

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(LXII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/62/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its sixty-second session with the addition of an item presented by France and Portugal concerning the future of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/2(LXII)

Elections to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council for the period 1999-2003

Agenda item 2

The Executive Council,

Having considered the proposals made by the Regional Commissions for membership of the new Programme Committee and for renewal of the membership of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Sustainable Development of Tourism Committee, the Quality Support Committee, the Committee on Statistics and Macroeconomic Analysis of Tourism and the Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership,

1. Declares the following Members elected to the subsidiary organs for the period 1999-2003:

(a) Programme Committee

- *Africa* Mr. Mustapha Dâadouche (Tunisia) (Member)
 Ms. Zorita Urosevic-Nibourette (Seychelles)
 (Alternate)

- *Americas* Mr. Frank Pringle (Jamaica) (Member)
 Mr. Humberto Figueiredo (Brazil) (Alternate)

- *East Asia and the Pacific* Mr. I Gede Ardika (Indonesia) (Member)
Mr./Mrs./Ms. (to be designated by the Commission) (Alternate)
- *Europe* Mr. Philippe Moisset (France) (Member)
- *Middle East* Mr. Joseph Haimari (Lebanon) (Member)
Mr. Samir Abou Arif (Egypt) (Alternate)
- *South Asia* Mr. Chowdhury M. Mohsin (Bangladesh) (Member)
Ms. Asha Murty (India) (Member)
Mr. Roshan Zamir (Pakistan) (Alternate)

(b) Committee on Budget and Finance

Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chile, Croatia, Indonesia, Lebanon, Morocco, Slovakia and Venezuela

(c) Sustainable Development of Tourism Committee

Algeria, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Greece, India, Israel, Jordan, Malawi and Thailand

(d) Quality Support Committee

Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Hungary, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Uruguay

(e) Committee on Statistics and Macroeconomic Analysis of Tourism

Cuba, Egypt, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa and Sri Lanka; and Spain as an *ex officio* Member;

2. Accepts the recommendation made by the World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism that France should chair the Committee on Statistics and Macroeconomic Analysis of Tourism for the period 1999-2003; and
3. Declares the following Members elected to the Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership for the period 1999-2001: Brazil, Macau, Maldives, Namibia, Spain and Syrian Arab Republic.

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CE/DEC/3(LXII)

**Appointment of the Chairmen of the Programme Committee (PC)
and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) for the period 1999-2003**

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having regard to rule 9(2) of its Rules of Procedure and to its decision 2(LXII),

1. Appoints Dr. Angelika Liedler (Austria) as Chairperson of the Programme Committee for the period 1999-2003; and
 2. Appoints Mr. Carlos Gutiérrez (Argentina) as Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the period 1999-2003.
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CE/DEC/4(LXII)

Election of the Executive Council's Officers for the year 2000

Agenda item 4
(document CE/62/4)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to re-elect Sri Lanka as Chairman of the Executive Council and to elect Angola as first Vice-Chairman and Brazil as second Vice-Chairman for the year 2000; and
 2. Requests these Full Members, in accordance with rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure, to inform the Secretary-General of the persons designated to perform these functions.
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CE/DEC/5(LXII)

Future of the Organization

Agenda item 5

The Executive Council,

Having considered the proposal presented by France and Portugal,

1. Welcomes their initiative as reflected in the text attached to this decision and decides to hold an extraordinary session at Headquarters on 24 and 25 January 2000;
2. Invites France and Portugal, as well as the Secretary-General, to prepare the document on which the discussion of the extraordinary session will be based; and
3. Urges all the Members of the Council to be represented at the highest possible level at this session.

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A N N E X

Draft decision presented by France and Portugal

Observing that WTO has made notable advances in its management and organization,

Considering that, before entering the next millennium, its efforts should be accompanied by a greater mobilization of the States and by a strengthening of the role of the statutory organs,

Understanding the role and the partnership of the private sector within the framework of the Organization's intergovernmental status,

Considering that, in a concern for consistency and the optimization of appropriations, it would be desirable for complementarity to be established between the technical cooperation activities carried out by WTO and the bilateral and multilateral cooperation activities of the member States,

Considering that it is desirable to reconsider the role of the Programme Committee so that it may:

- define and select strategic and geographical priorities and choose subject areas for the Organization's action; and
- arbitrate and supervise the programme of activities proposed by the Business Council,

Desiring that the Executive Council confirm its function as a think-tank and a body capable of giving impetus to the Organization and selecting, with full transparency, the sectors to which a high degree of priority will be given,

Taking into account the Council's role as coordinator of the proposals emanating from the intermediary bodies, such as the Regional Commissions, whose role should also be enhanced,

Considering that the Executive Council constitutes an instrument of legitimization which should be entrusted with preparing the resolutions submitted to the General Assembly,

Proposing to increase, if necessary, the frequency of its sessions,

1. Decides that the Executive Council will hold an extraordinary session at the Organization's Headquarters at the beginning of 2000;
2. Decides to include in the draft agenda of that session the following items:
 - (i) Examination of the Organization's modernization process and of its statutory consequences;
 - (ii) Determination and review of the development of the operational methods of setting up technical cooperation programmes, bearing in mind the complementarities of the multilateral and bilateral cooperation arrangements of Members;
 - (iii) Development of a set of criteria for assessing technical cooperation programmes; and
 - (iv) Consideration of the new role of the private sector within the Organization (paying particular attention to the prior validation and funding of WTOBC's programmes of activities).

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CE/DEC/6(LXII)

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

Agenda item 6
(document CE/62/5)

The Executive Council

Decides to accept the generous offer of Sri Lanka to host its sixty-third ordinary session at Colombo on dates to be agreed between the Secretary-General and the host country.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The sixty-second 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, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Ukraine and United Republic of Tanzania ;
- (2) the representative of the Associate Members: Macau;
- (3) the Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Africa (Ethiopia), Americas (Chile) and Europe (Switzerland) ; and
- (4) the representatives of the following member States: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Tunisia, as observers.