



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS FORTY-THIRD SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XLIII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/43/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the provisional agenda of its forty-third session, after adding an item "Any other business".

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CE/DEC/2(XLIII)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2
(document CE/43/2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,

Noting with interest the progress recorded in various fields of the Organization's activity, and in particular the healthier financial situation, a work programme more consistent in volume and more pragmatic in approach, the effective deployment of the new Regional Representatives and the new strategy for Affiliate Members,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat staff for their achievement;
2. Calls upon the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to make the Organization better known and to expand both WTO's influence and its membership; and
3. Approves the Secretary-General's report.

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CE/DEC/3(XLIII)

General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1992-1993

(a) Technical cooperation

Agenda item 3(a)
(document CE/43/3)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's technical cooperation activities,

1. Takes note of the results recorded in 1991 with respect to sectoral support missions, project execution and income for the Organization's budget;
2. Desires that great attention be paid to monitoring the work of consultants involved in technical cooperation and that an effort be made to expand the basis of their recruitment among nationals of member States;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to pay close attention to developments under way in the United Nations system concerning technical cooperation and development assistance and to submit to it at its forty-fourth session an assessment of the consequences of the current United Nations Development Programme meetings for the funding of tourism projects of member States, as well as their possible impact on the Organization's budget; and
4. Hopes that the faster pace of technical assistance missions and field visits by Secretariat representatives in 1992 will swiftly result in more development projects being entrusted to the Organization.

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CE/DEC/4(XLIII)

General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1992-1993

- (b) Education and training
- (c) Marketing and promotion
- (d) Environment and development
- (e) Facilitation and liberalization

Agenda item 3(b)(c)(d)(e)
(documents CE/43/3, CE/43/3 Add.1, CE/43/3 Add.2 and
CE/43/3 Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning education and training, marketing and promotion, environment and development, and facilitation and liberalization activities,

Recalling its decision 4(XLI),

Having considered the proposal for a new structure of the WTO Education and Training Network which would allow education and training institutions of different types and categories to join the Network and thus work together with the Organization,

Aware of the increasing number of applications from various categories of educational institutions to acquire the status of WTO Education and Training Centre,

1. Requests the Secretary-General:

- (a) to inform it of the results achieved by the various Centres having regard to the obligations they have accepted and to give his opinion, in the light of those results, on the positive and negative implications of a continued expansion of the Network;
- (b) to inform it of the detailed criteria proposed for the new Network structure which would aim to include establishments in the various categories envisaged;
- (c) to submit to it at its forty-fourth session a draft decision taking account of the above factors so that it may, at that time, take a decision concerning a possible further expansion of the Network;

2. Takes note of the extensive calendar of short-term training activities and of the distance learning courses, urging the Secretary-General to make available all four courses, offered at present in English only, in the Spanish and French languages also;
3. Thanks the Governments of France and Italy for the renewal of scholarships for longer-term training at the WTO Centres in Paris and Rome;
4. Encourages other Members that have a WTO Centre in their countries to explore this possibility also;

Recalling Assembly resolution 284(IX),

5. Notes with satisfaction the progress made by the Secretary-General in ensuring the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics held at Ottawa, Canada, from 24 to 28 June 1991, in particular by producing technical manuals and organizing regional seminars on this subject, such initiatives being especially valuable for the developing countries;
6. Commends the Secretary-General for including in the programme of its present session a Seminar to consider the first results of the Global Tourism Forecasting Study;
7. Entrusts the Secretary-General, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ottawa Conference and with Article 8 of the Agreement on Cooperation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, with submitting a report on the Ottawa Conference to the twenty-seventh session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, to be held in February 1993;
8. Notes with interest the progress made in implementing the Documentation Centre's activities and services;

Having considered the report of the fifth meeting of the Environment Committee held at Headquarters on 23 and 24 April 1992,

9. Notes with satisfaction the practical and wide-ranging programme of activities being executed by the Committee in cooperation with various international organizations;
10. Approves the Secretary-General's decision to conclude a Working Arrangement with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) so as to facilitate cooperation between WMO and WTO; and
11. Approves the Committee's report;

Recalling its decisions 5(XXXIX) and 4(XLI),

12. Encourages the Secretary-General to attend the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992 so as to deliver, during the General Debate of the Conference, a policy statement on tourism on behalf of the Organization, prepared in association with the Members of the Executive Council and the Environment Committee;
13. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it at its forty-fourth session of WTO's participation in UNCED and the planned follow-up;

Aware of the growing importance of health and safety issues,

14. Expresses its satisfaction with the outcome of the Conference on Food Safety and Tourism held in Tunisia in November 1991 in cooperation with the Government of Tunisia and the World Health Organization and with the dissemination to Members of brochures concerning travellers' health advice, tourism safety and opportunities for the handicapped;

Having considered the reports of the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Facilitation Committee held at Headquarters in December 1991 and April 1992, respectively;

15. Notes with satisfaction the participation of representatives of the GATT and UNCTAD in the work of the Committee, which enabled it to examine the progress made in liberalizing international trade in tourism services; and
16. Approves the Committee's reports;

Having been informed of the conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference on Youth Tourism, held at New Delhi, India from 18 to 21 November 1991,

17. Thanks the Government of India for generously hosting the Conference; and
18. Encourages national tourism administrations, Affiliate Members and youth tourism organizations to take appropriate steps to progressively implement the Conference recommendations.

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CE/DEC/5(XLIII)

Administrative and financial matters

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and plan of expenditure for 1992

Agenda item 4(a)
(documents CE/43/4(a), CE/43/4(a) Corr.1, CE/43/4(a) Add.1
and CE/43/4(b))

The Executive Council,

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

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

1. Takes note of the austerity measures taken by the Secretary-General to contain the Organization's expenditure at the beginning of the financial year, matching it to expected income;
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the report on the plan of expenditure for 1992 for execution of the general programme of work;
3. Notes that, in addressing the need to maintain a balance between actual income and expenditure, the plan of expenditure respects the order of priority assigned to each of the operational activities in the general programme of work by allocating accordingly the funds approved by the General Assembly for this purpose;
4. Urges Members that have not complied with the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to take the necessary measures to pay their contributions for 1992, avoiding delays that could hamper programme execution; and
5. Decides, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules,
 - (a) that the revised salary scale and allowances for general service staff shall take effect from 1 January 1992;

(b) that the incorporation of part of the post adjustment into the base salary shall be made following the principle of "no loss-no gain", resulting in new scales effective 1 March 1992 with the corresponding adjustment in the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries (Staff Rule 12(7)); and

(c) that adjustment of the education grants shall be applicable to the current academic year.

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CE/DEC/6(XLIII)

Administrative and financial matters

(c) Administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1991 and Auditors' report

Agenda item 4(c)
(documents CE/43/4(c), CE/43/4(c) Corr.1, CE/43/4(c) Add.1
and CE/43/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the reports of the Secretary-General, of the Auditors and of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the accounts for the financial year 1991,

1. Notes with satisfaction the simpler presentation of the financial statements;
2. Notes also that in the financial year 1991 an overall balance was successfully maintained between budgetary expenditure and income;
3. Approves the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance that, if amicable agreement cannot be reached by the end of the present financial year with the Spanish authorities for the reimbursement of the accumulated amount of Value Added Tax paid for services by the Organization, the accounts should be adjusted accordingly;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep it informed of his negotiations with the Spanish authorities on this issue;
5. Expresses its satisfaction at the high level of arrear contributions collected, recommending the Secretary-General to pursue in 1992 his approaches to Members owing contributions to the Organization, in order to secure the payment of their arrears;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1991; and
7. Expresses its appreciation to the Auditors for their report.

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CE/DEC/7(XLIII)

Administrative and financial matters

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

Agenda item 4(d)
(documents CE/43/4(d), CE/43/4(d) Add.1 and CE/43/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having noted the application of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to the Members listed in the Annex to document CE/43/4(d),

1. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on the outcome of the approaches made to the Members to which Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are applied;

Having considered the situation of the Members entitled to suspension of the provisions of Article 34 and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 281(IX),

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Members ECUADOR, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, PANAMA, VENEZUELA and YEMEN, and the Affiliate Members AFRICA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION and TOURCONSULT/INTERNATIONAL S.A. have paid their contributions for 1991;
3. Notes further that IRAQ, LEBANON, NIGER, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and UGANDA have communicated to the Secretary-General their intention to discharge their financial obligations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, following the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, to inform it concerning the effective compliance with payment undertakings given by NIGER, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and UGANDA so that a decision can be taken at its next session concerning the renewed application of the provisions of Article 34 and/or paragraph 13, as the case may be;
 5. Also requests the Secretary-General, applying the legal advice obtained on the contribution arrears of the former Democratic Yemen, to contact the Government of the REPUBLIC OF YEMEN to request a plan for the payment of its contribution arrears, so that suspension of the aforementioned provisions can be maintained;
 6. Notes with satisfaction that PERU has submitted a plan for the payment of its contribution arrears; and
 7. Invites the Secretary-General to inform it at its forty-fourth session of the situation regarding Peru's effective compliance with its undertakings so that the Council may recommend the General Assembly to give favourable consideration to the request by this Member for suspension of the application to it of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes.
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CE/DEC/8(XLIII)

Regional activities

Agenda item 5
(document CE/43/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on regional activities submitted by the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note of the implementation, for the first time at this session, of the decision taken at its forty-first session to invite the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions to attend its proceedings; and
 2. Expresses its satisfaction at having a clearer vision of the regional component of the Organization's activities, of the implementation of its regional policy and of the deployment of the Regional Representatives.
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CE/DEC/9(XLIII)

Report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 6(a)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the oral report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members,

1. Notes with satisfaction the new momentum that the Affiliate Members have gained in their activity within the Organization;
2. Notes with interest the programme of work of the Affiliate Members for the period 1992-1993, as well as the structures established and the activities carried out or planned for the implementation of that programme;
3. Thanks the Chairman of the Affiliate Members for his report;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate the text of the report to all Council Members and to give it wide dissemination; and
5. Invites the Chairman of the Affiliate Members, in accordance with rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members, to submit written progress reports to it at regular intervals.

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CE/DEC/10(XLIII)

Establishment at Montreal of a regional secretariat
of the Affiliate Members for the Americas

Agenda item 6(b)
(document CE/43/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the background, justification, aims and scope of this project,

1. Endorses the gradual establishment of regional support offices for the Affiliate Members financed by voluntary contributions, as part of the Organization's new policy of strengthening the role played within the Organization by the operational sector of tourism services;
2. Accepts with gratitude the generous offer of the Canadian Government to establish at Montreal a regional secretariat of the Affiliate Members for the Americas;
3. Notes that this offer has no direct or indirect implications for the Organization's budget;
4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements with the Canadian Government for the implementation of this project, which will be carried out on a provisional basis pending ratification of these arrangements by the General Assembly; and
5. Encourages the Secretary-General to conduct the appropriate consultations - particularly through the Regional Commissions - with a view to establishing other regional support offices for the Affiliate Members.

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CE/DEC/11(XLIII)

Support office for the Affiliate Members at the
Organization's Headquarters and relations
with the host country

Agenda item 6

The Executive Council,

Having heard the statement by the delegate of Spain,

1. Notes with appreciation the announcement of an offer by the Government of the host country Spain of economic and technical assistance which would specifically enable the financing, at the Organization's Headquarters in Madrid, of a permanent secretariat for the Affiliate Members;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up on these proposals with the host country and the Chairman of the Affiliate Members and to report on progress to its forty-fourth session;

Having also heard a statement by the delegate of Colombia concerning Permanent Representatives to WTO,

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

- (a) to approach the Spanish authorities concerning the status of the Permanent Representatives to the Organization at its Headquarters; and
- (b) to inform the Council of the outcome.

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CE/DEC/12(XLIII)

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

Agenda item 6(c)
(document CE/43/6(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Montreal on 13 May 1992 under the chairmanship of Jordan and in conjunction with its forty-third session,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee;
2. Decides that, pursuant to Assembly resolution 279(IX), the following applicants are admitted provisionally to affiliate membership of the Organization:
 - Cyprus Hotel Association (Cyprus)
 - European Tourism Action Group (ETAG)
 - HAVANATUR (Cuba)
 - IBAHRS - International Buenos Aires Hotel and Restaurant School (Argentina)
 - Inter-American Hotel Association
 - Korea Tourist Association (Republic of Korea)
 - The Netherlands Institute of Tourism and Transport Studies (Netherlands)
 - THED International (France)
 - The Inter-American Educational Institute
3. Decides to submit these applications to the General Assembly for approval at its tenth session.

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CE/DEC/13(XLIII)

Any other business

Future of the World Tourism Organization including
relations with the United Nations system

Agenda item 7

The Executive Council,

Aware that, in implementing Assembly resolution 292(IX) concerning the revision of the Organization's statutory texts, attention should be paid to the future development of the World Tourism Organization, to the evolving needs of Members and to the Organization's relations with the United Nations system,

Having held a preliminary exchange of views on this subject,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to it at its forty-fifth session, a position paper on this subject;
2. Recommends that this paper discuss, inter alia, the possible benefits and drawbacks for WTO of acquiring the status of Specialized Agency of the United Nations; and
3. Invites the Secretary-General to inform it at its forty-fourth session of progress made on this project and of any preliminary conclusions he may have reached.

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CE/DEC/14(XLIII)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having considered the various items on the agenda of its forty-third session in conditions of great efficiency and comfort, thanks to the facilities provided by the Government of Canada,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Canadian Government; and

2. Requests the head of the Canadian delegation to convey to the Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism, the Hon. Tom Hockin, its keen appreciation of the hospitality extended on this occasion by the Canadian people.
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CE/DEC/15(XLIII)

Place and dates of the forty-fourth session
of the Executive Council

Agenda item 9

The Executive Council

1. Decides to hold its forty-fourth session during the month of November 1992;
 2. Accepts the invitation of Italy to hold this session in its territory;
 3. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Italy for this invitation; and
 4. Decides to derogate exceptionally from the provisions of its decision 21(III), which stipulates that "the sessions at which the Council elects its Officers shall be held at the Organization's Headquarters".
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4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Greece, India, Italy, Jordan, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Republic of Korea, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Spain as privileged Member.

2. The Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Africa (Senegal), East Asia and the Pacific (Indonesia) and Europe (Greece).

3. The representatives of the following member States: Bangladesh, France, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, United States of America and Zambia.

4. The Associate Members were represented by the delegate of Puerto Rico.

5. The Representative of the Affiliate Members (Club Méditerranée).

6. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (France).

7. The representative of the International Civil Aviation Organization as observer.

8. The Auditor (Bangladesh) also attended this session.

