

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD AND SIXTY-FOURTH SESSIONS

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CE/DEC/1(LXIII-LXIV)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/63/1 prov., CE/64/1 prov., CE/63-64 prov.
and CE/63-64 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council

1. Adopts the agendas of its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions with the addition of an item "Other matters" at the request of the Chinese delegation; and
 2. Decides to consider them together, as presented in the combined agenda of the two sessions.
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CE/DEC/2(LXIII-LXIV)

Solemn tribute to Mr. Dharmasiri Senanayake

Agenda item 2
(document CE/60/2 rev.)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document prepared by the Secretary-General,

Having heard the Chairman of the Council and the many warm sentiments of respect and gratitude towards Mr Senanayake expressed by delegates,

1. Decides to request the delegation of Sri Lanka to convey its deep sympathy once again to the Government and people of its country; and
 2. Invites the General Assembly to pay tribute to Mr Senanayake, at its next session, for the major role he played in the Organization for more than twenty-five years.
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CE/DEC/3(LXIII-LXIV)

Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of its Chairman,

1. Thanks him for his presentation of the views of the chairmanship; and
 2. Takes note with interest of the proposals it contains.
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CE/DEC/4(LXIII-LXIV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 4
(documents CE/63-64/4 and CE/63-64/4 Add.1)

The Executive Council

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "A vision, three worksites and a strategy",

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report; and
 2. Shares his vision of an encouraged but controlled liberalization of tourism based upon the principle of sustainable development.
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CE/DEC/5(LXIII-LXIV)

Admission of new Full Members

Agenda item 5
(document CE/64/3)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the document prepared by the Secretary-General on this subject,

1. Notes with satisfaction the return of Canada as a Member of the Organization on 24 January 2000;
2. Takes note with great interest of Monaco's application for full membership which will take effect on 1 January 2001, in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Statutes;
3. Welcomes with the greatest satisfaction the decision of Honduras to rejoin WTO and manifests its strong support for this candidature;
4. Expresses its intention to give Honduras the possibility of taking part as an observer in the Organization's activities;
5. Decides furthermore that, during the period preceding its admission by the General Assembly, it shall benefit from all services provided by the Organization on the same basis as Full Members and to accept, as a voluntary contribution, any financial transfer that Honduras may make in compensation;

Desirous of resolving the evident anomaly that exists regarding the readmission of former WTO Members wishing to rejoin the Organization,

6. Recommends the General Assembly to adopt a resolution that will allow former Full Members of WTO to return on the same terms as those laid down in Article 5(2) of the Statutes for former Full Members of IUOTO.
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CE/DEC/6(LXIII-LXIV)

General programme of work of the Organization for the period 2000-2001

(a) Implementation of the programme

Agenda item 6(a)

(documents CE/63/4, CE/63/4 Add.1, CE/63/4 Add.2, CE/63/4 Add.3 et CE/63/4 Add.4)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 2000-2001,

1. Takes note of the development of technical cooperation activities, globally and by region, as well as of the progress of field missions and project execution;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the increasing number of projects being carried out in countries such as China and India, using funds belonging to the beneficiary regions;

Aware nonetheless of the limited financial resources available for the technical cooperation projects at present being executed by WTO,

3. Encourages the Secretary-General to persevere in his endeavours to diversify the financial resources available to the Organization for the execution of technical cooperation projects and to ensure greater consistency between WTO's initiatives and those of other donor institutions or countries;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the good results achieved by the various Regional Commission meetings held successively in Madeira, Portugal (Europe), Costa Rica (Americas), Benin (Africa), Jordan (Middle East) and Japan (East Asia and Pacific and South Asia), as well as by their associated seminars;
5. Notes with interest the progress made in the creation and practical application of the various human resource development tools provided for in the programme, with particular reference to the two sessions of the WTO Practicum for officials of national tourism administrations held in 2000;
6. Observes with satisfaction the results of the Second World Congress on snow- and winter- sports tourism, held at Escaldes/Encamp in April 2000 by kind invitation of the Government of Andorra, of the Conference on Public-Private Partnership held in March at the invitation of Thailand and in cooperation with ESCAP, of the Seminar on the development of small islands and island States held in Capri, Italy jointly with the United Nations Environment Programme;

7. Expresses its satisfaction at the adoption by the United Nations Statistical Commission, on 1 March 2000, of the WTO Tourism Satellite Account and at the measures being taken to implement the recommendations of the Enzo Paci World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism (Nice, June 1999) in WTO member countries;
8. Notes with interest the follow-up to the seventh session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (April 1999) and welcomes Canada's proposal to hold a Global Conference on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development in Quebec in May 2002 within the framework of the International Year of Ecotourism declared by the United Nations;
9. Expresses its satisfaction at the high level of participation achieved by the Third International Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities held at Rio de Janeiro in May 2000 and thanks the Brazilian Government for hosting this important meeting;
10. Commends the Secretary-General for the organization, during September 2000, of the events marking WTO's Millennium Week in the Holy Land in WTO member countries of the region, while expressing its deep sorrow at the difficulties at present besetting the tourism industry in all regions owing to the situation prevailing there, and expresses its satisfaction at the prominence achieved during Millennium Week by WTO's Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
11. Approves the report of the fourth meeting of the Quality Support Committee (Madrid, Spain, 12-13 April 2000) and accepts the Committee's recommendations on tourism signs and symbols contained therein, as well as the use of a logotype to promote World Tourism Day;
12. Expresses its appreciation to the German Government for organizing on 27 September at the Hanover Expo 2000 a World Tourism Summit during which the theme of World Tourism Day, viz. "Technology and Nature: two challenges for tourism at the dawn of the 21st century", was addressed by a panel of distinguished international speakers;
13. Welcomes the agreements reached with the Commission of the European Union whereby that institution will make an appreciable financial contribution to activities under the campaign being waged against the sexual exploitation of children in the tourism industry;
14. Adopts the report on the implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 2000-2001;

Having considered the report (CE/63/4 Add.1) of the Programme Committee's nineteenth meeting held at Headquarters on 10 April 2000,

15. Adopts that report; and

16. Agrees to the proposal of the Programme Committee that Ms. Sonja Lebe (Slovenia) should henceforth participate in the work of the Programme Committee as an Alternate.
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CE/DEC/7(LXIII-LXIV)

General programme of work of the Organization for the period 2000-2001

(b) Proposed procedure for evaluating the programme

Agenda item 6(b)
(documents CE/63/4 Add.1 and CE/63-64/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Considering General Assembly resolution 396(XIII), which commended the Secretary-General for facilitating the *ex post* evaluation of the results of WTO's general programme of work,

Recalling its decision 12(LX) whereby the reformed Programme Committee was entrusted with the evaluation of programme implementation,

Noting that, at its nineteenth meeting on 10 April 2000, the Programme Committee held initial discussions on programme evaluation principles, stressing the need *inter alia*, to take into account efficiency, effectiveness and economy,

Considering that the Programme Committee established a Task Force to consider activities to be selected for evaluation and the criteria, methods and procedures to be followed,

Having been informed that the Task Force met twice, on 6 and 7 July at Vienna and on 13 October at WTO Headquarters,

Noting that the Task Force will submit specific evaluation criteria to the Programme Committee at its twentieth meeting on 4 and 5 December 2000,

1. Requests the Programme Committee to submit to it at its sixty-fifth session specific proposals on this subject which could immediately be put into practice; and
 2. Thanks the Programme Committee for its cooperation.
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CE/DEC/8(LXIII-LXIV)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
and plan of expenditure for 2000**

Agenda item 7(b)
(documents CE/63/5(a), CE/63/5(b) and CE/63/5(b) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

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

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

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for execution of the programme of work in 2000, which is balanced with expected income, and observes that forecast expenditure is within the limits of the appropriations approved by the General Assembly;
2. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2000 as soon as possible and in any case before the accounts for the current year are closed;
3. Approves the Secretary-General's proposal in document CE/63/5(b) that the bad debts of former Affiliate Members dating back five years or more should be regularized in the accounts of the present financial year;
4. Also approves, in accordance with the provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission, the incorporation of part of the post adjustment into the base salary and the entry into force of the new salary scale for the professional and higher categories, with effect from 1 March 2000, with the corresponding adjustment to the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries;
5. Further approves the Secretary-General's proposal to apply the special post allowance provided for in Staff Rule 13(9) to the officials concerned as from 1 July 2000; and
6. Authorizes the Secretary-General to record as a loss in the results for the financial year 2000, in accordance with Financial Regulation 13(4), the amount of 105,400 pesetas, and agrees that if all or part of the stolen money is later recovered it should be treated as sundry income for the financial year in which it is received.

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CE/DEC/9(LXIII-LXIV)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters**(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1999**

Agenda item 7(c)
(documents CE/63/5(a) and CE/63/5(c))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1999,

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

1. Notes that in the financial year 1999 an overall balance was maintained between expenditure and budgeted income;
2. Approves the transfers of appropriations between sections of the same part and between parts of the budget made by the Secretary-General after the close of the accounts with the prior authorization of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Chairman of the Executive Council and in accordance with Financial Regulations 5(3)(a) and 5(3)(b) and Executive Council decision 6(LIII);
3. Endorses the Auditors' appeal to the Members and former Members of the Organization to discharge their financial obligations; and
4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the administrative accounts for 1999 to the General Assembly with the favourable opinion of the Executive Council.

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CE/DEC/10(LXIII-LXIV)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters**(d) Introduction of the euro in WTO and its implications**

Agenda item 7(d)
(documents CE/63/5(a), CE/63/5(d) and CE/63/5(d) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on introduction of the euro in WTO and its implications,

Having heard the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on this agenda item,

Considering the advantages for both the Members and the Secretariat of adopting the euro as the sole currency,

1. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to amend paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Financial Regulations 4(2) and 14(3) in order to establish the euro as the Organization's accounting and budget currency, as well as for the payment of Members' contributions;
 2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its next session a draft resolution for the General Assembly proposing the relevant amendments to the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and to the Financial Regulations, as set out in document CE/63/5(d); and
 3. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the draft budget for 2002-2003 is prepared in euros and that contributions are assessed in that currency.
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CE/DEC/11(LXIII-LXIV)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

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

Agenda item 7(e)
(documents CE/63/5(a) and CE/63/5(e))

The Executive Council,

Observing that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are applied to twenty-two Full Members and sixty-one Affiliate Members,

1. Urges the Members subject to these provisions to fulfil their commitments, if necessary proposing the payment of their arrears of contributions in instalments;

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

2. Notes with satisfaction that, at the date of this meeting, the Full Member Costa Rica and the Affiliate Member Fédération nationale de l'industrie hôtelière are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13, since the debt of each is less than the sum of its assessed contributions for the past two years;
 3. Decides
 - (a) to maintain temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 as they apply to **BOLIVIA, CAMBODIA, KAZAKHSTAN, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, PERU** and **YEMEN** since they have so far fulfilled their commitments, to **EL SALVADOR** and **RWANDA** which have fulfilled them in part, as well as to **IRAQ** because of the conditions agreed with it and to the Affiliate Member Iraqi Airways; and
 - (b) to re-apply the provisions of paragraph 13 to **CONGO, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, TOGO** and **TURKMENISTAN** as of 1 January 2001 if, by that date, their present situation persists; and
 4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing it at its sixty-fifth session of the outcome of his negotiations, so that it may decide whether to maintain or discontinue the suspension of paragraph 13 and with pursuing his approaches to the Members concerned in order to agree with them plans for the payment of their arrears in instalments.
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CE/DEC/12(LXIII-LXIV)

**Guidelines for the preparation of the draft programme of work
and budget for the period 2002-2003:
discussion of approach and choice of procedure**

Agenda item 8
(document CE/64/4)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the guidelines submitted by the Secretary-General for the preparation of the draft programme of work and budget for the period 2002-2003, the outcome of the Secretary-General's consultation with the Strategic Group, the proposals put forward by Members in this regard, as well as the suggestions made by the Programme Committee at its nineteenth meeting held on 10 April 2000,

Having discussed the broad lines of the future programme,

Bearing in mind that the options taken with regard to the future programme of work will represent an effective instrument for positioning WTO as a relevant and credible catalyst of public-private sector partnerships,

1. Approves the programming principles advanced by the Secretary-General, as well as the major thrust proposed for the Organization's programme for the biennium 2002-2003;
2. Encourages the Secretary-General to select as priorities for the future programme areas of common concern to all the Members of the Organization;

Desirous of achieving greater coherence in the programme and eliminating possible overlap;

3. Decides that the draft programme to be prepared by the Secretary-General will be organized under the following major headings: liberalization of tourism and mobilization of resources for its development, on the one hand, and promotion of sustainable, balanced and responsible tourism, on the other;
 4. Agrees to pay special attention to the following three activities: the implementation of the tourism satellite account, the application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, and new information and communications technologies;
 5. Also decides to include specific programmes, derived from the general programme of work, for African countries and for Members representing destinations from the viewpoint of "destination management";
 6. Requests Members that would still like their suggestions to be taken into consideration to forward them to the Secretary-General by 31 January 2001 at the latest;
 7. Invites the technical committees, the Regional Commissions and the Business Council to contribute, as soon as possible, to the preparation by the Secretary-General of the detailed draft programme of work;
 8. Confirms that the activities of the Business Council, however they may be financed, should be prepared and implemented as an integral part of the general programme of work, under the responsibility of the Organization's competent statutory bodies; and
 9. Requests the Programme Committee, in accordance with rule 9(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to meet on 4 and 5 December 2000 and again in March 2001 so as to examine the draft general programme of work for 2002-2003 before it is submitted to the Committee on Budget and Finance and to the Council at its sixty-fifth session.
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CE/DEC/13(LXIII-LXIV)

Future of the Organization**(a) Presentation by the Working Group of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 9(a)

The Executive Council

1. Recalls the importance of the process of modernizing the Organization, as desired by the General Assembly, to which it devoted its extraordinary session held at Madrid in January 2000;
 2. Thanks the Members of the Working Group set up by the Council to study this matter, the conclusions of whose first stage of deliberations were presented by Mexico and Portugal (Sub-group I – Questions of procedure), Spain (Sub-group II – Functioning of WTO) and France (Sub-group III -. Technical cooperation and programme evaluation); and
 3. Encourages the Group to continue its work on the various subjects within its result and to present its findings at the next Council session.
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CE/DEC/14(LXIII-LXIV)

Future of the Organization**(a) Presentation by the Working Group of the Executive Council****Questions of procedure**

Agenda item 9(a)

The Executive Council

1. Adopts the following decision presented by the Working Group on the modernization of the Organization; and
2. Decides to submit it to the General Assembly for approval.

Decision of the WTO Executive Council

The Executive Council,

Considering that Spain, the Depositary State of the WTO Statutes, is conducting a campaign to encourage member States to ratify the amendments to the Statutes,

Considering that it is necessary to widen the ratification process, not only to normalize the Organization's operation but also to give clear expression to the will of member States and, in so doing, foster awareness of the importance of tourism among the internal bodies of member States,

1. Decides to support and pursue the initiative launched by the Depositary State;
2. Also decides to advance the ratification process and to ask the Secretary-General to gather from member States, before each Council session, information on the state of this process in each, so that he may inform the Council of the situation of each statutory amendment still pending entry into force;
3. Requests the General Assembly to include in its agendas an item on the status of the ratification process, for which purpose the Secretariat will seek the necessary information from the member States;
4. Also requests the Regional Commissions to include in their agendas an item on the status of ratification by their member States and to report their findings to the Secretariat before they meet;
5. Urges the Secretary-General to cooperate in this campaign and to inform the Executive Council and the General Assembly accordingly; and
6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing a short report on the role played by the specialized agencies of the United Nations family in the ratification of amendments to their Statutes.

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CE/DEC/15(LXIII-LXIV)

Future of the Organization**(a) Presentation by the Working Group of the Executive Council****Functioning and activities of WTO**

Agenda item 9(a)

The Executive Council

1. Endorses the following draft resolution, which it recommends the General Assembly to adopt and which constitutes a stage in the proposals of the Working Group set up by the Executive Council to study the functioning of the Organization; this decision is aimed to enable this Group to pursue its work on bases endorsed by the Executive Council; and
2. Requests the Working Group, with a view to the next stage, to examine with interest the contributions and remarks of all Council Members in close liaison with the Secretariat.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION****Functioning of WTO: regions and local entities**

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the International Union of Official Travel Organisations (IUOTO) was set up as a private law association regulated by the Swiss Civil Code and that in 1975 it became the World Tourism Organization, acquiring intergovernmental status within the United Nations family in order to effectively fulfil its new commitments, especially that of tourism cooperation with the developing countries,

Emphasizing that as WTO is an intergovernmental organization only States are Full Members of it, although so-called Associate and Affiliate Members may participate in some of its activities in a limited way,

Bearing in mind that, like other organizations with a universal vocation, WTO's operation is basically structured around a General Assembly, an Executive Council, which is a restricted organ, and a Secretariat,

Emphasizing that the General Assembly is the Organization's supreme organ, that only States are entitled to vote in it and that its duties include control of the other organs,

Stressing that only States may be Members of the Executive Council and that only one Associate Member and one Affiliate Member may participate in its deliberations in a consultative capacity,

Also emphasizing that the Secretary-General is accountable to both the Council and the General Assembly and that his duties include implementing the guidelines of the Assembly and the Council,

Further emphasizing the need to strengthen the intergovernmental nature of WTO, which a lax application of WTO's Statutes and of the rules that elaborate on them could call into question,

Also bearing in mind that neither a liberal interpretation of Article 6 of the Statutes allowing for entry as Associate Members of bodies other than non-self-governing territories (a State's regions or territorial units) nor amendments to the Statutes placing States' regions or territories on the same level as the States themselves can be accepted,

Reaffirming that the correct interpretation of "territories or groups of territories not responsible for their external relations" refers exclusively to non-self-governing territories (and not to regions or local entities of a State of which they form part),

Also reaffirming that neither the current wording of the Statutes nor the amendments to the corresponding rules would in any case whatsoever allow for the entry of regional or local entities which are unable to assume either the obligations that adoption of the statutes of an international organization entail or the responsibilities inherent in membership,

Considering that the possible accession of a region or a state member of a federation as an Associate Member participating in a situation of virtual equality with independent States amounts to impairment of the Organization's intergovernmental status,

Noting the problem of the ultimate responsibility for the acts of that Associate Member, which it would be difficult to make effective beyond the statement made by the Associate Member on accepting the Statutes, since under international law it is only possible to require States, and not their local or territorial entities, to exercise responsibility,

Asserting, in this regard, that it cannot be argued that the existence of similar clauses in many statutes has not detracted from their intergovernmental status, because such clauses have never been interpreted in the broad sense,

1. Reaffirms WTO's intergovernmental nature and its membership of the United Nations family, since these were the conditions that gave rise to its establishment in order to effectively fulfil its new commitments, with particular regard to tourism cooperation with the developing countries;
2. Reiterates that only States may be Full Members of the Organization and that their will must be expressed by means of the vote;

3. Decides to encourage member States to ratify amendments when required;
 4. Also decides to put an end to interpretations of Article 6 of the Statutes that permit the accession as Associate Members of bodies that are not non-self-governing territories, as well as amendments to the Statutes that would place States' regions or territories on an equal footing with the States themselves, since this, would, *inter alia*, seriously undermine WTO's intergovernmental status;
 5. Reiterates the principle of international law whereby regions or territorial entities must be represented by the State of which they form part and responsibility may only be demanded direct from the State and not from its local or territorial entities;
 6. Urges the member States to exercise their powers fully so as to revitalize WTO's undertakings and promote its activities, especially those directed at cooperation for development; and
 7. Recommends that, in this context, consideration be given to possible cooperation between the Organization and non-member States that so wish, such cooperation, the conditions of which will be discussed later within the Working Group, to be confined to technical cooperation activities, through the Regional Commissions, subject to the unanimous agreement of the Executive Council and a financial contribution devoted to the implementation of the project concerned.
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CE/DEC/16(LXIII-LXIV)

Future of the Organization

(b) Legal representation of the Organization

Agenda item 9(b)
(document CE/64/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the legal representation of the Organization, submitted to the Working Group of the Council on the future of the Organization at its first meeting (Madrid, 17-18 July 2000), as well as of the note attached to it, which was prepared by a Spanish legal firm,

Endorsing the recommendations made by the Group on this subject at its second meeting (Madrid, 27 November 2000),

1. Considers it would be appropriate for the General Assembly to adopt a resolution to clarify the technicalities of the Organization's representation, taking into account all the statutory texts; and
 2. Requests the Secretary-General to consult the Organization's Legal Adviser on all aspects of the matter and to submit to it at its sixty-fifth session a report to that effect, together with a draft resolution whose adoption it could recommend to the General Assembly.
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CE/DEC/17(LXIII-LXIV)

Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council

(a) Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 10(a)
(document CE/63/7(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the WTO Business Council - Affiliate Members - on the activities of the WTO Business Council within the context of its programme of work for 2000-2001,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his report;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction at the activities carried out;
 3. Reiterates its endorsement of fuller participation by the WTO Business Council in the programme of work and supports its continued interest in bringing to it the voice of the private sector ;
 4. Considers of great significance the impact of and worldwide response to the study on the promotion of tourist destinations through the Internet and encourages the WTO Business Council to pursue its efforts and involvement in this regard;
 5. Welcomes the intensive research and resulting publication carried out on successful cases of public-private partnership and supports the WTOBC in favouring this cooperation and serving as one of the vehicles of this partnership strategy; and
 6. Supports and encourages the WTO Business Council in pursuing its activities and role within the Organization.
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CE/DEC/18(LXIII-LXIV)

Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council**(b) Report of the Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership**

Agenda item 10(b)
(document CE/63-64/10(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 29 November 2000,

1. Endorses the Sub-Committee's recommendations; and
2. Decides to submit to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
 - 2.a. Complete applications:
 1. Abresi – Associação Brasileira de Gastronomia (Brazil)
 2. Arthur Andersen (United Kingdom)
 3. Asociación de Empresas de Organización Profesional de Congresos de Madrid y Centro (Spain)
 4. Associação Portuguesa das Agências de Viagens e Turismo (Portugal)
 5. Confederação do Turismo Português (Portugal)
 6. El Mejabaat El Koubra Tours (Mauritania)
 7. Empresa Mineira de Turismo – Turminas (Brazil)
 8. Hong Kong Tourist Association (China)
 9. Jordan Society of Tourist and Travel Agents (Jordan)
 10. Jordan Tourism Board (Jordan)
 11. Kyiv City State Administration – Central Administrative Board for Municipal Services, Hotels and Tourism (Ukraine)
 12. L'Aquàrium de Barcelona (Spain)
 13. Patronato de Turismo de Gran Canaria (Spain)
 14. Nicarao Lake Resort (Nicaragua)
 15. Schloss Schoenbrunn Kultur-und Betriebsges.m.b.H. (Austria)
 - 2.b. Applications to be submitted to the Sub-Committee on receipt of the necessary documents:
 1. DFS Group (United States of America)
 2. ProperComm – Proper Communications (United States of America)

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CE/DEC/19(LXIII-LXIV)

**Procedure and timetable for the election of the Secretary-General
of the Organization for the period 2002-2005**

Agenda item 11
(document CE/64/6)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the document submitted on this subject by the Secretary-General,

1. Considers that the rules and procedures adopted by the Council at its twenty-third session in May 1984 (decision 17(XXIII)), supplemented by those adopted at its thirty-fourth session in November 1988 (decision 19(XXXIV)) and at its forty-fourth session in November 1992 (decision 19(XLIV)), should also be followed in full at its sixty-fifth session;
2. Decides that, for the interpretation of the statutory rules governing the election of the Secretary-General and the decisions mentioned in paragraph 1 above, reference shall be made to document CE/64/6;
3. Invites the member States that so wish to propose candidates, with their support, for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2002-2005, ensuring that their nominations reach the Organization's Headquarters two months before the date of its next session;
4. Requests those governments to submit, together with the biographical and career information of each candidate, a statement of policy and management intent, expressing their views on the manner in which they would perform the functions of Secretary-General; and
5. Confirms that it is at its sixty-fifth session that the Council will decide on the nominee it should recommend to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2002-2005.

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CE/DEC/20(LXIII-LXIV)

Election of the Council's Officers for 2001

Agenda item 12
(documents CE/64/7 rev. and CE/64/7 rev. Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the provisions of rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having considered the documents relating to the post of Chairman presented by Angola, Brazil and India,

Having held a secret ballot in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot,

Noting that Brazil received in the first ballot the required majority of Council Members present and voting,

1. Elects Brazil as Chairman of the Council for 2001;

Having taken note of the candidatures for First Vice-Chairman presented by France and Uzbekistan, as well as that of the Dominican Republic for Second Vice-Chairman,

Having held a secret ballot to fill the office of First Vice-Chairman, in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot,

Noting that France received in the first ballot the required majority of Council Members present and voting,

2. Elects France as First Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2001;
3. Appoints the Dominican Republic as Second Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2001;
4. Requests the Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties;
5. Pays special tribute to Sri Lanka which chaired the Executive Council with dedication for two successive years; and
6. Also pays tribute to Angola for its competent work in performing the duties of Vice-Chairman for the benefit of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/21(LXIII-LXIV)

Place and dates of the sixty-fifth session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 13
(document CE/64/8)

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its sixty-fifth session in Brazil, in principle during the first week of June 2001, on a date to be determined by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Brazilian Government.

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CE/DEC/22(LXIII-LXIV)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having completed the proceedings of its combined session in the favourable conditions made available by the host country,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Government of Spain;
2. Thanks Mr Juan José Güemes Barrios, Secretary-General of Tourism, in particular for the arrangements made for the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of WTO's presence in Spain; and
3. Also expresses to the host State its appreciation for the kind hospitality extended to the participants in this session.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions of the Executive Council was attended by:

- (1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Angola, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania and Uzbekistan;
- (2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for South Asia (Pakistan);
- (3) the representatives of the following member States: Austria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Russian Federation and South Africa,, as observers;
- (4) the Chairman of the Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council (Christel Dehaan Tourism and Travel Research Institute);
- (5) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina), and
- (6) the Auditor (Spain).