

# WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

# DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION

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#### Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1 (documents CE/76/1 prov. and CE/76/1 prov.annot.)

| The Executive Council   |
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| Adopts the agenda of its seventy-sixth session as proposed.   |
| CE/DEC/2(LXXVI)   |
| Applications for membership   |
| Agenda item 2<br>(documents A/16/5 a)I), A/16/5 a)I) Add.1, A/16/5 a)I) Add.2, A/16/5 a)I) Add.3 et<br>A/16/5 a) II)) |
| The Executive Council,  |
| Having been informed of the documents prepared by the Secretary-General on this subject,                              |
| Decides to transmit them to the General Assembly for approval.  |

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#### White Paper and Agenda 2010

Agenda item 3 (documents A/16/13 a), A/16/13 a) Add.1 et A/16/13 b))

The Executive Council,

<u>Having taken cognizance</u> of the draft White Paper and of the suggestions made on this subject by the Strategic Group, as well as of the draft Agenda 2010 prepared by the Secretary-General,

| 1. | Shares the long-term vision set out by the Secretary-General in the draft White     |
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|    | Paper and gives its agreement to the medium-term planning of activities established |
|    | in Agenda 2010; and   |
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| 2.    | <u>Decides</u> to transmit these two documents to the General Assembly for approv |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### Candidatures for the posts of Auditor for the period 2006-2007

Agenda item 4 (document A/16/24)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having regard</u> to Article 12(g) of the Organization's Statutes and regulation 15 of the Financial Regulations;

 Thanks the Auditors appointed for the current biennium 2006-2007, i.e. Spain, (Mr. Fernando Casas Guillén) and India, (Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma and Mr. Onkar Nath) for their efficient work;

Having reviewed the candidatures submitted.

| Having    | <u>g reviewed</u> the candidatures submitted,   |
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| 2.        | Recommends the General Assembly to renew the mandate of Spain and India as Auditors for the financial period 2006-2007. |
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#### 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 5(a)(b) (documents A/16/14(a), A/16/14(a) Add.1, and CE/76/5(b))

The Executive Council.

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

<u>Having heard</u> the presentations made by the Secretariat and <u>having considered</u> the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

- Notes with satisfaction that, by the date of the present session, 85 per cent of the total contributions receivable from Members for the current year and 103 per cent of the estimated income from contributions had been received;
- 2. <u>Takes cognizance</u> that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the General Assembly at its fifteenth session, a balance between expenditure, which have been kept under control, and income has been maintained;
- 3. Observes that income from arrear contributions to date amounts to 1,402,725 euros, representing 200 per cent of the amount estimated for 2005;
- 4. Expresses its gratification at the excellent current financial situation of the Organization and, in light of the good results expected for this financial year, proposes to the General Assembly to authorize the Secretary-General to make a provision of 350,000 euros charged against the present financial year and transferable to the 2006-2007 budgetary period in order to cover expenses that will be entailed by the application of United Nations security regulations at the headquarters building (200,000 euros) and the updating of the sound equipment in the conference room (150,000 euros);

<u>Aware</u> of the need to exceptionally reinforce the means allocated to preparing for risks and crisis management,

5. <u>Decides further</u> to submit to the General Assembly for consideration the possibility to make available a provisional credit of 250,000 euros for such reinforcement:

<u>Having noted</u> the considerable amount of arrears owed to the Organization by certain Members,

6. <u>Urges</u> Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to discharge the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.

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#### Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(c) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes
 (d) Requests for temporary exemption fro the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Agenda item 5(c)(d) (documents A/16/5(b)(c), A/16/5(b)(c) Add.1, A/16/5(b)(c) Add.2 and A/16/5(b)(c) Add.3)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having considered</u> 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,

<u>Having been informed</u> 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 considered the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

- 1. <u>Notes with satisfaction</u> that Gabon, Haiti and Venezuela are no longer subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules respectively, since they have paid all their arrears;
- 2. <u>Welcomes</u> the fact that Costa Rica is complying scrupulously with its payments plan and has reduced the sum to an amount lower than its contributions for the past two years thus continuing to be free from the application of the provisions of paragraph 13;
- 3. <u>Decides</u>, 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 El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Mali and Rwanda;
- 4. <u>Also decides</u> to recommend the General Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of Bolivia, Georgia, Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan 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 2006;
- 5. <u>Proposes</u> to the General Assembly that it grant Iraq an extension until its 78<sup>th</sup> session for this Member to present a payment plan or settle its arrears;

- 6. <u>Proposes</u> to the General Assembly that it cancel the arrears of the Republic of Moldova, following the agreement reached between the Secretary-General and the Prime Minister of that country to the effect that, from the standpoint of international law, the true date of Moldova's accession to WTO was 1 January 2002;
- 7. <u>Proposes</u> to the General Assembly that it maintain until its 78<sup>th</sup> session the temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of Article 34 to Burundi, so as to allow time for contacts with the Secretary-General to determine whether that Full Member desires to continue its membership in WTO;
- 8. <u>Decides</u> to submit to the General Assembly for approval the payment plans submitted by the following Full Members and already approved by its 73rd and 75<sup>th</sup> sessions: Nicaragua, Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Uruguay; as well as those submitted by Guinea Bissau, Mongolia and Peru to its present session;
- 9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its 78<sup>th</sup> 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;

<u>Having taken note</u> 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 arrears equal to or exceeding their contributions for 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 MEMBER**

CAPE VERDE

#### **AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

ASOCIACION ECUATORIANA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (ASECUT) (Ecuador) CENCAP – ESCUELA INTERNACIONAL DE HOTELERIA Y TURISMO (Argentina)

COMMITTEE FOR TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF RESORTS OF SAINT PETERSBURG GOVERNMENT (Russian Federation)

DCDM CONSULTING (Mauritus)

ENTREPRISE TOURISTIQUE DE KABYLIE (Algeria)

GABON CONTACTS (Gabon)

INSTITUTE OF TRAINING, RESEARCH AND OPERATIONAL CONSULTANCY (INSTROCT)(Iran)

KERALA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD. (KTDC) (India)

MASYARAKAT PARIWISATA INDONESIA (Indonesia)

ORGANISATION DU TOURISME EURO-MEDITERRANÉEN (OTEM)

ROYAL AIR MAROC (Morocco)

ROYAL OLYMPIC CRUISES (Greece)

**UNIVERSITY OF VESZPREM (Hungary)** 

WINZRIK TOURISM SERVICES CO. (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

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### Assessment of Members' contributions for the period 2006-2007 and adjustment to the budget for the same period

Agenda item 6 (document A/16/15)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the document prepared in accordance with the established formula for the calculation of contributions, using the data provided by the United Nations and the Members.

- 1. Recommends the Assembly to approve a budget of 24,165,000 euros for the period 2006-2007;
- 2. <u>Decides</u> that the part of the budget that should be covered by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members amounts to 10,294,014 euros for 2006 and 10, 736,009 euros for 2007;
- 3. <u>Decides further</u> that the balance should be financed by the contributions of the Affiliate Members and the other sources of funding referred to in A/16/12;
- 4. Recommends the Assembly to maintain the contribution of the Affiliate Members for the period 2006-2007 at the same level as in the period 2004 2005, i.e. at 2,000 euros per year, of which 1,500 euros will be allocated as a contribution to the Organization's budget and 500 euros assigned to their own activities; and

| 5.    | Recommends the Assembly to adopt the corresponding scale of contributions for |
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### Recommendation of the Quality Support and Trade Committee concerning accessible tourism for all

Agenda item 7 (document CE/76/7)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having examined</u> the recommendations of the Quality Support and Trade Committee with a view to improving the accessibility of tourism for persons with disabilities,

| 1.    | Gives its agreement to the content of the said document; and   |
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| 2.    | Decides to transmit it to the General Assembly for adoption.   |
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|       | Designation of the countries to act as the official hosts of World Tourism Day in 2006 and 2007  |
|       | Agenda item 8<br>(document A/16/21)  |
| The E | Executive Council,   |
|       | ng considered the document setting out invitations received from Member States to World Tourism Day in 2006 and 2007,                              |
| 1.    | Thanks the countries that have presented candidatures; and   |
| 2.    | <u>Decides</u> to recommend to the General Assembly to designate Portugal as the host country for World Tourism Day in 2006 and Sri Lanka in 2007. |
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CE/DEC/10(LXXVI)

#### Recommendations on travel advisories

Agenda item 10 (document A/16/22)

The Executive Council

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on this subject,

|       | Decides to transmit it to the Working Grou<br>Group can transmit on its own behalf its re | the said |
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## Affiliate Members: Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

#### Agenda item 11

The Executive Council,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of its Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 26 November 2005,

- 1. Endorses the Sub-Committee's recommendations; and
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to submit to the sixteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
  - 1. AGENCE DE TOURISME GIC MIEUX-VIVRE: POUR LA PROMOTION, L'ACCUEIL ET LE TRANSFERT (Cameroon)
  - 2. ALLSTATES TRAVEL AND TOURS LTD (Nigeria)
  - 3. AL RAWDA TRAVEL AND TOURISM AGENCY (Sudan)
  - 4. ASOCIACIÓN DE AGENCIAS DE TURISMO DE CUSCO (Peru)
  - 5 ASOCIACIÓN INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO HOTELERO (Spain)
  - 6. CAPTUR CAMARA PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO PICHINCHA (Ecuador)
  - 7. CENTRO ESPAÑOL DE NUEVAS PROFESIONES (Spain)
  - 8. CREATIVE MARKETING SA (Greece)
  - 9. DISCOVER BRAZIL VIAGENS & TOURISM, LTD (Brazil)
  - 10. FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAUX FBC&VB (Brazil)

- 11. EDICIONES CABRER (Dominican Republic)
- 12. EXCELTUR ALIANZA PARA LA EXCELENCIA TURÍSTICA (Spain)
- 13. FUNDACIÓN SIERRA CALDERONA (Spain)
- 14. GUILIN INSTITUTE OF TOURISM (China)
- 15. HOTREC, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS IN EUROPE
- 16. INESTUR / CITTB, INSTITUTO DE ESTRATEGIA TURÍSTICA DE LAS ISLAS BALEARES (Spain)
- 17. INFORMACIÓN E COMUNICACIÓN LOCAL S. A. TURISMO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Spain)
- 18. KATOWICE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (Poland)
- 19. KUONI TRAVEL LTD (Switzerland)
- 20. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM NIHOTOUR (Nigeria)
- 21. ROJENNY TOURIST/GAMES VILLAGE OBA (Nigeria)
- 22. STRATEGIC BUSINESS MEETING S.A. TOURISMAFRICA (Switzerland)
- 23. TEZTOUR (Turkey)
- 24. THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (China)
- 25. THE FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY OF SINGIDINUM (Serbia and Montenegro)
- 26. TOURISM PROMOTION ORGANIZATION FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC CITIES (Republic of Korea)

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#### Place and date of the seventy-seventh session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 12

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| <u>Decides</u> | to   | hold   | its | seventy | /-seventh | session | in | Dakar | in | the | framework | of | the |
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#### 4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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

- delegates of the following Members of the Council: Andorra, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey;
- 2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Africa (Angola);
- 3) the representative of the Associate Members (Macao, China);
- 4) the representatives of the following member States: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Germany, Guinea, Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Poland, Portugal, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa, Sri Lanka; Sudan, Thailand, Ukraine and United Kingdom;
- 5) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina);
- 6) The Chairperson of the Programme Committee (Austria).