



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1 (XLVIII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/48/1 prov. and CE/48/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its forty-eighth session.

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CE/DEC/2 (XLVIII)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2
(document CE/48/2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report presented by the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for his report and shares the objectives defined therein;
2. Takes note of the overall favourable state of the Organization, from both the financial and structural standpoint, at a time when it is beginning to execute its programme of activities for 1994-1995;
3. Approves the adjustments made to the structure of the Secretariat as a consequence of the said programme and of the resolutions adopted by the Tenth General Assembly; and
4. Requests Members to assist in this strengthening of the Organization, in particular by discharging fully and promptly the obligations they have entered into.

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CE/DEC/3 (XLVIII)

Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 3
(document CE/48/3)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the communication of its Chairman, Professor Marios Raphaël, in which he set out five ideas and proposals concerning:

- (a) sponsors for WTO activities;
- (b) promoting WTO's image;
- (c) electronic access to WTO's Documentation Centre;
- (d) creation of a Think Tank;
- (e) meetings of Ministers of Tourism;

Having held an in-depth discussion on this subject,

Having heard the opinion of the Secretary-General concerning the said proposals,

1. Warmly thanks its Chairman for his proposals aimed at increasing the effectiveness of the Organization in fulfilling its mission;
2. Considers that the wide-ranging and creative debate of this item clearly demonstrates that some of these proposals reflect the genuine interests of the Council Members;
3. Thanks the Secretary-General for the progress already made in these areas;
4. Considers said proposals broadly consistent with, and complementary to, policies and actions already put under way by the Organization;
5. Invites the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of implementing the Chairman's proposals within the Organization's activities, taking into consideration the financial constraints and the workload of the Secretariat, reporting to it as matters arise; and
6. Also entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking a technical study concerning electronic access to WTO's Documentation Centre and with reporting on progress in this area to its forty-ninth session.

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CE/DEC/4 (XLVIII)

**General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1994-1995**

Agenda item 4

(documents CE/48/4, CE/48/4 Corr.1 and CE/48/4 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the action taken and planned for implementing the activities included in the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1994-1995, as well as on the activities carried out under the previous programme since its forty-seventh session,

1. Takes cognizance of the results recorded in 1993 and the prospects for 1994 with respect to field missions and the execution of technical cooperation projects and desires that the considerable number of operational and sectoral support missions scheduled, especially in the regions that traditionally lag behind so far as technical cooperation is concerned, will result in more projects being entrusted to the Organization;
2. Commends with satisfaction the new policy aimed at promoting and developing exchanges within the Organization's network of education and training centres;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it, at its next session, on the measures envisaged for implementing that policy;
4. Notes with interest the ambitious programme of short-term training courses provided for in 1994 and thanks the Governments of France and Italy for renewing the programmes of scholarships granted to the Organization for training courses;
5. Expresses its appreciation at the implementation of the new internship policy intended for officials of national tourism administrations;
6. Takes note of the various activities carried out and scheduled in the area of environment and planning and of the results of the seventh meeting of the Environment Committee held at the Organization's Headquarters on 4 and 5 May 1994;
7. Welcomes the cooperation links established with several international organizations in this area and encourages the Secretary-General to strengthen them further;

- 8. Notes with satisfaction the preparation of technical manuals to guide countries in implementing the recommendations on tourism statistics, as well as the planning of a number of regional and subregional training seminars in this area and requests the continued enhancement of the statistical publications and progressive inclusion therein of data relating to tourism supply;
- 9. Takes note with interest of the commitment to undertake new methodological studies and research on assessment of the economic importance and effects of tourism, provided for in the programme of work;
- 10. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it, at its next session, of the outcome of the fourth meeting of the Ottawa Conference Steering Committee;
- 11. Notes with satisfaction the results of the Experts' Meeting on Tourist Security and of the seminar on the quality of tourism, held recently at Madrid;
- 12. Expresses its appreciation at the efforts made to enhance the quality of editing, presentation and production of the Organization's publications and requests that certain publications or studies carried out on a regional basis should be communicated to all the Members when that appears desirable;
- 13. Takes note of the new technical information services and products that will be provided by the Organization's Documentation Centre; and
- 14. Expresses its thanks to the staff of the Secretariat for the efforts made in implementing the general programme of work of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/5 (XLVIII)

Affiliate Members

Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 5(a)
(documents CE/48/5(a), CE/48/5(a) Corr.1 and CE/48/5(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members on the activities of those Members, presented by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Bodlender,

1. Notes with satisfaction the activities carried out by the Affiliate Members under their own programme of work, with particular reference to the seminars, the study on new information and distribution systems, the internship network and the publication of their new Directory;
 2. Welcomes the increasingly active role played by the Affiliate Members, made possible by the Regional Secretariat for the Americas and the Permanent Secretariat at Headquarters; and
 3. Thanks the Chairman of the Affiliate Members for his report.
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CE/DEC/6 (XLVIII)

Affiliate Members

Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 5(b)
(document CE/48/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Tunis on 12 May 1994 in conjunction with its forty-eighth session,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee; and
2. Decides to submit to the eleventh session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
 1. Alamo Rent a Car (United States of America)
 2. Arab Malaysian Tours and Travel Sdn. Bhd (Malaysia)
 3. Corporación Cubanacan, S.A. (Cuba)
 4. Department of Career Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University (Thailand)
 5. Escuela Profesional de Turismo y Hotelería, Facultad de Ciencias de la Comunicación y Turismo, Universidad de San Martín de Porres (Peru)
 6. Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University (Thailand)
 7. Federación Española de Asociaciones de Agencias de Viajes (FEAAV) (Spain)
 8. Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (HTTI) (Thailand)

9. Fundación Cavanilles de Altos Estudios Turísticos (Spain)
 10. Institut für Planungs kybernetik - IPK (Germany)
 11. Institut Limayrac (France)
 12. International Hotel and Tourism Industry Management School (I-TIM) (Thailand)
 13. Kodolányi János College (Hungary)
 14. Moonshine Marketing and Media (Spain)
 15. Regency Hotel School (Australia)
 16. Shanghai Institute of Tourism (China)
 17. Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) (Thailand)
 18. Universidad Central del Este (UCE) (Dominican Republic)
 19. World Federation of Travel Journalists and Writers
 20. WS Atkins International Ltd. (United Kingdom)
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CE/DEC/7 (XLVIII)

**Implementation of agreements concluded
by the Organization**

Agenda item 6
(document CE/48/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the agreements concluded or under negotiation with the Governments of Canada, Spain and Japan,

1. Welcomes the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of the Affiliate Members at the Organization's Headquarters, which has been operational since 12 November 1993, the date on which the agreement was signed with the Spanish Government;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to conclude the agreement with the Government of Canada concerning the Regional Secretariat of the Affiliate Members at Montreal;

Having heard the statement by the representative of Japan confirming that Japan is prepared to meet most of the expenses attributable to the new Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific at Osaka, which could probably open officially in April 1995,

3. Reiterates its gratitude to the Japanese Government for its generosity;

4. Encourages the Secretary-General to pursue his discussions with the Japanese Government with a view to concluding, as soon as possible, an agreement concerning the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to report back to it on this subject at its forty-ninth session;

Having been informed of the interest expressed by Lebanon and by Egypt in hosting a regional support office for the Middle East,

6. Thanks these two countries for their offers and decides to consider them at the appropriate time.

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CE/DEC/8 (XLVIII)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
and plan of expenditure for 1994**

Agenda item 7(b)
(documents CE/48/7(a), CE/48/7(b), CE/48/7(b) Add.1
and CE/48/7(b) Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report on the financial situation for the current year, and

Having taken cognizance of the statements by the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for 1994 for execution of the general programme of work, which matches expenditure to expected income;
2. Notes that the plan of expenditure for the current financial year remains within the limits of the appropriations approved by the General Assembly for this purpose;
3. Expresses its satisfaction at the efforts made by the Secretary-General to contain the fixed costs of the Organization, enabling more funds to be devoted to operational activities;

4. Approves, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission,
- (a) the incorporation of part of the post adjustment into the base salary of officials of the professional category and above following the "no loss, no gain" principle, resulting in new salary scales effective 1 March 1994 with the corresponding adjustments in the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries (Staff Rule 12(7));
 - (b) the provisional application by the Secretary-General of the anticipated increase in the salaries and allowances of general service officials effective 1 January 1994, requesting him to report back to it on this matter at its forty-ninth session; and
5. Urges Members that have not yet discharged their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 1994 as soon as possible, thereby avoiding delays that could hamper programme execution.
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CE/DEC/9 (XLVIII)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**Auditors' report and administrative accounts
of the Organization for the
financial year 1993**

Agenda item 7(c)
(documents CE/48/7(a) and CE/48/7(c))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the reports of the Auditors and of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the accounts for the financial year 1993,

1. Notes with satisfaction that, in the financial year 1993, an overall balance was maintained between budgetary expenditure and income;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the high level of collection of arrear contributions and of contributions for the financial year 1993 and recommends the Secretary-General to persist in 1994 in his approaches to Members owing contributions to the Organization, in order to secure the payment of their arrears;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1993; and
 4. Expresses its thanks to the Auditors, Mr. Angel Turrión (Spain) and Mr. T.M.A.V.S. Fernando (Sri Lanka), for their report.
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CE/DEC/10 (XLVIII)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and
paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules
attached to the Statutes**

Agenda item 7(d)
(documents CE/48/7(a), CE/48/7(d) and CE/48/7(d) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the application to the Members referred to in document CE/48/7(d) of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Having considered the situation of the Members entitled to suspension of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

1. Notes that the Full Members ECUADOR, LEBANON, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and VENEZUELA have complied wholly or in part with their payment plans;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it of the fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by the Full Members CAMBODIA, CONGO, SUDAN and YEMEN and the Affiliate Members DA'SILVA TRAVEL SERVICES and PATRONATO PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO DE GRANADA, in order to be able to decide at its next session whether the provisions of Article 34 and of paragraph 13 should be reapplied to them;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his contacts with Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions with a view to reaching agreement with them for the settlement of their debts;

- 4. Entrusts the Regional Commissions with supporting the Secretary-General in his efforts in this regard;
- 5. Urges Members in arrears to take immediate steps to pay their contributions; and
- 6. Approves the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance that requests for suspension of the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules should be submitted to the Executive Council only once every two years, that is to say to the session of the Executive Council immediately preceding the session of the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/11 (XLVIII)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

Social protection of the Organization's staff: state of the issue

Agenda item 7(e)
(document CE/48/7(e))

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 265(VIII) and 320(X),

Recalling also its decisions 12(XLV) and 9(XLVI),

Taking into account Article 19 of the Staff Regulations whereby the Secretary-General is authorized to establish a retirement scheme for the staff similar to those existing in international organizations as well as a participatory health insurance scheme for retired officials,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on social protection of the Organisation's staff,

- 1. Expresses its satisfaction at the significant progress made in the field of health insurance for active staff as well as for retiring staff allowing them to maintain their participation in the health insurance scheme;
- 2. Approves the new arrangements made by the Secretary-General in the field of health insurance in favour of its active and retiring officials, and in principle the measures proposed in this regard;

- 3. Takes note of the efforts made by the Secretary-General on the issue of the pension scheme;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations with a view to improving the social protection of staff members after separation from service (pension) in consultation with the representatives of the WTO staff; and
- 5. Invites the Secretary-General to inform it at its forty-ninth session of any progress made on this issue.

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CE/DEC/12 (XLVIII)

Place and date of the forty-ninth session of the Council

Agenda item 9

The Executive Council

- 1. Decides to hold its forty-ninth session at Headquarters on 21 and 22 November 1994; and
- 2. Takes note of the kind offer of the Argentine Government to host the fiftieth session in Argentina during April-May 1995.

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CE/DEC/13 (XLVIII)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having considered the various items on the agenda of its forty-eighth session in conditions of considerable efficiency and comfort, thanks to the facilities generously provided by the Government of Tunisia,

- 1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Tunisian Government; and
- 2. Requests the Minister of Tourism, Mr. Mohamed Jegham, to convey to H.E. Mr. Zin El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia, the deepest satisfaction and gratitude of all the participants in the Executive Council and Seminar, who have been able to appreciate the traditional hospitality of the Tunisian people.

4. List of participants

The forty-eighth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council: Argentina, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey and Spain as a privileged Member.
2. The Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Africa (Cameroon), East Asia and the Pacific (Malaysia), Middle East (Lebanon) and South Asia (Iran).
3. The representatives of the following member States: Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bulgaria, Georgia, Guinea, Japan, South Africa and United States of America, as observers.
4. The Permanent Observer, the Holy See.
5. The representative of the Affiliate Members (Horwath Consulting Ltd.).
6. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Germany).
7. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Venezuela).
8. The Auditor (Spain).
9. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme, as an observer.