DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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CE/DEC/1(LXXIX)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/79/1 prov. and CE/79/1 prov. annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its seventy-ninth session as proposed.

CE/DEC/2(LXXIX)

Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 2
(document CE/79/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Tijani Haddad, Minister of Tourism of Tunisia,

1. Thanks him for it;

2. Shares the views of the Chairman regarding the importance of tourism and its contribution to the process of economic and social development, within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations;

3. Takes note of the suggestions of the Chairman regarding the creation of working groups within the Regional Commissions with a view to examining issues specific to each of the regions and of the desire of several members of the Council to establish links among the activities of the different Regional Commissions and requests the Regional Commissions to make known their proposals regarding the matter;
4. **Endorses** his opinions regarding the new challenges facing the sector, such as sustainable development, new information technologies and travel advisories;

5. **Agrees** with him that tourism constitutes one of the key factors for the establishment of a dialogue among cultures;

6. **Warmly thanks** Tunisia for the support it provides to the Organization; and

7. **Expresses its gratitude** likewise to Portugal, Vice-Chairman of the Council, for its valuable contribution to its work.

CE/DEC/3(LXXIX)

**Report of the Secretary-General**

**Agenda item 3**

*(document CE/79/3 Rev.1)*

The Executive Council,

**Having heard** the report presented by the Secretary-General and **having discussed** it,

1. **Thanks** the Secretary-General for his presentation structured around ten major challenges that lie ahead with regard to the programme of work 2007-2008;

2. **Welcomes** the dissemination and the progressive implementation by a growing number of countries of the tourism satellite account, which makes it possible to have a common language of statistical analysis with a view to obtaining a better appreciation of the economic importance of this sector, **decides** to hold a new conference on this subject in 2008, and **takes note** of the interest of Qatar and of Indonesia in hosting such an event;
3. **Takes note with satisfaction** of the activities carried out in the area of sustainable tourism development aimed at improving the management of sites and infrastructure in order to cope with the resumption of strong tourism growth and to secure the desired liberalization of trade in services;

4. **Favourably welcomes** the proposal of the Secretary-General to hold a second conference on tourism and climate change, whose conclusions could, if the possibility should arise, be presented during the ministerial meeting scheduled on the occasion of London’s World Travel Market in 2007;

5. **Shares** the views of the Secretary-General regarding the values of peace and dialogue upon which tourism should be based and **encourages** him to continue to promote them by organizing a major conference, which will be held in 2007, in Spain, in the framework of the “Alliance of Civilizations” promoted by the United Nations Secretary-General, on the theme "Tourism, Religions and Dialogue of Cultures*

6. **Agrees with** his analysis of the impact of new information and communications technologies in the tourism sector and **notes with satisfaction** that this priority is henceforth included in UNWTO’s work programme,

7. **Commends** the growing engagement of the Organization in the fight against poverty and in favour of generating employment through the contribution of sustainable tourism development;

8. **Takes note** of the reflections of the Strategic Group and of the Affiliate Members on the ways and means of providing fresh impetus to public-private partnership and entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting on the follow-up that will be given to them;

9. **Notes with interest** the measures taken by the Secretary-General for the prevention of risks and **approves** the suggestion to study the feasibility of creating an appropriate legal instrument to deal with the facilitation of tourist travel faced with the proliferation of constraints on the sector, and **decides** to create an open working group on this subject; and

10. **Takes note** of the changes carried out and those envisioned in the structure of the Secretariat in order to respond to the changes taking place in the world and to the needs expressed by the Members.
Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation

Agenda item 4(a)
(documents CE/79/4(a), CE/79/4(a) Add. 1)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization, presented in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 6, of the Financing Rules,

1. Takes note of the exceptional level of contributions received for the current year;

2. Notes with satisfaction that since the date of its last session 25 Full Members have paid all or part of their arrear contributions;

3. Notes that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the Assembly contained in its resolution 496(XVI), the expected income and expenditure will be able to ensure financial balance in this financial year, and that such balance is compatible with a moderate deviation from the expenditure plan for 2006, resulting essentially from the intensive programme of activities carried out this year;

4. Asks the Secretary-General that annual “expenditure plans“ be brought closer into line, to the extent possible, with the funds and expenditures allocated in the budget;

5. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2006 before the accounts for the current year are closed;

6. Takes note with satisfaction of the level of voluntary contributions received and of the projects carried out with them;

7. Especially thanks the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for its generous contribution for the creation of a Projects Office, based in Bonn, for sustainable tourism development aimed at assisting the countries affected by the tsunami, and the territory of Macau (China) for the aid provided to Indonesia after the earthquake that struck the region of Yogyakarta; and

8. Encourages the member countries as well as organizations and enterprises involved in tourism to make fresh contributions to the sustainable development of tourism in the world and to the fight against poverty.
Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(b) Application of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 4(b)
(documents CE/79/4(b), CE/79/4(b) Add. 1)

The Executive Council,

Observing that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are currently applied to 26 Full Members,

1. Urges the Members subject to these provisions to comply with their commitments, and if necessary, to propose the payment of their contribution arrears in instalments;

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

2. Notes with satisfaction that, as at the date of this session, the Full Members Ghana and Kazakhstan are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 as they have paid part of their arrears;

3. Also notes that the Full Member Cambodia is no longer liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules since it has submitted a plan for the payment of its arrears;

4. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Members Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Peru and Rwanda have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2006;

5. Notes that the Full Members Georgia and Yemen have partially respected their agreed payment plans up to 2006;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to remind Members that have not yet fulfilled their agreed plans or have done so only partially, that temporary exemption from the aforementioned provisions are subject to their full observance of those plans;
Recalling its decision CE/DEC/7(LXXVIII),

7. **Expresses** its satisfaction that Iraq and the Secretariat have initiated their negotiations concerning that country’s contribution arrears;

8. **Notes**, however, that since Iraq has not yet paid its assessed contribution to UNWTO for 2006 it remains subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Article 34 of the Statutes, and **encourages** it to regularize this situation as soon as possible.

**Aware** that Mauritania has paid in part its contribution for 2006,

9. **Urges** that country to submit a payment plan for its arrears to its 80th session;

**Having heard** the statements made by the Heads of Delegation of Guinea and Mali,

10. **Thanks** these two countries for pledging to pay their contributions as promptly as possible, in order to respect the payment plans they have agreed to with the Organization.

CE/DEC/6(LXXIX)

**New membership**

Agenda Item 5
(document CE/79/5)

The Executive Council,

**Having taken cognizance** of the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,

1. **Takes note** of the contacts maintained by the Secretariat with the countries that have shown interest in joining the Organization, as well as the demarches carried out with non-member States with a view to their possible membership; and

2. **Entrusts** the Secretary-General with actively continuing these demarches and to report on follow-up actions taken at its next session.
Cooperation with the United Nations system

(a) Participation in the system's coordination and mechanisms

Agenda item 6(a)
(documents CE/79/6(a), CE/79/6(a) Add.1 and Conference document)

The Executive Council,

Having considered document CE/79/6(a),

1. Notes with satisfaction the regular participation of the UNWTO in the different coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system, particularly in the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the High Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP), the High Level Committee on Management (HLCM), the United Nations Development Group (UNDG), as well as in the meetings of other bodies of the United Nations system;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to it, at its forthcoming sessions, on the participation of the Organization in the system's coordination mechanisms;

Having taken cognizance of the addendum to this document,

3. Thanks the Secretary-General for having circulated the important report of the High Level Panel on UN System-wide Coherence in the Areas of Development, Humanitarian Assistance, and the Environment, as well as for his own observations on this document;

4. Gives its support to these observations, and entrusts the Secretary-General with keeping it informed of possible follow-up by the United Nations General Assembly in this regard; and

5. Welcomes contributions on this subject, which its Members might wish to communicate to the Secretary-General.
Cooperation with the United Nations system

(b) Acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

Agenda item 6(b)
(document CE/79/6 (b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the document relative to the acceptance of the draft annex to the Convention relating to the World Tourism Organization,

1. Observes that the Economic and Social Council was unable to consider the draft annex at its sessions of July and October 2006;

2. Notes that ECOSOC is to consider a final draft resolution at the end of the year or at the beginning of next year; and

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it regarding the completion of these formalities at its next session.

Cooperation with the United Nations system

(c) Joint Headquarters Committee

(document CE/79/6(c))

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the developments that have occurred regarding this matter since the last session of the Council,

1. Takes note of the different subjects discussed at the meeting at the Headquarters on 27 October 2006 between the representatives of the Spanish Government and those of the Secretariat, in particular, regarding the security and capacity of the headquarters building and the status of UNWTO officials in Spain; and

2. Requests the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the outcome of the forthcoming meetings of the Headquarters Committee.
The Executive Council,

Having considered the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General on the Organization’s general programme of work for the period 2006-2007, since its seventy-eighth session, as approved by the Programme Committee, at its thirty-first meeting held on 24 and 25 October 2006,

1. Notes with satisfaction the considerable progress made in implementing the programme during the past four months and the positive results achieved to this end;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat on these achievements; and

Having been informed that the Programme Committee considered at the same meeting the subject of the evaluation of the Organization’s Programme of Work,

3. Agrees that a comprehensive evaluation of 2006-2007 activities would be helpful in order to assess the results obtained from the programme with respect to the medium-term objectives set by the General Assembly; and,

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on this subject and to submit it to the Council after prior examination, in the second half of 2007, by the Programme Committee.
General programme of work

(b) Guidelines for developing the programme of work and budget for the period 2008-2009: orientation debate and preparation procedure

Agenda item 7(b)
(document CE/79/7 (b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the guidelines submitted by the Secretary-General for the preparation of the Organization’s general programme of work for 2008-2009, on the basis of the proposals made by Members and the recommendations of the various organs and advisory bodies that have been consulted to this end, as revised and endorsed by the Programme Committee at its thirty-first meeting,

Recalling furthermore that a framework for the Organization’s medium-term programming of its aims and activities to 2010 has already been approved by the General Assembly at its sixteenth session (Dakar, Senegal, December 2005),

1. Instructs the Secretary-General to prepare the detailed draft programme and budget of the Organization for the above-mentioned biennial period, on the basis of document CE/79/7(b);

2. Agrees that the ten challenges identified by the Secretary-General as standing before the Organization should constitute the pillars on which the new programme will be constructed, in coherence with the structural reforms to be carried out at the level of the Secretariat;

3. Recommends that the Secretary-General uses the newly created United Nations Tourism Exchange Network (UNTEN) in order to promote cooperation, avoid duplication and ensure coherence between the UNWTO’s own activities and those of other United Nations bodies;

4. Notes that in accordance with rule 9(3) of the Council’s Rules of Procedure, the Programme Committee is scheduled to meet in June 2007 so as to examine the above-mentioned draft programme, before it is submitted to the Committee on Budget and Finance and to the Council at its eightieth session; and

5. Requests Members that would still like their suggestions to be taken into consideration to forward them to the Secretary-General by 21 January 2007, at the latest.
CE/DEC/12(LXXIX)

**General programme of work**

**(c) Fifth International Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities**

Agenda item 7(c)  
(documents CE/79/7(c) and CE/79/7(c) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General concerning the holding of the forthcoming International Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities,

**Having discussed** the two invitations extended by the Philippines and Tunisia, whose respective governments have both accepted the list of requirements for the holding of this Forum,

1. **Thanks** these two countries for their offers;
2. **Expresses special gratitude** to the Philippines for accepting that the Forum be held in Tunisia with a view to enabling synergy with the eightieth session of the Executive Council, which will be held simultaneously;
3. **Decides** to organize the Fifth Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities in Tunisia on a date to be agreed upon with the Secretary-General; and
4. **Requests** the Secretary-General to study the possibility of holding in the Philippines in 2008 a meeting of local authorities of Asia, notably, those with which the Organization already maintains relations of cooperation.

CE/DEC/13(LXXIX)

**Risk assessment and management status report**

Agenda item 8  
(documents CE/79/8 and CE/79/8 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

**Recalling** its decision 14(LXXXVIII) whereby it approved the action plan for risk assessment and management as prepared by the Working Group,
Having considered the report prepared by the Secretary-General on the implementation of this action plan,

Having also heard the presentation done by Mr. Frédéric Pierret, France, Chairman of the Working Group,

1. Takes note of the different activities that form part of the action plan whose implementation has already begun, in particular with regard to preparedness for a human avian flu epidemic;

2. Welcomes the extension of these activities to include other types of emergency situations affecting tourism;

3. Appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to seek external public and private partnerships to complement the resources allocated by the Organization for risk prevention and crisis management;

Having furthermore considered the addendum to the main report,

4. Takes note of the information contained in this document regarding the differences between a Working Group and a Committee, which is a subsidiary organ of the Council.

CE/DEC/14(LXXIX)

**Progress Report on the ST-EP Programme**

**Agenda item 9**

*(document CE/79/9)*

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the activities carried out by the Secretariat within the framework of the poverty alleviation programme, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General,

1. Welcomes the progress already accomplished in this area, in particular, with regard to raising the awareness of United Nations agencies and potential donors, with a view to soliciting their support for the programme and for the ST-EP Foundation;

2. Thanks the Government of Italy for its recent contribution of 650,000 euros for activities in this area, whose allocation will be decided upon by the Italian authorities;
3. Takes note with interest of the reinforcement of the departments concerned, with the joining of new professional collaborators, one within the framework of the ongoing cooperation between the UNWTO and SNV, Netherlands, and another through secondment from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France;

Having also considered the activities of the ST-EP Foundation, which were likewise enumerated in the abovementioned report,

4. Reiterates its satisfaction with the financing of six projects benefiting Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Vietnam and a group of nine West African countries, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Foundation at its last meeting in Quito;

5. Notes further that the financing of a new series of projects will be approved shortly by the Board of Directors at its next meeting;

Having further examined the part relative to the execution of the ST-EP projects,

6. Appreciates the results obtained, in particular through:
   (a) the preparation of guidelines and eligibility criteria for the execution of the projects,
   (b) the efforts made towards consolidating all ST-EP activities where the Board of Directors of the Foundation will draw up the appropriate guidelines,

7. Thanks the countries contributing to the ST-EP initiative and calls upon other countries, as well as the appropriate multilateral financial institutions to join them; and

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to it at its future sessions on the progress made in the ST-EP Programme.

CE/DEC/15(LXXIX)

Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 10(a)
(document CE/79/10(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Report of the Chairman of the UNWTO Affiliate Members,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his presentation;
2. **Expresses its satisfaction** over the consolidation of the new structure of the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members and the improved coordination thus established with the rest of the units of the Secretariat;

3. **Takes note** of the activities carried out as part of the Programme of Work, in collaboration with the Affiliate Members, which contribute to the taking into account in the General Programme of Work of the Organization of the points of view, needs and concerns of the non-governmental sector with regard to issues that are essential for the development of the tourism sector, such as sustainability, poverty reduction, as well as the development of new tourism products;

4. **Supports** the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members in its desire to encourage collaboration between the tourism public and private sectors, through the holding of a conference on public-private partnerships in the context of the World Tourism Forum, which will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on 30 November 2006;

5. **Expresses its satisfaction** over the forthcoming publication of the study on the economic importance of meetings tourism, carried out by the Business Council together with the Department of Statistics and Economic Measurement of Tourism, in collaboration with various Affiliate Members;

6. **Congratulates** the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members on its decision to carry out a new study on partnership between the public and private sectors in order to enhance the effectiveness of the marketing of tourism destinations;

7. **Congratulates and encourages** the Secretariat in its efforts aimed at attracting new members, as well as in the design of a strategy that will make it possible to increase the quality of the Affiliate Members and contribute to enriching their role within the Organization; and

Having heard the support given by the delegation of Canada to the project proposed by the Affiliate Members of the Organization,

8. **Welcomes** the important initiative on the part of the Destination Council, and its Chairman, for the improvement of the quality of destinations through the creation, in Montreal, of a Centre for Excellence of Destinations, with the participation of public and private entities, and the financial support of both the Federal Government of Canada and the Provincial Government of Quebec.
CE/DEC/16(LXXIX)

Affiliate Members

(b) Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 10(b)
(document CE/79/10 (b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 20 November 2006,

1. Takes note of the designation of San Marino as Chairman of the Sub-Committee;

2. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee; and

3. Decides to submit to the seventeenth session of the General Assembly the following candidates for affiliate membership:
   
   - BROCK UNIVERSITY (Canada)
   - CÁMARA OFICIAL DE COMERCIO, INDUSTRIA Y NAVEGACIÓN DE LA PROVINCIA DE MÁLAGA (Spain)
   - FUNDACIÓN MUNICIPAL “TURISMO PARA CUENCA” (Ecuador)
   - INSTITUTO DISTRITAL DE CULTURA Y TURISMO (Colombia)
   - INSTITUTO MUNICIPAL DE TURISMO (IMTUR) DEL AJUNTAMENT DE PALMA DE MALLORCA (Spain)
   - INSTITUTO PARA LA CALIDAD TURÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA – ICTE (Spain)

CE/DEC/17(LXXIX)

Structure of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly

Agenda Item 11
(document CE/79/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General,

Having also heard the words of invitation and welcome from the delegation of Colombia,
1. **Shares** the views of the Secretary-General regarding making the structure of the Assembly more compact in order to allow better participation by Ministers and prominent persons in the meetings of the supreme organ of the Organization;

2. **Decides** to adopt this new structure divided into two parts: a technical segment and a ministerial segment; and

3. **Notes** that the seventeenth session will be held, as planned, in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on 22-29 November 2007.

CE/DEC/18(LXXIX)

**Election of the Executive Council’s officers for 2007**

Agenda Item 12

(document CE/79/12)

The Executive Council,

**Having regard** to Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

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

1. **Decides** to re-elect Tunisia as Chairman of the Council, and to elect as Vice-Chairmen for 2007, Argentina and Hungary;

2. **Thanks** H.E. Mr. Tijani Haddad for his declared intention of once again personally performing the functions of the chairmanship in 2007, in view of his keen interest in the Organization and its activities;

3. **Requests** the States elected as Vice-Chairmen, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure, to inform the Secretary-General of the names of the persons designated by them to exercise these functions; and

4. **Pays special tribute** to the outgoing Vice-Chairmen (Ecuador and Portugal) for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.
CE/DEC/19(LXXIX)

Place and dates of the eightieth session of the Council

Agenda Item 13
(document CE/79/13)

The Executive Council,

Bearing in mind the stipulations adopted at its last session concerning the conditions for invitations to host its sessions,

Having taken note of the offer of Tunisia to host its next session and having deliberated on it,

1. Decides to accept this generous invitation and to hold its eightieth session in Tunisia, along with the International Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities to be held as provided for in decision 12(LXXIX) above;

2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with setting the date of the session in consultation with the Government of Tunisia; and

3. Takes note of the candidature of the Republic of Korea to host one of its sessions in 2008, with a view to giving the Members the possibility to visit, on this occasion, the headquarters of the ST-EP Foundation in Seoul.

CE/DEC/20(LXXIX)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having successfully carried out the proceedings of its seventy-ninth session in the favourable conditions placed at its disposal by the host country of the session,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Government of Algeria for this new show of support to the UNWTO and to its Members;

2. Feels honoured by the interest taken by H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Head of Government of Algeria, in this meeting, regarding whose conclusions he has been informed by the Secretary-General; and
3. Cordially thanks H.E. Mr. Noureddine Moussa, Minister of Tourism, Mr. Djamel Kouidrat, Secretary-General, Mr. Abdelkader Gouti, Director of Cooperation and Communication, and all of their collaborators for their warm hospitality towards the delegations present at this session of the Council and for giving them the opportunity to appreciate the cultural traditions and tourism attractions of the city of Algiers.
4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

(1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Botswana, Canada, Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Germany, Guinea, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Mali, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey;

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

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

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

(5) the Permanent Observer to UNWTO (Holy See);

(6) the representative of the Affiliate Members (North Course /RCI Global Vacation Network (RCI GVN));

(7) the representatives of the following WTO Member States: Colombia, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Kazakhstan, South Africa, and the United Republic of Tanzania, as observers,

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

(9) the Director General of the ST-EP Foundation, as observer.