ANOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda (document CE/73/1 prov.)

In accordance with rule 4(1) of the Executive Council’s Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda for the session was drawn up by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Chairman of the Council. It covers all matters referred to the Council in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes and with decisions taken by the Council at previous sessions.

The Council is invited to adopt the agenda submitted to it.

Item 2

Communication of the Chairman (document CE/73/2)

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Chairman presents his communication to the Executive Council, in accordance with decision 3(LVIII).

Item 3

Report of the Secretary-General (document CE/73/3)

In this document, the Secretary-General reports to the Council on the situation of international tourism as well as on activities undertaken and prospective action by the Secretariat.
Item 4

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(a) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance (document CE/73/4(a))

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina) submits the report, prepared by the Committee on conclusion of its forty-third meeting, on financial matters within the Council's remit.

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and plan of expenditure for 2004 (document CE/73/4(b))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council in this document on the present state of the Organization's finances and the financial outlook for the coming months. He also presents the plan of activities and expenditure for the financial year 2004. Furthermore, the Secretary-General reports on the steps in progress for the updating of the salary scale of General Service staff.

(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2003 (document CE/73/4(c))

In this document the Organization's Auditors, designated by India and Spain (Members elected to these posts by the General Assembly - A/RES/473(XV)), will submit their report on the administrative accounts for 2003. This document will also contain the administrative accounts for the past financial year, together with the corresponding financial statements.

(d) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes (document CE/73/4(d))

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General reports on the application of General Assembly resolution 451(XV) concerning the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes. He also provides the Council with a list of Members subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 452(XV), reports on compliance with the conditions of payment by Members benefiting from suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules.

(e) Linguistic diversity (document CE/73/4(e))

In accordance with resolution 466(XV), the Secretary-General informs the Members of the Council on the progress made in this matter and, as requested by the Assembly, on the implications resulting from the introduction of an additional working language in WTO, in the light of the recommendations made on this subject by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and by the Programme Committee.
Item 5

Applications for Membership (document CE/73/5)

In his report on this subject and according to the resolution 449 (XV), the Secretary-General informs the Council about membership applications received or completed since the last General Assembly session.

Item 6

Follow-up of the transformation of the Organization into a specialized agency of the United Nations

(a) Participation in the system’s coordination mechanisms (document CE/73/6 (a))

In this document, the Secretary-General reports on the participation of WTO in the different coordination meetings of the United Nations system and presents a briefing on the problems caused by the international coordination of tourism statistics.

(b) Ratifications following from the Agreement between WTO and the United Nations (document CE/73/6 (b))

Under this agenda item, the Secretary-General informs the Council about the actions undertaken to comply with the obligations resulting from Article 21 of the Agreement between the United Nations and WTO.

(c) Accession to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies (document CE/73/6 (c))

In this document, the Secretary-General reports on the steps taken with the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs for the application of this Convention to our Institution.

(d) Acronym of the World Tourism Organization (document CE/73/6 (d))

Under this agenda item, the Secretary-General puts forward proposals to the Council regarding the English acronym of the Organization.

(e) Updating of the Staff Rules (document CE/73/6 (e))

The Secretary-General presents to the Council, for adoption, the updating of the Staff Rules in view of the Organization’s transformation into a specialized agency of the United Nations.
Item 7

General programme of work

(a)  Report on the implementation and on the evaluation of the general programme of work for the period 2004-2005 (document CE/73/7 (a))

This document informs the Members of the Council about the progress made on the subject of the evaluation of the programme, in accordance with the mechanisms established by the Programme Committee.

(b)  Preparation of the general programme of work for the period 2006-2007 (document CE/73/7 b))

In this document, the Secretary-General submits to the Council the initial orientations that the Council could adopt regarding the programme of work for the period 2006-2007.

Item 8

World Committee on Tourism Ethics (document CE/73/8)

Under this item of the provisional agenda the Secretary-General informs about the results of the first meeting of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics held in Rome in February 2004 and the actions carried out following the meeting.

Item 9

ST-EP Initiative (document CE/73/9)

Following the adoption of this initiative by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General informs the Council about the actions undertaken to implement this strategy.

Item 10

Liberalization of trade in tourism services (document CE/73/10)

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the implementation of activities in the area of liberalization of trade in tourism services in the framework of the Doha Development Round.

Item 11

Protection of hotels and tourism attractions during times of armed conflicts (document CE/73/11)

This item is included in the provisional agenda at the proposal of Colombia, following the decision taken at the fortieth meeting of the Commission for the Americas (Asunción, Paraguay, 2003).
Item 12

Report of the Working Group for the preparation of amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Statutes (document CE/73/12)

Under this agenda item, the Chairman of the Working Group, France, reports to the Council on the work of the Group created at its last session.

Item 13

Scheduling of conferences (document CE/73/13)

In this document, the Secretary-General presents a calendar of meetings of the different organs and other conferences for 2004 and 2005. He also submits proposals received from States that wish to host such events.

Item 14

Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chairman (document CE/73/14 a))

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Chairman informs the Council of the courses of action and decisions adopted with a view to further developing the activities of the Affiliate Members.

(b) Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership (document CE/73/14 b))

In its report the Sub-Committee makes recommendations to the Executive Council on the applications for affiliate membership reviewed at its meeting during the proceedings of the seventy-third session of the Council.

Item 15

Place and dates of the seventy-fourth session of the Executive Council (document CE/73/15)

The Council is invited to decide on a place and date for its seventy-fourth session.

Item 16

Review and adoption of the draft decisions of the seventy-third session of the Executive Council

In accordance with the established practice, the draft decisions of the seventy-third session are submitted to the Council for adoption at the last working meeting.