/RES/141(V)

Programme budget of the Organization
for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 13 (documents A/5/13, A/5/13 Add.
and A/5/13 Corr.)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1984-1985, prepared by the Secretary-General (document A/5/13),

1. Notes with satisfaction that, respecting the principles of budgetary austerity which international organizations observe nowadays, the amount of the budget in current United States dollars is at the same level as that of the budget of the Organization for the period 1982-1983;
 2. Notes further that this praiseworthy effort of economy, while precluding any trend towards an increase in the financial resources of the Organization, does constitute a dynamic step in a period of transition;
 3. Appreciates the sustained and intensified operational character of the activities of the Organization provided for in the programme budget, which does not underestimate on that account the research and study aspects;
 4. Appreciates also the care taken in preparing the programme to ensure that acquired knowledge is transferred pragmatically and simply to the field for the benefit of the Organization's Members and of the developing countries in particular;
 5. Acknowledges that the global conception underlying the programme budget for the period 1984-1985 matches the concerns of the Organization and will make it possible to achieve the aims established within the general context of the Manila Declaration;
 6. Expresses the wish that the programme of work should concentrate on fewer subjects so as to enable more in-depth studies to be undertaken; and
 7. Approves the programme budget of the Organization for the period 1984-1985, as contained in document A/5/13, and consequently sets the total budget of the Organization for the financial period 1984-1985 at 8,998,600 dollars, viz. 4,475,300 dollars for the financial year 1984 and 4,523,300 dollars for the financial year 1985.
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A/RES/142(V)

Development of youth tourism

Agenda item 13

The General Assembly,

Having duly noted the decisions taken by the Regional Commissions and the Committee of Affiliate Members concerning the development of youth tourism,

Aware that youth tourism represents an important share of the overall tourism market and that in the present-day complex international situation the development of exchanges among young tourists plays a vital role in the acquisition by these young people of first-hand knowledge of the country visited which is a means to the establishment of links of friendship and education in a spirit of peace and mutual understanding,

Bearing in mind the fact that youth tourism, which is an integral part of social development, generally plays an essential role in educating the young generation and in developing the awareness of present-day youth of history, culture, arts and national traditions and therefore deserves the support of governments,

Recalling that the Manila Declaration on World Tourism strongly underscored the importance of developing youth tourism and called for research into new approaches to this development,

Recognizing the positive results obtained in the development of youth tourism and youth tourism group exchanges on both a monetary and non-monetary basis,

Considering that 1985 has been declared International Youth Year by the United Nations,

1. Recommends that youth tourism be incorporated into educational programmes for the young generation;
2. Recommends the States and all concerned bodies to set up joint youth exchange projects in the fields of culture, education and sports;
3. Appeals to member States, competent government institutions and national and international organizations concerned to take the appropriate measures to promote youth tourism and the exchange of groups of young tourists;
4. Decides that World Tourism Day 1985 should be devoted to youth tourism;

5. Considers that the findings of scientific research made so far should be taken into account when planning various measures aimed at the development of youth tourism which should be done in close cooperation among the competent bodies concerned by means of the consultation and negotiation mechanisms of WTO; and
 6. Welcomes an initiative by the Working Party on Youth Tourism of the Committee of Affiliate Members to prepare, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a report on the present state of youth tourism in various regions, its needs and the proposed actions to be taken by the States and all concerned bodies.
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A/RES/143(V)

Report on vocational training activities
in the field of tourism

Agenda item 14 (document A/5/14)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on vocational training activities in the field of tourism carried out by the Organization, as well as the various relevant statements by delegations on the subject,

1. Notes:

- (a) that tourism vocational training nowadays assumes absolute priority everywhere in the world;
- (b) that the former IUOTO and the present WTO have instigated this awareness from 1946 onwards;
- (c) that training for hotels and catering is based currently on proven and accepted concepts and criteria, whereas training for tourism still remains a field where lack of clear definition renders consistent tuition difficult;
- (d) that training for hotels and catering is aimed mainly at establishments in the higher category and that undertakings of medium size do not yet receive the necessary sustained attention as far as vocational training is concerned;
- (e) that tuition suffers in all cases, particularly at the higher and post-university levels, from an approach which is too strongly academic and lacks practical guidance for those who follow the courses and intend to enter tourism occupations;
- (f) that a large number of regionally-oriented teaching institutes offer very rewarding openings but do not receive the support essential for their operation, in terms of teachers and finance, and in some cases lack the appropriate number of students which they might expect;

- (g) that programmes of sectoral and specialized tuition are frequently not combined in a global context, for which reason, and also because of a certain lack of balance and harmonization, they are distorted in a detrimental way;
- (h) that requests on the part of developing countries, where vocational training is vital for the establishment and operation of training institutes and the granting of study scholarships, are not always met;
- (i) that in general, throughout the world and at all levels, vocational training lacks fundamental criteria, well-defined objectives and consistent guidelines for a form of tuition which, though pragmatically and directly tailored to each individual situation, is nevertheless comparable in basic essentials;

2. Invites the Members of the Organization, in view of this complex situation which calls for urgent solutions, especially for the developing countries, to respond in the best fashion to the communications and requests which they will receive from the Secretary-General, who is requested:

- (a) to continue the action determined by the General Assembly at its fourth session, also taking into account its earlier decisions on vocational training, with the following aims:
 - (i) to carry out a short-term programme with the use of CIEST in all appropriate cases and at the request of member States, based essentially on speedy means of action, keeping within the limits of budgetary resources and making use of external sources of finance to the greatest possible extent;
 - (ii) to formulate a global, long-term policy for vocational training, for which purpose all the necessary consultations should be undertaken with the Members of the Organization, the tourism management sector, the tourism teaching community at all levels, associations of professionals in tourism services and associations of teachers, such as the World Federation for Professional Training in Tourism;
- (b) to strengthen the Secretariat's Vocational Training Unit by internal reorganization, without creating new posts or exceeding budgeted appropriation;
- (c) to continue compiling the inventory of vocational training institutes worldwide and to disseminate the results widely among Members for their guidance, to use those institutes either as models or as places to send their nationals;

- (d) to carry out a systematic inquiry, at the international and national levels, into methods of partial and total financing for vocational training projects, an example of this being the use of non-convertible currency held by the United Nations Development Programme, which made possible the organization in Romania of study cycles for the African States;
- (e) to invite the States Members of the Organization and official circles to contribute, as they have generously offered, to WTO's efforts to achieve this aim;
- (f) to invite the States to introduce courses in their general curricula to impart knowledge of and popularize the diverse values of tourism, encouraging to this end the preparation of texts at the national level and, through consultation and assent, at the regional and interregional levels;
- (g) to investigate the granting of scholarships in vocational training for nationals of the developing countries by Members of the Organization and by university institutes for tourism tuition at advanced and medium levels;
- (h) to organize seminars for the training of trainers, within the limits of the budgetary allocations for CIEST or operations, taking into account that Morocco and France have declared their willingness to host such meetings;
- (i) to convene a technical meeting in 1984-1985, as foreseen, open to teaching institutes throughout the world, to compare programmes and methods of instruction in order to improve progressively the necessary integration and harmonization of vocational training in a spirit of dynamic innovation on the lines of the Manila Declaration; and

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this priority matter at its sixth session.

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A/RES/144(V)

Operational implementation of the Manila Declaration
on World Tourism: World Tourism Meeting, Acapulco

Agenda item 15 (document A/5/15)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Tourism Meeting held at Acapulco in August 1982 at the invitation of the Mexican Government,

1. Expresses its great satisfaction with the findings of this international Meeting, as contained in the Acapulco Document attached to the document circulated under this agenda item;
2. Considers that the aims set for the progressive implementation of the criteria and concepts of the Manila Declaration have been achieved positively and satisfactorily;
3. Invites the Members of the Organization to draw their inspiration, wherever appropriate and with due respect for their political, economic and social constitutional systems, from the recommendations and possible solutions set forth by the World Tourism Meeting in the Acapulco Document;
4. Acknowledges that the World Tourism Meeting has brought clarification that is both useful and necessary if the Manila Declaration is to achieve, consistently and positively, the noble aims it has set for the international community in the field of tourism;
5. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Mexican Government for its generous hospitality as host of the Meeting and for its great contribution, through the working conditions offered to delegations, to the constructive achievement of the aims set;
6. Expresses its satisfaction at the progress made in implementing the criteria and concepts of the Manila Declaration in accordance with the recommendations of the Acapulco Document;
7. Commends the States which have already taken appropriate and useful steps to this end;
8. Considers, nevertheless, that suitable initiatives and keener effort will always be needed to ensure that the Manila Declaration is implemented throughout the world;
9. Urges the Organization's Members to adopt dynamic approaches and assume the inevitable responsibilities involved in an innovative spirit so as to enable tourism to achieve its full, global potential in the interest of all layers of the population, thus enabling them to satisfy their right to holidays; and
10. Invites the Members of the Organization to inform the Secretary-General of any measures they take in the forthcoming period 1984-1985, so that an analytical report may be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixth session with a view to considering other appropriate forms of cooperation for the progressive implementation of the Manila Declaration in accordance with the recommendations and proposals of the Acapulco Document.

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A/RES/145(V)

Operational implementation of the Manila Declaration
on World Tourism: World Tourism Meeting, Acapulco

Agenda item 15

The General Assembly,

Deeply deploring the fact that a Korean Air Lines civil aircraft in commercial international service was destroyed on September 1, 1983 by Soviet military aircraft resulting in the deaths of 269 passengers and crew members,

Expressing its deepest sympathy to the families of those who were killed in this tragic incident which invokes generally recognized legal consequences,

Declaring that the use of armed force against international civil aviation is incompatible with the norms governing international behaviour and considerations of humanity,

Noting with appreciation the decision of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization on September 16, 1983 to institute an immediate investigation based on the Chicago Convention and its Annexes to determine the facts and technical aspects relating to the flight and destruction of this civil aircraft and to examine the provisions of the Chicago Convention, its Annexes and other related documents in order to avoid a repetition of such an incident,

Reaffirming, as stated in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 1980, that tourism stands out as a positive and ever-present factor in promoting mutual knowledge and understanding and as a basis for reaching a greater level of respect and confidence among all the peoples of the world,

1. Urges all parties to cooperate fully in the ICAO investigation in order to strengthen the safety of international civil aviation and to avoid a repetition of the use of armed force against civil aircraft;
2. Directs the Secretary-General to bring this resolution, and the concern of WTO Members that it conveys regarding the potential widespread damage to international tourism activities caused by this loss of life, to the immediate attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for dissemination to all member States of the United Nations;
3. Decides, consistent with the fundamental aims of the WTO as set forth in Article 3 of the Statutes of the Organization and in accordance with the principles of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 1980, in particular paragraph 5, that such actions are a constraint on the development of tourism, which must be eliminated.

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A/RES/146(V)

Report on World Tourism Day

Agenda item 16 (documents A/5/16 and A/5/16 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having duly taken note of the documents submitted to it by the Secretary-General under this agenda item,

Having heard the statements of various delegations on the steps taken in 1983 in their respective countries to celebrate World Tourism Day,

Considering with satisfaction the growing support for this event by all spheres of national and international life and its positive effects in creating public awareness of the values of tourism,

1. Congratulates Members of the Organization who, by celebrating World Tourism Day, encourage ever more people to travel for holiday and leisure purposes;
2. Decides that the following themes should be used for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 and 1985:
 - 1984: Tourism for international understanding, peace and cooperation
 - 1985: Youth tourism: cultural and historical heritage for peace and friendship;
3. Calls for prizes of symbolic value to be awarded in the future by the Secretary-General on World Tourism Day to candidates nominated by the Members of the Organization in recognition of their efforts for the development of tourism; and
4. Requests the Members of the Organization to send to the Secretary-General at the appropriate time, for the information of Members of the Organization, a summary of the steps taken for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 and 1985.

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A/RES/147(V)

Report of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 17 (documents A/5/17 and A/5/17 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Committee of Affiliate Members on the various activities carried out during the period 1982-1983,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the results obtained by the Committee itself and the working groups constituted by it;
 2. Appreciates the quality of the documents prepared for the benefit of all Members of the Organization and circulated to them;
 3. Expresses its appreciation to the representatives of the Committee of Affiliate Members who participated in the work of the various bodies of the Organization, with a view to making known the opinions of the operational commercial and non-commercial sectors, thereby making a practical and appreciable contribution to the work of the Organization;
 4. Thanks and congratulates the Affiliate Members for their commendable participation in the general work of WTO, thereby testifying to their solidarity in the pursuit of the Organization's objectives;
 5. Invites the Committee of Affiliate Members and its Members to continue and enhance their contribution in all the fields open to them through the Organization, in the interest of all Members and for the development of tourism in the world;
 6. Takes note of the renewal of Officers with the addition of two Vice-Chairmen:
 1. Horwath and Horwath (UK) Ltd. (United Kingdom)
 2. Société pour la promotion et les éditions touristiques (IPV) (Hungary);
 7. Approves the changes in the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members brought about by the addition of two Vice-Chairmen as Officers of the said Committee; and
 8. Entrusts the Secretary-General with making the necessary amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members in pursuance of this decision.
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A/RES/148(V)

Draft Tourism Bill of Rights
and Tourist Code

Agenda item 18 (documents A/5/18, A/5/18 Add.1,
A/5/18 Add.2 and A/5/18 Add.3)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/5/18 on the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code together with its three addenda, the first containing draft amendments proposed by the Members of the Organization, the second a communication of the United Nations concerning

the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, given that this subject is mentioned in the foregoing document, and the third the recommendation of the Executive Council on this subject (decision 7(XXI)),

Having noted that the proposals submitted to the Secretary-General by the Members of the Organization are extremely diverse and are, moreover, at the same time conflicting and even contradictory,

1. Is of the opinion that, faced with this situation, it is virtually impossible to integrate these proposals into the original text of the document, in view of the fact that, in too many cases it would be necessary to recontact the States which have sent in their proposed amendments in order to reconcile those with the text as a whole;
2. Decides, given the impossibility of adopting at its present session a fresh version of the text which would take account of the proposals of the Organization's Members, to defer this matter for consideration at its sixth session;
3. Declares, nevertheless, that the Organization cannot shirk the obligation it has contracted with official and private tourism circles to draw up such a document;
4. Consequently requests the Secretary-General entirely to reformulate the initial document, drawing inspiration essentially and exclusively from the criteria contained in that document, in the Manila Declaration and, wherever feasible, in the draft amendments he has received, as well as in the proposal of the United Nations, and to submit this new text to the Executive Council at its twenty-third session; and
5. Further decides that the Executive Council could entrust the Secretary-General with circulating the text in question to the Members of the Organization for information, without calling for comments or draft amendments from Members.

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A/RES/149(V)

Election of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 20 (document A/5/20)

The General Assembly,

Proceeding to the election of the Secretary-General,

Having regard to Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes, rules 38(g), 43 and 53 of its Rules of Procedure and regulation 17 of the Staff Regulations,

Endorsing the recommendation made by the Council in its decision 15(XX),

Recognizing that the creative nature of the general activities carried out by the Secretariat during the past four years has enabled the Organization to achieve genuine efficiency and a praiseworthy operational quality,

Elects Mr. Robert C. Lonati (France) to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1984-1985, in accordance with his own wishes.

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A/RES/150(V)

Election of the Auditors for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 21 (document A/5/21)

The General Assembly,

Called upon to elect its Auditors for the period 1984-1985,

Having due regard to Article 26(1) of the Statutes and regulation 15 of the Financial Regulations,

Having considered the recommendation made by the Executive Council in decision 12(XXI),

Renews the term of office of Spain and elects Romania to the post of Auditor of the Organization for the financial years 1984 and 1985.

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A/RES/151(V)

Elections to the Executive Council

Agenda item 22 (documents A/5/22, A/5/22 Add.1, A/5/22 Add.2 and A/5/22 Add.3)

The General Assembly,

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

Bearing in mind the increase in the number of Full Members of the Organization since its fourth session held at Rome in 1981 as well as the need to assign seats to the Executive Council corresponding to the number of Members exceeding multiples of five in various regions of the Organization,

Considering consequently that to achieve fair and equitable geographical distribution, as prescribed in Article 14 of the States, it is necessary to increase to twenty-one the number of Council Members,

Elects to the Executive Council for the period 1984-1987 the following twelve Full Members:

Argentina	Nigeria
Ethiopia	Rwanda
France	Sri Lanka
Gabon	Switzerland
Indonesia	Togo
Japan	USSR

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A/RES/152(V)

Place and date of the sixth session

Agenda item 23 (documents A/5/23, A/5/23 Add.1
and A/5/23 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the invitation extended by the Bulgarian Government to hold the sixth session of the General Assembly at Sofia,

Having regard to the provisions of rule 1(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Thanks the Bulgarian Government for its generous offer;
2. Decides that its sixth session will be held at Sofia in the second half of 1985; and
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with initiating the necessary consultations at the appropriate time with the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to satisfy the political, economic and logistical requirements of the sixth session of the General Assembly.

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A/RES/153(V)

Vote of thanks

The General Assembly,

Declaring its satisfaction at the work carried out at its fifth session held at New Delhi from 3 to 14 October 1983,

Considering that the successful outcome is due also to the excellent services, working conditions and organizational arrangements provided by the Government of India, and by the Ministry for Tourism and Civil Aviation in particular,

Aware that the delegations have been greatly impressed not only by the high standard of hospitality but also by the quality of the treatment they have received at all times,

1. Requests the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Khurshed Alam Khan, in his capacity as representative of the Government of India, to convey to the Head of State, H.E. Giani Zail Singh, the deepest gratitude of the participants for the lessons they have drawn from their stay in India, during which they have been able to assess the human qualities, warmth, hospitality and friendship apparent in all their contacts with official and private representatives and the people of India;
 2. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of India for the measures it has taken to safeguard a monument which is unique in the world, the fruit of the genius, spirit and love of the Indian people, known as the Taj Mahal which is one of the world's spiritual and cultural treasures whose protection India ensures with respect and clear-sightedness;
 3. Extends most especially its warmest gratitude to all those who assisted in the preparation and holding of the fifth session of the General Assembly of WTO: the Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Khurshed Alam Khan; the Deputy Minister, Mr. Ashok Gehlot; the Secretary, Mr. B. Venkataraman; the Director-General, Mr. G.N. Mehra, and their associates;
 4. Expresses its great appreciation for the general statement by the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Khurshed Alam Khan, notable for its quality and the commitment expressed therein; and
 5. Considers this statement a worthy synthesis of the spirit and conclusions which have emerged from the work of the Fifth General Assembly, thus deserving to be termed the Delhi Statement, the official and final document of this fifth session.
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Annexes to resolution 121(V) on the reorganization
of the work of the General Assembly

Annex 1

1. Certain delegations made the point in the course of previous sessions of the General Assembly that people of ministerial rank with the greatest responsibilities for tourism were unable to participate in all the plenary meetings of the Assembly, because they extended over nearly twelve days, and that other important people with government duties in the field of tourism were likewise unable to be absent from their posts during such a lengthy period of time.
2. The Executive Council, having been informed of this situation, requested the Secretary-General, by its decision 7(XIX), to formulate proposals. The Council would study them to see whether the work programme of the Assembly could be reorganized by rearranging its meetings or those of the various bodies which meet within the framework of the Assembly, without prejudice to the efficiency of the Assembly's work and leaving each delegation the time required to express its views on all questions due for discussion.
3. The Secretary-General submitted to the Executive Council at its twentieth session, held at Algiers in May 1983, some proposal which it examined. The Council decided, by its decision 16(XX), to submit the proposals to its Members for further examination and requested them to inform the Secretary-General of their definitive views, in order to establish whether the proposals could be submitted to the General Assembly.
4. The replies received by the Secretariat following this decision of the Executive Council were positive, and the proposals in question were therefore accepted by the Council at its twenty-first session.
5. The innovation in the document in question would consist mainly, as may be seen from Annex 2, in the following timetable for a first week of five days (from Tuesday to Saturday):
 - on the first day (Tuesday), meetings of the Executive Council and the Regional Commissions;
 - on the second day (Wednesday), meetings of Committees A and B;
 - on the third day (Thursday), meetings of Committees A and B;
 - on the fourth day (Friday), meetings of Committees A and B;

- on the fifth day (Saturday), meetings of Committee A and the Committee of Affiliate Members.

Sunday would be free.

6. The Assembly would hold its opening meeting and its first plenary meeting on the Monday of the second week, to elect its Officers and set up its subsidiary bodies. It would devote the Tuesday and Wednesday to two other plenary meetings and a half-day on Thursday to its fourth plenary meeting and the closing of the session.

7. The Executive Council would meet on the Thursday, following the closing of the Assembly.

8. If this formula were adopted, it is possible that a significant number of delegations would take the view that their presence was not indispensable during the first week and they would all pour in during the second week. In that event, the entire part really devoted to preparatory work might well suffer from decision-makers being poorly represented. A second danger might arise in that delegations which had not taken part in the preparatory work might request in plenary meetings the reference back of certain matters, explanations, changes, textual amendments, etc.

9. To guard to some extent against such an eventuality, the Regional Commissions would be asked to meet on the first day, so that they could proceed to appoint the various Officers of the Organization at that meeting.

10. Naturally, it would also be necessary to impress on delegations the importance of their participation in the preparatory work during the first week, it being understood that the plenary meetings in the second week would be devoted solely to the adoption of texts, resolutions, decisions and so forth, submitted to those meetings by the bodies that had met previously.

11. The arrangements would call for a great deal of firmness and authority by chairmen and also a degree of discipline on the part of delegations.

12. The suggested formula has the further advantage of reducing the duration of the Assembly session by one day; the second meeting of the Regional Commissions, which under present arrangements takes place on the first day of the second week in order to appoint Officers, would be eliminated.

13. That step is even more justified if, as certain Members of the Council have indicated, the Regional Commissions prepare their work during the year in which the General Assembly is held with such care that they need not devote a preparatory meeting entirely to technical matters but can embark on decisions of a politico-technical nature.

Annex 2

New time-table proposed for the proceedings
of the General Assembly

Tuesday	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	REGIONAL COMMISSIONS	Wednesday	COMMITTEE A		Thursday	COMMITTEE A		Friday	COMMITTEE A		Saturday	COMMITTEE A		COMMITTEE OF AFFILIATE MEMBERS	

Sunday	F R E E			Monday OPENING MEETING	Tuesday SECOND PLENARY MEETING	Wednesday THIRD PLENARY MEETING	Thursday FOURTH PLENARY MEETING	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Type of time-table currently in use for the
proceedings of the General Assembly

Monday	C	C	C	C	C
	A	A	E	S	M
	F	M	U	A	E
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