DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

Astana, Kazakhstan, 8 October 2009

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CE/DEC/1(LXXXVII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/87/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its eighty-seventh session as proposed.

CE/DEC/2(LXXXVII)

Declaration of loyalty by the Secretary-General (Regulation 6(a) of the Staff Regulations)

Agenda item 2
(document CE/87/2)

The Executive Council

Meeting in public session in accordance with Staff Regulation 6(a),

Takes note of the solemn declaration of loyalty made and signed by Mr. Taleb Rifai as Secretary-General of the Organization following his appointment by the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, pursuant to Article 20 of the Statutes.
Designations to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having considered the proposals made by the Regional Commissions for renewal of the membership of its different subsidiary organs,

1. Declares the following Members elected to the subsidiary organs:

(a) **Programme Committee** (2009-2013)

- **Africa**  
  Mr. Apan Guy Johnson (Benin) (member)  
  Mr. Tesfaye Desalegne (Ethiopia) (alternate)

- **Americas**  
  Mr. Hermes Navarro del Valle (Costa Rica) (member)  
  Mrs. Fernanda Maciel (Brazil) (alternate)

- **East Asia and the Pacific**  
  Datuk Dr. Victor Wee (Malaysia) (member)  
  Mr. Sapta Nirwandar (Indonesia) (alternate)

- **Europe**  
  Mr. Stanislav Novakov (Bulgaria) (member)  
  Mrs. Blanka Belosevic (Croatia) (alternate)

- **Middle East**  
  Mr. Joseph Haimari (Lebanon) (member)  
  Mrs. Mona Habibi (Jordan) (alternate)

- **South Asia**  
  Mrs. Firouzeh Khoshnoudiparast (Iran) (member)  
  Mr. Malraj Kiriella (Sri Lanka) (alternate)

*Representative of the Associate Members:*  
Mr. Koen Verlaeckt (Flemish Community of Belgium)

(b) **Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership**

Brazil, China, Egypt, France, Iran and South Africa
Appointment of the Chairman of the Programme Committee (PC) 
for the period 2009-2013

Agenda item 4

The Executive Council,

Having regard to rule 9(2) of its Rules of Procedure and to its decision 2(LXXXVII),

Appoints Datuk Dr. Victor Wee (Malaysia) as Chairman of the Programme Committee for the period 2009-2013.

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Election of the Executive Council's Officers for 2010

Agenda item 5
(document CE/87/5)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having considered the document corresponding to the candidature of Costa Rica for a second term of office as Chairman,

1. Decides to re-elect Costa Rica as Chairman of the Council for 2010,

Having taken note of the candidature for First Vice-Chairman presented by Kenya, as well as those of Italy and Romania for Second Vice-Chairman,

2. Appoints Kenya as First Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2010;

Having held a secret ballot to fill the office of Second Vice-Chairman, in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot,

Noting that Italy received in the first ballot the required majority of Council Members present and voting,

3. Elects Italy as Second Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2010;
4. Requests the Full Members elected to the vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties, in accordance with 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure; and

5. Pays special tribute to the outgoing Vice-Chairmen (Iraq and Cameroon) for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

Place and dates of the eighty-eighth of the Executive Council
Agenda item 6

The Executive Council

Having taken note of the invitation presented by Brazil, on its behalf and on that of Argentina and Paraguay, as well as that from Iran to host its next session,

1. Expresses its gratitude to Iran for the generosity and spirit of consensus it showed in agreeing to defer its candidature;

2. Decides to accept the generous offer presented by Brazil and to hold jointly its eighty-eighth session in Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay in the Iguazu zone, in conditions to be determined with the Secretary-General; and

3. Agrees to hold its eighty-ninth session in Iran, what will be confirmed at its next session.
4. **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

The eighty-seventh session of the Executive Council was attended by:

(1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Spain, and Zimbabwe, and

(2) the representatives of the following UNWTO Member States: Chile, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Thailand and Venezuela, as observers.