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

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CE/DEC/1(LXXI)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/71/1 prov., CE/71/1 prov.annot. and CE/71/Doc.Inf.)

The Executive Council

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

CE/DEC/2(LXXI)

Applications for membership

Agenda item 2
(documents A/15/5 a)I), A/15/5a)I) Add.1, A/15/5 a)I) Add.2, A/15/5 a)II), CE/71/2 Doc.Trav. and CE/71/2 Doc.Trav.1)

The Executive Council,

Having received the draft resolution submitted by Spain as transmitted to the Secretariat in a note verbale dated 14 October 2003, and

Having heard the reservations expressed by the Secretary-General,

Decides to transmit this resolution to the General Assembly for approval.

CE/DEC/3(LXXI)

Designation of the countries to act as the official hosts of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005

Agenda item 3
(document CE/71/3)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the document setting out invitations received from Member States to host World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005,
Believing that the host state of World Tourism Day should be determined by rotation among the Members of the six Regional Commissions so as to respect equitable geographical distribution,

1. **Thanks** the countries that have presented candidatures; and

2. **Decides** to recommend to the General Assembly to designate Malaysia as the host country for World Tourism Day in 2004 and Qatar in 2005, and the following as the geographical order to be observed beginning in 2006 for the World Tourism Day celebrations: 2006 in Europe; 2007 in South Asia; 2008 in the Americas, and 2009 in Africa.

CE/DEC/4(LXXI)

**Candidatures for the posts of Auditor for the period 2004-2005**

Agenda item 4
(document CE/71/4)

The Executive Council,

**Having regard** to Article 12(g) of the Organization’s Statutes and regulation 15 of the Financial Regulations,

1. **Thanks** the Auditors appointed for the current biennium 2002-2003, i.e. Spain, (Mrs. María Jesús Piñón Gorricho) and India, (Mr. J. Bhadra and Mr. Sunil Chander) for their efficient work;

2. **Recommends** the General Assembly to renew the mandate of Spain and India as Auditors for the financial period 2004-2005.
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 CE/71/5(a), CE/71/5(a) Add.1, CE/71/5(a) Add.1 Corr.1 and CE/71/5(b))

The Executive Council,

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

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

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the good level of contributions received for the current year;

2. Welcomes the high level of collection of arrear contributions obtained, and congratulates the Members for the effort this represents;

3. Notes with satisfaction that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the Assembly contained in resolution 396(XIII), it will be possible to maintain a balance between income and expenditure and to execute in full the plan of expenditure for 2003;

Having noted the considerable amount of arrears owed to the Organization by certain Members,

4. Urges Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to discharge the outstanding amounts as soon as possible.
Administrative, financial and statutory matters

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

Agenda item 5(c)(d)
(documents CE/71/5(b), CE/71/5(c)(d), CE/71/5(c)(d) Add.1, CE/71/5(c)(d) Add.2 and CBF/Wkg.Doc.1)

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 of 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,

1. Decides to recommend 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, El Salvador, Guinea, Kazakhstan and Mali in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans;

Having been informed that Iraq is no longer subject to United Nations sanctions,

2. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to renew the temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to Full Member Iraq and to Affiliate Member Iraqi Airways until they present a payment plan to discharge their contribution arrears;

3. Also decides to recommend the Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Peru, Sierra Leone 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 in their payment plans by 1 January 2004;

4. Accepts the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance regarding the contribution arrears of Republic of Moldova and entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking a legal study to ascertain the true date of that country's admission to WTO and to recalculate the amount of its contribution for financial year 1994 in order to correct the errors in the statistical data used to calculate it;

5. Recommends the Assembly to grant temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to the Republic of Moldova while the above-mentioned legal study is being carried out, and provided that said Member pays the contribution for the financial year in progress;
6. Decides to recommend the Assembly to grant temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of Article 34 to Burundi until a legal position is adopted concerning that Member’s request for a temporary suspension of its full membership;

7. Adopts the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance urging the Secretary-General to maintain constant open dialogue with the countries that have accumulated contribution arrears, with the aim of finding an appropriate solution;

Having taken cognizance of the communications received from the Full Members Georgia and Sudan, submitting plans for the payment of their contribution arrears in instalments and requesting suspension of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13,

8. Decides furthermore to recommend the General Assembly to comply with the requests for temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the Full Members and Affiliate Members listed below:

**FULL MEMBERS**

BOLIVIA
BURKINA FASO
BURUNDI
CAMBODIA
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
EL SALVADOR
GEORGIA
GHANA
GUINEA
IRAQ
KAZAKHSTAN
MALI
PERU
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
SIERRA LEONE
SUDAN
YEMEN

**AFFILIATE MEMBER**

IRAQI AIRWAYS

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its seventy-third session on the fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by these Members, with a view to deciding whether to maintain the exemption or reapply the provisions of paragraph 13;

Having observed the list of Members currently subject to the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes,
10. Notes 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 MEMBERS
DJIBOUTI
GABON
VENEZUELA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS
BEPONG TOURISM CONSULTANTS (Nigeria)
CENTRO FEDERAL DE EDUCACAO TECNOLOGICA DO CEARA (CEFET) (Brazil)
ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE TURISMO - INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO NACIONAL (Mexico)
FUNDACIÓN CAVANILLES DE ALTOS ESTUDIOS TURÍSTICOS (Spain)
INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTELS AND RESORTS (United Kingdom)
ISTITUTO SUPERIORE EUROPEO DI STUDI TURISTICI (ISEST) (Italy)
KODOLANYI JANOS COLLEGE, TOURISM DEPARTMENT (Hungary)
MAJESTIC AGENCIA DE VIAJES Y TURISMO S.R.L. (Peru)
PHILIPPINE TOURISM AUTHORITY (Philippines)
PROMARGARITA (Venezuela)
UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES (Israel)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(e) Updating of the Staff Rules

Agenda item 5(e)
(document CE/71/5(e))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the document on this matter, prepared in view of the transformation of WTO into a specialized agency of the United Nations,

Requests the Secretary-General to initiate the necessary consultations with the staff representatives and to submit proposals for examination at its session of spring 2004.
Assessment of Members’ contributions for the period 2004-2005
and possible adjustment to the budget for the same period

Agenda item 6
(documents CE/71/6 and CE/71/6 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the background document prepared in accordance with the established formula for the calculation of contributions, using the data provided by the United Nations for the period 1996-2001 regarding the corresponding Gross National Income and population,

1. Recommends the Assembly to approve a budget of 22,144,000 euros for the period 2004-2005;

2. Decides that the part of the budget that should be covered by the contributions of the Full Members amounts to 9,028,478 euros for 2004 and 9,308,215 euros for 2005;

3. Decides further that the part of the budget that should be covered by the contributions of the Associate Members amounts to 137,522 for 2004 and 141,785 euros for 2005;

4. Recommends the Assembly to maintain the contribution of the Affiliate Members for the period 2004-2005 at the same level as in the period 2002-2003, 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 the biennium 2004-2005.

Affiliate Members:
Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 7
(document CE/71/7)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 18 October 2003,
1. **Endorses** the Sub-Committee’s recommendations; and

2. **Decides** to submit to the fifteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:

   1. A.T.S. (Italy)
   2. DMC VIAJES, S.A. (Chile)
   3. GLOBAL TOURISM SOLUTIONS (United Kingdom)
   4. HOTEL SUPPORT SERVICES LTD (Nigeria)
   5. INSTITUTO DE TURISMO RESPONSABLE (Spain)
   6. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL FEDERATION
   7. LE CORDON BLEU (Peru)
   8. REED TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS (United Kingdom)
   9. TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (TIAC)

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**Place and date of the seventy-second session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 9

The Executive Council

**Decides** to hold its seventy-second session in Beijing on 24 October 2003 immediately after the closure of the fifteenth session of the General Assembly.
4. **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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

1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Andorra, Angola, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, France, India, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine and United Republic of Tanzania;

2) the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions for the Americas (Argentina) and for Europe (Switzerland);

3) the representative of the Associate Members (Macao, China);

4) the representatives of the following member States: Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Indonesia, Malawi, Malaysia, Monaco, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sri Lanka and Turkey, as observers;

5) the representative of the Affiliate Members [International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO)];

6) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina);

7) the Chairperson of the Programme Committee (Austria), and

8) the representative of Latvia, non-member State of the Organization, as observer.