RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SECOND SESSION
(Torremolinos, 23 May – 2 June 1977)

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Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Grenada, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, and Zambia.
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A/RES/15(II)

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of
the General Assembly
Agenda item 3 (document A/2/3)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 11 of the Statutes,

Having examined the draft Rules of Procedure (document A/2/3) submitted by the Council after carrying out the examination requested by General Assembly resolution 9(I),

Adopts the said draft as its Rules of Procedure.

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A/RES/16(II)

Rule of consensus
Agenda item 3 (document A/2/3)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the proposals by the delegations of a number of member States that the World Tourism Organization should, in its proceedings, apply the most efficient and democratic rules and procedures, in line with its specific nature and its vocation as an agent for bringing countries and peoples more closely together,

Considering that the proceedings of WTO's organs, from their beginning, and in particular the proceedings of the Second General Assembly, have been marked by a generous spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation,

Considering that respect for the positions and viewpoints of the member States is an essential condition for fulfilment of the task assigned to the Organization by the Statutes,
Decides that WTO's organs may, without prejudice to the relevant provisions of the Statutes and their respective rules of procedure, apply insofar as possible the rule of consensus in adopting recommendations and decisions, it being understood that a consensus obtains when a solution is apparent from the discussions without explicit objection or opposition by one or more member States.

A/RES/17(II)

Progress report of the Secretary-General (May 1975 to May 1977)  
Agenda item 5 (document A/2/5)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the progress report of the Secretary-General (May 1975 to May 1977),

Considering that the development of tourism is an essential factor in economic expansion, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Considering that the Organization has a decisive and central contribution to make to the development of tourism,

Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efforts to promote awareness of the new requirements of tourism, having regard to specific results in recent years; and

Requests the Secretary-General to continue these efforts and report to it at its third session.
A/RES/18(II)

Membership of the Organization: accessions, applications, and withdrawals

Agenda item 6
(documents A/2/6 and A/2/6 Addenda 1, 2, 3 and 4)

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling the provisions of Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Statutes concerning membership of the Organization,

Having examined the applications of Bahrain, Grenada, Qatar, and the Yemen Arab Republic for full membership in the Organization,

Having examined the applications for affiliate membership of the Organization made, in accordance with Article 7(3) of the Statutes, by the following bodies:

(1) European Travel Commission
(2) Indian Ocean Tourism Alliance
(3) International Bureau of Social Tourism (BITS)
(4) International Federation of Camping and Caravanning
(5) International Touring Alliance (AIT)

and in accordance with Article 7(4) of the Statutes, by the following bodies:

(1) Agrupación Nacional de Agencias de Viajes (Spain)
(2) Asociación Argentina de Agencias de Viajes y Turismo (Argentina)
(3) Browns Group Motels Limited (Sri Lanka)
(4) Centre d'études touristiques (Canada)
(5) Confederación de Cámaras Nacionales de Comercio, Servicios y Turismo (Mexico)
(6) Emek Touristik Tesisler Isletme Limited, Sti. (Turkey)
(7) Empresa de Turismo de Pernambuco (Brazil)
(8) George Stewarts Travel International Limited (Sri Lanka)
(9) Hilton Hotels Corporation (United States)
(10) India Tourism Development Corporation (India)
(11) Instant Travel Inc. (United States)
(12) Korea National Tourism Corporation (Republic of Korea)
(13) Misk Travel and Shipping Company (Egypt)
(14) Nepal Association of Travel Agents (Nepal)
(15) Netherlands Institute of Tourism Development Consultants (Netherlands)
(16) Organización Hotelera Germán Morales e Hijos, Ltda. (Colombia)
(17) Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (Pakistan)
(18) Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (Pakistan)
(19) Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation (Nepal)
(20) Sindicato Nacional de Hostelería y Turismo (Spain)
(21) Sita World Travel (India) Pvt. Ltd. (India)
(22) Société Internationale de télécommunications aéronautiques (SITA) (Belgium)
(23) Société pour la promotion commerciale et technique de l'hôtellerie et du tourisme (PROMOTOUR) (France)
(24) Travel Corporation of India (India)
(25) Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Turizm Bankası (Turkey)
(26) Walkers Tours & Travels (Ceylon) Ltd. (Sri Lanka)
(27) Ziff-Davis Publishing Company (United States)

Decides to admit Bahrain, Grenada, Qatar, and the Yemen Arab Republic as Full Members of the Organization and to admit the bodies enumerated in the preceding paragraph as Affiliate Members of the Organization;

Takes note that the companies Gulliver Press and Transport and Tourism Ltd. have ceased to exist and no longer belong to the Organization;

Takes note of the intention to withdraw from the Organization notified to the provisional depositary of the Statutes by the Governments of Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with contacting the said Governments and requesting them, in the name of international solidarity and in the general interest of tourism, to reconsider their intention to withdraw from the Organization.
A/RES/19(II)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial position of the Organization: financial year 1976
Agenda item 7(a) (document A/27(a))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the report of the Secretary-General on the financial position of the Organization for the financial year 1976,

Takes note of the said report, keeping at the same time in mind the further need for the gradual setting up of the organizational machinery of WTO within the resources available.

A/RES/20(II)

Report of the auditors on the financial year 1976
Agenda item 7(b) (document A/27(b))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the Auditors' report on the financial year 1976,

Taking into account the provisions of Article 44 of the Statutes,

Takes note of the said report; and

Decides that the Auditors' report on the financial year 1975 shall be submitted to it at its third session.

A/RES/21(II)

Report on the decision of the Executive Council concerning the utilization of appropriations unspent at the end of the first financial year of each financial period
Agenda item 7(c) (document A/27(c))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the decision of the Executive Council concerning the utilization for the financial year 1977 of appropriations unspent at the end of the financial year 1976,

Takes note of the said report.
A/RES/22(II)

Applications for contribution adjustments by member States with a small population and a low national income

Agenda item 7(©)
(documents A/2/7(©) and A/2/7(©) Addenda 1 Rev. and 2)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to General Assembly decision 17(I),

Noting that all Full Members have had two years in which to apply for contribution adjustments in accordance with that decision,

Considering that the formula for fixing the contributions of States Members of the Organization takes due account of the difficulties that may be encountered by certain countries with a small population and a low national income,

Approves the recommendations so far expressed by the Executive Council on the various applications for contribution adjustments that have been placed before that body;

Decides that applications for contribution adjustments grounded upon small population and low national income shall no longer be accepted; and

Entrusts the Executive Council with examining reasoned applications for contribution adjustments for specific periods presented by Full Members that have suffered disasters.

A/RES/23(II)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Article 44 of the Statutes

Agenda item 7(e) (document A/2/7(e))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Article 44 of the Statutes,

Takes note of the said report.
A/RES/24(II)

Recommendation of the Executive Council
to amend regulation 54 of the Staff Regulations

Agenda item 6(a) (document A/2/C(a))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the Secretary-General's report and to the recommendation contained in Executive Council decision 20(II),

Considering furthermore that for the purposes of staff management a mode of settlement should be provided for possible labour disputes or differences,

Decides that regulation 54 of the Staff Regulations, reading:

"The Secretary-General may terminate the appointment of an official if the official's performance of his duties and responsibilities is unsatisfactory. An official whose appointment is terminated under this regulation shall be given three months' notice and shall be paid an indemnity equal to three months' salary."

shall be supplemented by the words:

"Officials appointed on probation whose appointment is terminated for unsatisfactory services shall receive one month's notice. An official whose appointment is terminated during the second year of probation shall also receive one month's notice but shall be paid an indemnity equal to one month's salary."; and

Requests the Secretary-General to approach the registry of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization for that tribunal's jurisdiction to be extended to the staff of the Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization, and to report to the Executive Council at the earliest opportunity.
A/RES/25(II)

Draft Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization
Agenda item 2(d) (document A/2/C(3))

The General Assembly,

Considering the need to establish and maintain effective collaboration with the United Nations in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Organization's Statutes,

Recalling General Assembly decision 7(I) entrusting the Secretary-General with continuing negotiations with the United Nations for this purpose,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the said negotiations and the draft Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships with the United Nations,

Decides to approve the draft Agreement as submitted in document A/2/C(3).

A/RES/26(II)

Report on the Organization's policy concerning the regionalization of certain activities and its regional structures
Agenda item 3(e)
(documents A/2/C(3) and A/2/C(3) Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the report of the Chairman of the Working Party established by the Executive Council to study the Organization's policy concerning the regionalization of certain activities and its regional structures,

Takes note of the said report; and
Decides that the Regional Commissions of the Organization shall henceforth be called:

- WTO Commission for Africa (CAF);
- WTO Commission for the Americas (CAM);
- WTO Commission for Asia and the Pacific (CAP);
- WTO Commission for Europe (CEU);
- WTO Commission for the Middle East (CME); and
- WTO Commission for South Asia (CSA).

A/RES/27(II)

**Proposed amendment to paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Organization's Statutes**

Agenda item 8(f) (Document A/2/8(f))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the Secretary-General's report and to Executive Council decision 3(IV),

Considering that the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 12 of the Financing Rules are incompatible, and that accordingly the periods prescribed therein cannot all be observed,

Considering on the one hand:

- that the said Financing Rules, being part of the Statutes, can be amended only under Article 33 thereof, and that any amendment can hence take effect after an extensive period only,

- that decisions of retroactive effect are not acceptable under international law, and that any amendment can hence apply to the future only, as from the date upon which it takes effect,
that in the interim there is no provision in the Organization's Statutes for suspending, as an exceptional and temporary measure, application of all or any of the provisions thereof, and that in any case the provisions in question have not been applied and hence cannot be suspended.

Considering on the other hand:

- that the matter before it relates not to amendment of effective provisions of the Statutes in isolation but to interpretation of several incompatible provisions,

- that the Organization's Statutes contain no specific provision for settling differences or difficulties of interpretation that may arise therefrom,

- that it is accordingly for the Assembly to settle the said matter of interpretation by means of a resolution,

Decides that, for the purposes of the application of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Organization's Statutes, the Secretary-General shall be authorized to notify Members of the amount of their contributions within a period compatible with the provisions of paragraph 9 of the said Rules.

A/RES/28(II)

Depositary of the Organization's Statutes

Agenda item 8(g) (document A/2/8(g))

The General Assembly,

having regard to Article 37 of the Statutes of the Organization,

Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Switzerland for having acted as provisional depositary of the Statutes, even after Madrid was chosen as the Headquarters of the Organization; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the steps necessary for the Government of Spain to become permanent depositary of the Statutes of the Organization.
A/RES/29 (II)

**Convention between the World Tourism Organization and Spain concerning the Organization's legal status in Spain**

Agenda item 9(a) (document A/2/9(a))

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 32 of the Organization's Statutes concerning the definition of privileges and immunities by agreements between the Organization and its member States,

Having been informed that the negotiations carried out by the Secretary-General with representatives of Spain, host State of the Organization, have resulted in the conclusion of the Convention between the Organization and Spain concerning the Organization's legal status in Spain,

Having examined the text of the Convention,

Approves the Convention; and

Expresses deep gratitude to the Spanish Government for the generous facilities made available to the Organization for the establishment of its Headquarters in Madrid, and full satisfaction therewith.

A/RES/30 (II)

**Supplemental agreements with the Spanish Government provided for in the Convention between Spain and the Organization**

Agenda item 9(b) (document A/2/9(b))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the supplemental agreement concerning the cooperation of the Spanish Government with the World Tourism Organization as provided for under Article 25 of the Convention between the World Tourism Organization and Spain concerning the Organization's legal status in Spain.

Approves the said agreement.
A/RES/31(II)

Agreements concerning the legal status of the Regional Secretariats of the Organization in the States concerned

Agenda item 9(c)

(documents A/2/9(c) and A/2/9(c) Addenda 1 and 2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note:

(a) of the Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of Peru concerning the legal status of the World Tourism Organization and its Regional Secretariat at Lima,

(b) of the Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning the legal status of the World Tourism Organization and its Regional Secretariat at Cairo,

(c) of the Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria concerning the legal status of the World Tourism Organization and its Regional Secretariat at Lagos,

Approves the said Agreements; and

Takes note of the letter dated 25 May 1977 from the Chairman of the Ceylon Tourist Board, Head of the Sri Lanka delegation, to the Secretary-General, concerning conclusion of the Agreement on the legal status of the Regional Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization at Colombo.

A/RES/32(II)

Agreement between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Tourism Organization

Agenda item 9(d) (document A/2/9(d))

The General Assembly,

Considering that Article 3(3) of the Organization's Statutes provides that the Organization shall seek a cooperative relationship with and participation in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme as a participating and executing agency,
Recalling General Assembly resolution 7(I) entrusting the Secretary-General with continuing consultations with the United Nations Development Programme with a view to giving effect to the aforesaid Article 3(3),

Having been informed that the negotiations conducted by the Secretary-General have resulted in the preparation of an agreement,

Having examined the text of the agreement between the United Nations Development Programme and the World Tourism Organization as submitted in document A/2/9(d),

Approves the said agreement.

A/RES/33(II)

Technical cooperation activities of the Organization as an executing agency for UNDP tourism projects

Agenda item 9(d) (document A/2/9(d))

The General Assembly,

Having noted with satisfaction the Agreement signed between the United Nations Development Programme and WTO designating the latter as an executing agency for UNDP-assisted projects in the field of the development of tourism,

Noting further other technical cooperation agreements proposed or entered into between governments or international organizations and WTO,

Stressing the important role of tourism in the promotion of understanding among nations and in fostering the economic advancement of developing countries,

Urges the Secretary-General to make known and place at the disposal of member States and in particular the developing countries the technical know-how of the Organization in the field of tourism;
Encourages the developing countries to seek the technical cooperation of WTO in the development of all aspects of tourism and in the solution of related problems; and

Earnestly urges the United Nations Development Programme to support the technical cooperation efforts of WTO at the worldwide interregional, regional and national levels and to encourage UNDP representatives in the field to extend the fullest support to such activities.

A/RES/34(II)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1976-1977

Agenda item 10 (document A/2/10)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1976-1977,

Anxious to ensure the greatest possible effectiveness for the Organization,

Takes note with keen satisfaction of the work accomplished during the said period;

Expresses its pleasure at the excellent discussion to which the report gave rise in the Committee on Matters related to the Organization's General Programme of Work;

Congratulates the Secretary-General and his staff on the achievement of their task;

Trusts the Secretary-General to follow up the constructive suggestions made during the discussion of his report;

Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary approaches to the governments of member States in order to establish the best possible communication with the administrations directly responsible for tourism; and
Approves the Secretary-General's report on the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1976-1977.

A/RES/35(II)

General programme of work of the Organization for the period 1978-1979

Agenda item 11 (documents A/2/11 and A/2/11 Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the draft general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1978-1979, prepared by the Secretary-General and reviewed and recommended by the Executive Council,

Having taken note of the observations, comments and suggestions of its Committee on Matters related to the Organization's General Programme of Work,

Approves the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1978-1979, subject to the amendments made by its Committee;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with carrying out the said programme in the light of the guidelines emerging from the debate on this agenda item, so as to ensure that it meets, in the best possible conditions, the needs of all the Members and the aims of the Organization; and

Believes that the establishment of a Tourist's Code and a Tourist's Bill of Rights would help to guide the Organization's activity and considerably promote the expansion of tourist movements throughout the world.
A/RES/36 (II)

Programme budget of the Organization for the period 1978-1979

Agenda item 12 (documents A/2/12 and A/2/12 Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1978-1979 as proposed in documents A/2/12 and A/2/12 Add. 1,

Having regard to document A/2/13 (b) concerning cost estimates of 78,350 dollars for 1978 and 75,000 dollars for 1979 for the World Tourism Conference in 1980, which was noted but not approved by the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Executive Council;

Decides to fix the Organization's budget for the financial period 1978-1979 at 5,264,400 dollars, apportioned as follows: 2,613,700 dollars for the financial year 1978 and 2,650,700 dollars for the financial year 1979;

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the seventh session of the Executive Council an application for the funds necessary for the preparation of the World Tourism Conference and the training programme for CIEST, which the Executive Council may provide out of the special banking account established by Council decision 5(III) or from other sources; and

Entrusts the Executive Council with taking appropriate action.

A/RES/37 (II)

Draft Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the World Tourism Organization in the territories of its member States

Agenda item 3 (c)
(documents A/2/C (c) and A/2/C (c) Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the draft Convention of 25 May 1977 on the Privileges and Immunities of the World Tourism Organization,
Having examined the report of the Legal Working Party of the Executive Council,

Believing that the legal status of the Organization is a matter of great importance to all Member States,

Considering that the granting of privileges and immunities to the Organization, in accordance with Article 32 of the Statutes, would greatly facilitate its international activities,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with inviting the Full Members to make a further examination of the draft Convention;

Earnestly requests the Member States of the Organization to convey their reasoned observations and their proposals concerning the draft Convention to the Legal Working Party of the Executive Council;

Invites the Working Party to draw up a detailed report on the basis thereof; and

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit that report to the Full Members of the Organization at the earliest opportunity, before it is submitted to the next session of the General Assembly.

A/RES/38(II)

Proposals for determining future options for the Organization's general programme of work

Agenda item 13(a) (document A/2/13(a))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the proposals contained in document A/2/13(a) for determining future options for the Organization's general programme of work, prepared by the Secretary-General on the basis of a questionnaire sent to all Members in 1976,
Considering that, through its broad and generous approach, that document should inspire, guide and direct the activity of the Organization in preparing its future two-year programmes, with a view to contributing to the establishment of a new international economic order,

Having taken note with interest of the varied and valuable suggestions expressed by Members for inclusion among the future options for the Organization's general programme of work,

Approves, in general, the main guidelines in document A/2/13(a);

Takes note with keen interest of the comments and suggestions made by the countries belonging to the WTO Commission for the Americas;

Urges other countries and regions similarly to submit their observations, comments and suggestions to the Secretary-General; and

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a document containing such suggestions and recommendations to be communicated to all Members with document A/2/13(a) as a working paper for the World Tourism Conference to be convened in September 1990.

A/RES/39(II)

Inclusion of tourism in higher education syllabuses

Agenda item 8(b) (document A/2/8(b))

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the growing need for specialization in various tourism sectors, with the expansion of international and domestic tourism,

Viewing with concern the inadequacy of opportunities for academic and professional courses of study at the higher levels, particularly in the developing countries.
Requests the member States to give priority to the inclusion of tourism in the syllabus of chosen centres of higher education, and to raising the status of existing institutions providing vocational training in tourism.

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A/RES/40(II)

Training activities of the Organization
(1) Establishment of CIEST at Mexico City
(2) Training programmes

Agenda item 3(b) (document A/2/3(b))

The General Assembly,

Having examined with attention the problem of the functioning of CIEST and of its location,

Desirous of allowing the Organization to pursue its action in the field of vocational training in the interest of all its Members,

Having considered the candidatures submitted by Full Members desirous of hosting CIEST,

Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Italy for the facilities provided for CIEST since the latter's establishment;

Accepts the offer made by the Government of Mexico to host CIEST in its territory;

Directs the Secretary-General:

(a) to look forthwith into the material, human and financial facilities offered by Mexico therefor and, subject to their being adequate, to sign the necessary instruments with the Mexican Government so as to bring CIEST into operation within the shortest possible time;

(b) to prepare and submit to the Assembly and/or the Executive Council a timetable for the launching of regional training operations of CIEST, especially those in developing areas;
(c) to inquire into personnel training needs in the developing countries and report thereon to the Assembly and/or the Council;

(d) to ensure that the report mentioned in paragraph (c) includes concrete proposals for activities to be undertaken by the Organization, by itself or in association with other international bodies or interested countries.

Takes note of the interest expressed by Venezuela in the establishment of an international hotel training centre; and

Authorizes the Secretary-General to continue the negotiations with the Government of Venezuela for the said purposes in connection with vocational hotel training in the framework of CIEFT.

A/RES/41(II)

Convening of a World Tourism Conference in 1980

Agenda item 13(b) (Document A/2/13(b))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the recommendation of the Executive Council concerning a World Tourism Conference to be convened in 1980, and the preparatory work therefor,

Firmly convinced that such a Conference would be well-timed for the exchange of expertise and techniques, benefiting in particular those nations whose tourism is less developed,

Aware, furthermore, that it is necessary to convene such a Conference to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary and multidimensional knowledge of the present-day realities of tourism,

Decides to convene a World Tourism Conference in September 1980;

Requests the Secretary-General to invite to the said World Tourism Conference, in addition to all the Members of WTO, the representatives of all National Tourism Administrations, whether or not the country in question is a Member of WTO, as well as the representatives of those governmental and non-governmental international organizations whose active participation in the Conference would be both desirable and useful;
Accepts the generous offer of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for the World Tourism Conference to be organized and held at Manila; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with implementing the present resolution, taking into account the opinions expressed by the General Assembly and its Committees during the discussion of this matter.

A/RES/42(II)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 14(a)
(documents A/2/14(a) and A/2/14(a) Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Credentials Committee,

Approves the said report; and

Earnestly requests that the accreditation of delegations to the General Assembly should be made by means of credentials handed to the Secretary-General and not by any other means of communication such as ordinary letters, telegrams or telex.

A/RES/43(II)

Election of the Auditors for the financial period 1975-1979

Agenda item 15 (document A/2/15)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the recommendation of the Executive Council concerning the election of the Auditors for the financial period 1975-1979 (CE/DEC/20(IV)),


Decides, in accordance with Article 26(1) of the Statutes, that the term of office of the Auditors elected for the financial period 1976-1977, Egypt and the Netherlands, shall be renewed for the financial period 1978-1979.

A/RES/44(II)

Elections to the Executive Council

Agenda item 15 (document A/2/16)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Articles 14 and 15 of the Statutes,

Considering that under General Assembly decision 7(I) the term of office of nine of the Council's Members expires in 1977,

Further considering that as a result of the increase in the number of Full Members of the Organization since its first session a twentieth seat has to be filled in the Council,

Elects to the Executive Council the following ten Full Members:

Ecuador/Pakistan/Greece 1/
Egypt
Iraq
Kenya
Mali/Jordan 2/
Morocco
Panama
Spain
USSR
United States

1/ These Members are to share the term of office as follows: Ecuador: 1976-1979; Pakistan: 1980; Greece: 1981.

2/ These Members are to share the term of office as follows: Mali: 1970-1979; Jordan: 1980-1981.
A/RES/45(II)

**Renewal of Executive Council membership**

Agenda item 16 (document A/2/16)

The General Assembly,

Considering that under the terms of Article 14(1) of the Statutes the representation of the Members of the General Assembly in the Executive Council should achieve fair and equitable geographical distribution,

Considering that that condition would not be met if, from one General Assembly to the next, terms of office were renewed immediately beyond the period of four years,

Considering furthermore that the effectiveness of the Executive Council, in order to secure the highest degree of international cooperation in tourism, entails the most rapid renewal possible of the membership of that body,

Decides that henceforth the terms of office of the Members of the Executive Council shall not be immediately renewable, and that consequently candidatures for the Council may be presented only by States which are not then Members of that body.

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A/RES/46(II)

**Introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization**

Agenda item 17(a)
(documents A/2/17(a) and A/2/17(a) Add. 1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the Executive Council recommendation (CE/DEC/4(V)) concerning the introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization,

Approves the principle of the introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization;
Entrusts the Secretary-General:

(a) with initiating the action necessary for Article 38 of the Statutes to be amended at the next session of the General Assembly to include Arabic among the official languages of the Organization, and

(b) with preparing without delay the statutory measures that will be required for the application of the said amendment and determining its financial, administrative and technical implications; and

Requests the Secretary-General to report periodically on the matter to the Executive Council.

A/RES/47(II)

Terms of reference and rules of procedure
of the WTO Commission for the Americas
Agenda item 17(b) (document A/2/17(b))

The General Assembly,

Having been informed that pending any decisions which it may take in the light of the recommendations to be submitted by the Executive Council as a result of the work carried out by the Working Party on regionalization, the WTO Commission for the Americas has adopted terms of reference and rules of procedure (document A/2/17(b)),

Takes note of the said terms of reference and rules of procedure.
A/RES/48(II)

Place and date of the third session
of the General Assembly
Agenda item 16

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 8(2) of the Statutes,

Decides that its next session will be held at Headquarters during the second half of 1979.