DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION

Astana, Kazakhstan, 3 October 2009

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CE/DEC/1(LXXXVI)

Adopting the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/86/1 prov. Rev. and CE/86/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council

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

CE/DEC/2(LXXXVI)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
(b) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 2(a)(b)
(documents A/18/12(a), A/18/12(a) Add.1 and CE/86/2(b))

The Executive Council

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization,

Having heard the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Notes with satisfaction, that, in accordance with the financial information contained in documents A/18/12(a) and A/18/12(a) Add.1, some 81 per cent of the total contributions from Members for the current year have been received, so that annual income targets are expected to be met;

2. Takes cognizance that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the General Assembly at its seventeenth session, a balance between expenditure and income has been maintained;
3. **Observes** that income from arrear contributions to end of August amounts to 1,221,828 euros, representing 153 per cent of the amount initially estimated for 2009;

4. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the current excellent budgetary and financial situation of the Organization and with the criteria followed by the Secretariat in its financial management, and **encourages** the Secretary-General to fully execute the programme and budget, including the transfers corresponding to the financial provisions as already notified to the Committee on Budget and Finance;

**Observing nevertheless** that persistent delays in paying contributions hamper the smooth operation of the Organization,

5. **Urges** the Members of the Organization to observe with the utmost rigour the statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Organization’s financial affairs, with particular regard to the due date of contributions specified in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules, so as to ensure, in the interest of all the Members, that the execution of the programme and other activities of the Secretariat is in no way hampered by shortage of funds;

6. **Urges** Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members in arrears with their contributions to work out the most appropriate formulas for discharging their financial commitments and to reach the necessary agreement with the Secretary-General to ensure that they can readily meet their arrears obligations.

7. **Takes note with satisfaction** of the initiative of the Committee on Budget and Finance to request the Secretariat to produce guidelines to deal with payment plans of arrears and to have them discussed at that Committee before a final recommendation is made to the Executive Council, and

8. **Approves** the report presented by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and **accepts** its recommendations.
CE/DEC/3(LXXXVI)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(c) Updating of the Financial Regulations

Agenda item 2(c)
(document CE/86/2(c))

The Executive Council

Having taken cognizance of the new version of the Financial Regulations transmitted by the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of this document, which merges together the Financial Regulations and the corresponding detailed financial provisions, updating them as necessary based on General Assembly resolutions and Executive Council decisions; and

2. Thanks the Secretariat for having carried out this update making it possible to henceforth have a unified working instrument.

CE/DEC/4(LXXXVI)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(d) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes
(e) Requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financial Rules

Agenda item 2(d)(e)
(documents A/18/4(b)(c), A/18/4(b)(c) Add.1 and CE/86/2(b))

The Executive Council

Having considered the application to the Members mentioned in the above documents of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Having been informed of the Members granted temporary exemption from the provisions of Article 34 and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Having heard the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,
Having been informed by the Secretariat that Gabon has made a payment so that provisions of paragraph 13 of the financing rules are no longer applicable to it,

1. **Notes with satisfaction** that Gabon, Lebanon, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full;

2. **Decides**, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, to propose to the General Assembly to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Full Members Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, El Salvador, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Togo;

3. **Also decides** to recommend to the General Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Niger, Peru, Uruguay and Yemen, from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2010;

4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to inform Yemen that it must submit a new payment plan for its debt corresponding to the years 1979 to 1989, given that the regulations in force do not contain any provisions for exemption from the payment of contributions;

5. **Notes** that the following Members continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

**FULL MEMBERS**

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BURUNDI
CAPE VERDE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CHAD
CÔTE D'IVOIRE
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA
GUINEA BISSAU
KYRGYZSTAN
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA
MALAWI
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
SUDAN
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA
ASSOCIATE MEMBER

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ACCENTURE (Spain)
ADM & TEC (Brazil)
AGENCE DE TOURISME GIC MIEUX-VIVRE (Cameroon)
ALRAWDA TRAVEL AND TOURISM AGENCY (Sudan)
ARAB TOURISM ORGANIZATION
CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR TOURISM & EXCURSIONS S.A. (CCTE) (Russian Federation)
CHARISMA PUBLIC RELATIONS (United Kingdom)
DELOITTE & TOUCHE S.A. (Spain)
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM MANAGEMENT – UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA (South Africa)
EDICIONES CABRER S.A. (Dominican Republic)
EMPRESA DE TURISMO DE BAHIA – BAHIATURSA (Brazil)
FÉDÉRATION NATIONALE DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES DU MAROC (Morocco)
GRUPO CUBANACAN S.A. (Cuba)
HOHOE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY (Ghana)
HOTEL SUPPORT SERVICES LTD. (Nigeria)
INDIAN AIRLINES (India)
INTELLIGENT LEISURE SOLUTIONS AND THE DISCOVER GROUP (Brazil)
INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION (IH&RA)
INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT SCHOOL (I-TIM) (Thailand)
MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AIRLIBAN (Lebanon)
NATIONAL TOURISM BOARD OF SIERRA LEONE (Sierra Leone)
NIGERIAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Nigeria)
PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES CORP. (PIA) (Pakistan)
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY (Palestinian National Authority)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL CULTURAL TRUST (Papua New Guinea)
PKF (United Kingdom)
ROJENNY TOURIST/GAMES VILLAGE OBA (Nigeria)
STRATEGIC BUSINESS MEETING S.A. – TOURISMAFRICA (Switzerland)
TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY (Sudan)
TARSUS TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS LTD (United Kingdom)
THE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS IN WARSAW (Poland)
TURYAT A.S. (Turkey)
UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, ECONOMICS AND LAW “KUTEL” (Ukraine)
VOKRUG SVETA LTD. (Belarus)

Recalling its decisions 7(LXXVIII), 5(LXXIX) and 8(LXXX), and pursuant to resolution A/RES/523(XVII),
6. Notes with satisfaction that Iraq has paid the full amount of its contribution for 2008 and 2009 to the Organization;

7. Further notes that Iraq has submitted a payment plan before this session of the Executive Council, which needs to be discussed with the Secretariat. Therefore, upon the expiration of the grace period granted by the seventeenth General Assembly [A/RES/523(XVII)], it is proposed this grace period be extended until the 87th session of the Council. Should discussions with the Secretariat not be final by then, to extend this period up to the 88th Council session. Failure to reach an agreement on the settlement of arrears with Iraq at the 88th Council session would result in Iraq being subject to suspension of its membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes;

8. Decides to submit to the General Assembly the payment plans submitted by the Full Members Niger, Togo y Congo and already approved by its 83rd, 84th and 85th sessions;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report at its 88th session on the fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by Members with a view to deciding whether to maintain the exemptions or reapply the provisions of paragraph 13; and

Having taken note of the list of Members currently subject to the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes,

10. Observes that the following Members have accumulated contribution arrears equal to or exceeding four financial years and that, consequently, the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes could be applicable to them within a year, in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of General Assembly resolution 217(VII):

**FULL MEMBERS**

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

**AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

ACCENTURE
ADM & TEC – INSTITUTO DE ADMINISTRAÇÃO E TECNOLOGIA
AGENCE DE TOURISME GIC MIEUX-VIVRE: POUR LA PROMOTION, L’ACCUEIL ET LE TRANSFERT
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GRUPO CUBANACAN S.A.
HOTEL SUPPORT SERVICES LTD
INDIAN AIRLINES
NATIONAL TOURISM BOARD OF SIERRA LEONE
Administrative, financial and statutory matters
(f) Election of Auditors for the period 2010-2011

Agenda item 2(f)
(document A/18/12(c))

The Executive Council,

Expressing its appreciation to the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Spain (Mrs. Mercedes Lebrancón Cortés), India (Mr. Deepak Anurag) and France (Mr. Jacques Sallois),

1. Thanks them for their contribution; and

Having regard to Articles 12(g) and 26 of the Statutes of the Organization stipulating that the General Assembly shall elect two Auditors on the recommendation of the Executive Council,

2. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to designate Spain and India as the Auditors for the period 2010-2011, and to entrust to India the function of special Auditor in charge of inspecting the accounts relating to the activities carried out by the UNWTO, in its capacity as an executing agency of the UNDP, with the funds coming from this programme.
Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(g) Use of the UNWTO logo

Agenda item 2(g)
(document CE/86/2(g))

The Executive Council,

Having regard to document CE/86/2(g),

1. Thanks the Working Group that was constituted at its eighty-fifth session in order to study the matter in all its aspects, composed of Brazil, France, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Spain and one representative of the Affiliate Members, whose work has made it possible for the Secretariat to prepare an initial document on the subject;

2. Decides to maintain the existence of its Working Group and to entrust the UNWTO's Legal Adviser with consulting the Legal Advisers of the United Nations system regarding matters relative to the use and the protection of the name, logo, and emblems of the Organization and of its Internet domain name;

3. Requests the Working Group to submit to it at its eighty-eighth session a final draft containing general rules on the subject; and

4. Decides that, pending a revised version of this document, the orientations appearing therein shall serve as general directives that the parties concerned could use as guidance whenever issues concerning the use of Organization’s logo arise.

Adjustment to the budget and assessment of Members’ contributions for the period 2010-2011

Agenda item 3
(documents A/18/16 and CE/86/2(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of Members’ contributions for the period 2010-2011,
Having also considered the recommendations made by the Committee on Budget and Finance at its fifty-first meeting,

1. **Recommends** the General Assembly to adopt the proposed scale of contributions for 2010-2011 as modified to reflect the increase in the number of Member States and that in the budget, as foreseen in resolution 404(XIII), and which represents zero nominal growth in individual country contributions with respect to 2009, except when required by technical changes in the class situation of individual country cases;

2. **Also recommends** the General Assembly to apply this policy again in the formulation of the 2012-2013 budget proposal to be made after a mid-term review;

3. **Observes** that, in accordance with the formula used for calculating the contributions of Member States [resolution 404(XIII)], UNWTO has used the same economic and population statistical averages adopted by the United Nations to determine the contributions of its own Members;

Taking into account that the level of the budget for 2010 and 2011 will be of 25,200,000 Euros, subject to the provisions of the resolution to be adopted by the General Assembly under agenda item 16,

4. **Recommends** the General Assembly that the budgetary income approved for the next period should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the amounts of 11,212,999 euros for 2010, and 11,212,999 euros for 2011, and that the balance to be financed should be covered by the contributions of the Affiliate Members and the other sources of funding referred to in document A/18/15;

5. **Agrees** that, in accordance with resolution A/RES/526(XVII), the contributions of the Associate Members be divided into two separate categories, each being 10% lower than the contribution of the Full Members in groups 13 and 9 respectively; and

6. **Also recommends** the Assembly to maintain the contribution of the Affiliate Members at 2,400 euros per year for the period 2010-2011.
Management strategy and designation of the Management Team
of the Organization

Agenda item 5
(document CE/86/5)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the management strategy proposed by the candidate to the post of Secretary-General whom it had recommended to the General Assembly at its last session,

1. Welcomes his proposals to revamp the composition of the management team of the Secretariat, which provides for a clearer distribution of responsibilities and a more decentralized decision-making process, and which aims, as much as possible, to achieve balanced representation between men and women and among the regions;

2. Takes note of the appointment of three executive directors, Mr. Márcio Favilla Lucca de Paula (Brazil), Mr. Zoltan Somogyi (Hungary) and Mr. Frédéric Pierret (France), and transmits it to the General Assembly;

3. Favourably receives the Secretary-General’s proposal to establish a programme-based system of operation in the Secretariat as opposed to a system revolving around units or departments, with a view to optimizing the utilization of human and financial resources and to improve the effectiveness and quality of the services provided to the Members;

4. Encourages the Secretary-General to ensure the application, throughout his term of office, of the seven fundamental principles set forth in the proposed management strategy;

5. Supports the modernization process of the Secretariat that he intends to successfully complete in the near future; and

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it regularly regarding the progress made in the overall reform process that he has proposed to carry out within the Secretariat.

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The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 3 October 2009,

1. Decides to submit to the eighteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:

1. ASSOCIATION OF TOUR OPERATORS OF RUSSIA (ATOR) (Russian Federation)
2. BERJAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY (Malaysia)
3. BUSAN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (Republic of Korea)
4. CONFEDERAÇAO NACIONAL DO COMERCIO DE BENS, SERVIÇOS E TURISMO (Brazil)
5. DISCOVERYMICE (Malaysia)
6. ELAGRO – GREEK SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ORGANIZATION (Greece)
7. EMPRESA METROPOLITANA QUITO TURISMO (Ecuador)
8. ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE HOTELESERICA E TURISMO DO ESTORIL (Portugal)
9. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR IT AND TRAVEL AND TOURISM (IFITT)
10. IRAN CULTURE HERITAGE AND TOURISM INVESTMENT COMPANY (Iran)
11. ISTRIA TOURIST BOARD (Croatia)
12. JEJU TOURISM ORGANIZATION (JTO) (Republic of Korea)
13. KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT & CARNET CLUB (Kuwait)
14. KYUNG HEE UNIVERSITY (Republic of Korea)
15. MALI LOSINJ TOURIST BOARD (Croatia)
16. MENARATOURS COMPANY (Egypt)
17. OAG –UBM AVIATION (United Kindgom)
18. PHILIPS LIGHTING, GBU (Netherlands)
19. QUIMBAYA-TOURS (Peru)
20. UNION OF CHAMBERS AND COMMODITY EXCHANGES OF TURKEY – TOBB (Turkey)
21. UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE (Portugal)
22. CENGIZ (Nigeria)
23. CONSORCI TURISME DE CATALUÑA (Spain)
24. IE BUSINESS SCHOOL (Spain)
25. RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX (France)
26. ZARAGOZA TURISMO (Spain)
2. Notes that the Committee has decided to grant the candidates indicated below a maximum of 60 days to complete their membership applications and to submit them to the Secretariat.

   1. CENGIZ (Nigeria)
   2. CONSORCI TURISME DE CATALUÑA (Spain)
   3. IE BUSINESS SCHOOL (Spain)
   4. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR IT AND TRAVEL AND TOURISM (IFITT)
   5. OAG –UBM AVIATION (United Kingdom)
   6. RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX (France)
   7. ZARAGOZA TURISMO (Spain)

CE/DEC/10(LXXXVI)

**Place and date of the eighty-seventh session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 7

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its eighty-seventh session in Astana, immediately after the closure of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.
4. **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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

1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, and Tunisia;

2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Africa (Cameroon);

3) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for the Americas (Colombia);

4) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (Thailand)

5) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for South Asia (Iran);

6) the representatives of the following Member States: Croatia, Fiji, Kenya, Jamaica, Malaysia, Monaco, Montenegro and Poland, as observers;

7) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina), and

8) the Chairman of the Programme Committee (Malaysia).