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AT ITS FORTY-FIRST SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XLI)

**Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda item 1  
(document CE/41/1)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its forty-first session.

CE/DEC/2(XLI)

**Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization since the fortieth session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 2  
(document CE/41/2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization since its fortieth session,

1. **Thanks** him for it;

2. **Conratulates** the Secretary-General on the practical orientation achieved in the execution of the Organization’s general programme of work for 1990-1991; and

3. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the new applications for full membership to be submitted to the Assembly’s ninth session.
General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1990-1991:

(a) Technical cooperation

Agenda item 3(a)
(document CE/41/3(a))

The Executive Council,

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

1. Thanks him for it;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to diversify multilateral and bilateral financing sources for technical cooperation projects in tourism; and

3. Notes with satisfaction that technical assistance under the Lomé IV Convention will be discussed at the meeting between WTO and European Commission officials, to be held at Headquarters on 14 October 1991.

General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1990-1991:

(b) Marketing support activities
(c) Education and training
(d) Tourism development activities

Agenda item 3 (b)(c)(d)
(documents CE/41/3(b), CE/41/3(c) and CE/41/3(d))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning marketing support, education and training and tourism development activities,

Recalling its request to the Secretary-General to inform the present session of the results of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics,
Having regard to the provisions of the Agreement, between the United Nations and WTO of 22 November 1977 and, in particular, Article 8 of said Agreement in which the United Nations recognizes the World Tourism Organization as the appropriate organization for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within the sphere of WTO,

Having further considered the Resolutions adopted by the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics, held at Ottawa, Canada, on 24-28 June 1991,

1. **Decides** to make the following recommendations to the Assembly on this subject:

   (a) to endorse the Resolutions of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics;

   (b) to approve the Action Plan contained in said Resolutions of the Conference;

   (c) to establish, under the authority of the Secretary-General, a Steering Committee composed of a small number of experts on the subject, representatives of governments, international organizations and the tourism industry to carry out a specific work programme with a view to securing approval of the Conference recommendations by the United Nations Statistical Office;

2. **Reiterates** its deep appreciation to the Government of Canada for hosting the Conference;

Having further considered the Draft Recommended Measures for Tourism Safety submitted by its Tourism Safety Committee,

3. **Decides** to transmit said Recommended Measures to the Assembly for approval;

Having further considered the draft resolution on Creating Tourism Opportunities for Handicapped People in the Nineties submitted by its Tourism Safety Committee,

4. **Decides** to transmit said draft resolution to the Assembly for approval;

Having taken cognizance of the Agreements concluded between the World Tourism Organization and the University of Quebec at Montreal, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and the Hotel School, The Hague, subject to the approval of the WTO General Assembly,

Recalling Assembly resolutions 244(VIII) and 245(VIII) on this subject,
5. **Decides** to recommend the Assembly to approve the Agreements concluded with the above-mentioned three Centres;

**Having considered** the Strategic Plan for the WTO Educational Network,

6. **Expresses its agreement** with the general goals and strategies set out therein;

7. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to its forty-third session on the possible measures for implementing the Strategic Plan as well as any budgetary implications;

**Having considered** the report of the fourth meeting of the Environment Committee,

8. **Encourages** the Committee to pursue its programmes for sustainable tourism development,

**Recalling** its decision 5(XXXIX),

9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to inform its forty-third session of the contribution to be made by WTO to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Brazil, June 1992,

**Recalling** its decision 4(XXXIX),

10. **Notes with satisfaction** the intention of its Facilitation Committee to meet in December 1991.

CE/DEC/5(XLI)

**Establishment at Tamanrasset of an International Centre for Responsible Tourism**

Agenda item 4  
(document CE/41/4)

The Executive Council,

**Having noted** with interest the report of the Secretary-General on this subject,

**Aware** that establishing and operating an International Centre for Responsible Tourism at Tamanrasset will require substantial financial resources,

**Invites** the Secretary-General to continue to assist Algeria, in accordance with the policies of the Organization, in seeking out bilateral or global/interregional multilateral assistance for this project.

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Transformation of the National Hotel and Tourism School of Ngaoundere (Cameroon) into a subregional Tourism and Hotel Training Centre

Agenda item 5
(document CE/41/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on this subject submitted by the Secretary-General,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking, in cooperation with the Government of Cameroon, the action proposed in said report in accordance with the policies of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/7(XLI)

Regional activities

Agenda item 6
(document CE/41/6)

The Executive Council,

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

1. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the implementation of the Organization’s regional policy in accordance with the principles adopted at its fortieth session;

Having regard to rule 6(7) of its Rules of Procedure,

2. **Accepts**, in principle, the proposal made in document CE/41/6 that the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions be invited to attend future Council sessions;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to consult with the Regional Commissions on this matter; and

4. **Invites** the Secretary-General to inform its forty-second session of the outcome of this consultation.

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Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group entrusted with preparing proposals for the revision of the Organization’s statutory texts

Agenda item 7
(documents CE/41/7 and CE/41/7 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group entrusted with preparing proposals for the revision of the Organization’s statutory texts,

Having taken note of the observations by the Federal Republic of Germany contained in document CE/41/7 Add.1,

Having heard the remarks of the Canadian delegation on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group,

Having regard to the objective set by the Assembly in resolution 265(VIII) to "study practical procedures for a revision of the statutory texts" with a view to "submitting the revised text of the Statutes and the Financing Rules to the Assembly at its ninth session",

Recognizing that document CE/41/7 represents work in progress and not a complete and finished set of recommendations on which the Council can take concrete decisions,

Noting that, despite extensive research, the Ad Hoc Group has not been able to come forward with proposals that would facilitate the amendment of statutory texts such as the Statutes and Financing Rules which require ratification by States,

Noting further that, while the Ad Hoc Group’s recommendations on the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Executive Council may be worthy of consideration, they have not been debated by the WTO membership,

Noting finally that the Ad Hoc Group believed it was not possible at this time to make substantial progress with regard to Staff Regulations and Rules,

Decides:

(a) to thank the members of the Ad Hoc Group, and in particular the Chairman, for the work accomplished;

(b) to inform the Assembly that the work entrusted to the Council in resolution 265(VIII) will be pursued according to a modified procedure;
(c) in view of the incomplete and provisional character of the report of the Ad Hoc Group, not to submit it to the Assembly, as originally planned, for adoption;

(d) to entrust the Secretary-General with reviewing the work accomplished by the Ad Hoc Group, in consultation with member States and suitably qualified experts and, where appropriate, in consultation with the representatives of the WTO Secretariat staff, and reporting his conclusions to the forty-fourth session of the Council with a view to the adoption by the Assembly, at its tenth session in 1993, of a decision concerning revision of the Organization’s statutory texts.

CE/DEC/9(XLI)

Report of the Co-Chairmen of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8
(document CE/41/8)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Report of the Co-Chairmen of the Affiliate Members for which it thanks them.

CE/DEC/10/(XLI)

Financial situation of the Organization:

(b) Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 9(a)(b)
(documents CE/41/9(a), A/9/11(a)(b) and A/9/11(a)(b) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having seen the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization and the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Expresses its concern at the delay of certain Members in the payment of their contributions for the current financial year and thus at their failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, a situation causing a series of administrative
difficulties that will undoubtedly prove detrimental to the execution of the programme;

2. **Urges** the Members of the Organization, particularly those to which the previous paragraph applies, to respect their financial obligations more rigorously;

3. **Notes** that as of the date of the Secretary-General’s report, advances from the Working Capital Fund to the General Fund have been required to finance budgetary expenditure pending the receipt of contributions;

4. **Recommends** that the General Assembly should authorize the Secretary-General to write off debts in the amount of 7,120 dollars, 2,600 dollars and 4,600 dollars, owed respectively by the Affiliate Members Arab Tourism Organization, Tourisme et Travail and Travel Agent Magazine, which are no longer in operation.

CE/DEC/11(XLI)

**Financial situation of the Organization**

(c) Closing of the administrative accounts for the seventh financial period of the Organization (1988-1989)

Agenda item 9 (c)
(document A/9/11(c)(d))

The Executive Council,

1. **Takes note** of document A/9/11(c)(d) concerning the Organization’s accounts for the financial period 1988-1989, which were closed on 31 December 1990 in accordance with the applicable regulation;

2. **Notes** that this document is addressed to the General Assembly; and

3. **Notes** that at the close of the financial period some Members still have not paid their contributions for the period.

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CE/DEC/12(XLI)

Adjustment to the amount of the Organization's budget for the period 1992-1993 to reflect the exchange rate difference

Agenda item 10
(documents CE/41/9(a), CE/41/10 and CE/41/10 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having seen the document concerning the adjustment to the amount of the Organization's budget for the period 1992-1993, based on the United Nations operational rate of exchange (dollar/pesetas) in effect in September 1991,

Having also taken note of the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Notes that the exchange rate applied when the draft budget was prepared was 93 pesetas/1 United States dollar and that the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect in September 1991 is 109 pesetas/1 United States dollar;

2. Approves the adjustment to the appropriations proposed in document A/9/12, which the Secretary-General performed on the basis of the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect in September 1991, that is 109 pesetas/1 United States dollar;

3. Recommends the General Assembly to approve the new budget amount taking into account the revised appropriations as submitted in documents CE/41/10 and CE/41/10 Add.1 (document A/9/12 Add.1), that is 8,004,000 dollars for 1992 and 8,529,000 dollars for 1993.

CE/DEC/13(XLI)

Assessment of the contributions of Members to the Organization's budget for 1992-1993

Agenda item 11
(documents CE/41/9(a), CE/41/10 Add.1 and CE/41/11)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the contributions of Members for the forthcoming financial period, which refers, inter alia, to the position expressed by the Affiliate Members as regards the financing of their programme of work,
Having heard the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on this subject,

1. **Recommends** to the General Assembly that the budget for 1992 and 1993, in the amounts of 8,004,000 dollars and 8,529,000 dollars respectively, should be financed by Full and Associate Member contributions to the extent of 7,809,000 dollars for 1992 and 8,334,000 dollars for 1993 and that the remainder should be financed with the contributions of the Affiliate Members, as indicated in document CE/41/10 Add.1 (General Assembly document A/9/12 Add.1);

2. **Recommends** the General Assembly to authorize the Secretary-General to apply other sources of income — and specifically agency support fees for technical cooperation projects, interest income and income from the sale of publications — to the programme of activities on a priority basis in the event that Member contributions are not sufficient to finance it;

3. **Recommends** the General Assembly to assess the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the proportions of 35 per cent and 65 per cent respectively, based on the amounts of expenditure in dollars and pesetas forecast in the budget for 1992-1993. The portion payable in pesetas will be calculated according to the budgetary rate of exchange: 109 pesetas to the dollar;

4. **Recalls** the decision taken by the General Assembly in its resolution 258(VIII) that the revised formula for the calculation of contributions should not be applied on an unrestricted basis until the period 1994-1995;

5. **Recommends** the General Assembly to assess the contributions of the Affiliate Members for the financial period 1992-1993 at 1,500 dollars per year, of which 1,300 dollars would be allocated to the Organization’s budget and 200 dollars would be allocated to the Affiliate Members’ own programme of work.
Membership of the Organization

(a) Suspension of membership in accordance with
Article 34 of the Statutes

Agenda item 12(a)
(documents CE/41/9(a), A/9/6(b), A/9/6(c) Add.1, 2 and 3)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on
application of Article 34 of the Statutes,

Having considered the payment plans agreed with the Secretary-
General by Ecuador, Lebanon, Panama, Syrian Arab Republic and
Venezuela, as well as the request submitted by Yemen,

Having regard to the report of the Committee on Budget and
Finance on this subject,

1. Notes that, pursuant to General Assembly resolution
217(VII), the measure of suspension is applicable at present
to the Members listed below:

Full Members:
Afghanistan
Bolivia
Burundi
Cambodia
Gambia
Grenada
Lao People’s Democratic
Republic
Mauritania
Niger
Peru
Sierra Leone
Sudan
United Arab Emirates

Affiliate Members:
Al Medina Travel (Morocco)
Arab Tourism Organization (ATO)
Associazione Nazionale della Cooperative Turistiche (Italy)
Browns Group Motels Limited (Sri Lanka)
Cross Keys Travel Services Ltd. (Nigeria)
Da’Silva Travel Service (Nigeria)
Empresa de Turismo de Pernambuco (Brazil)
Euro-Construction (France)
Forum International de l’hôtellerie de plein air (France)
Instituto Universitario de Nuevas Profesiones (Venezuela)
International Pantravel Consulting
Pacific and Asia Travel Writers and Photographers
Association
The Tourist Magazine (Nigeria)
2. **Further notes** that the following Members have accumulated arrears equal to their contributions for four financial years and that, consequently, the suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes could be applicable to them within one year according to the provisions of paragraph 1(b) of General Assembly resolution 217(VII):

**Full Members:**
- Benin
- Congo
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Mali
- Sao Tome and Principe

**Affiliate Members:**
- Conseil National du Tourisme du Liban (Lebanon)
- Misr Aswan Tourism Company (Egypt)
- Organización Nacional de Turismo Estudiantil y Juvenil (ONTEJ) (Venezuela)
- Patronato Provincial de Turismo de Granada (Spain)

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**CE/DEC/15(XLI)**

**Membership of the Organization**

(b) Requests for suspension of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Agenda item 12(b) (documents CE/41/9(a), A/9/6(c) and A/9/6(c) Add.1, 2, and 3)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the communications received from the Full Members Ecuador, Iraq, Lebanon, Panama, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Venezuela and the Affiliate Member Africa Travel Association, requesting suspension of the application to them of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, and from the Full Member Yemen, requesting exemption from its arrears,

Having duly considered these requests and the reasons that prompted them,

1. **Desires** to show states that are presently encountering economic difficulties the greatest possible understanding for the situation, within the limits established by the Statutes and financial rules and regulations governing the Organization's action;
2. **Decides** to recommend the General Assembly to accede to the requests for suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Ecuador, Lebanon, Panama, Senegal, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda and Venezuela and the Affiliate Member Africa Travel Association;

3. **Recommends** the General Assembly to grant Yemen, which has requested exemption from the payment of its arrear contributions for 1976 to 1990, solely suspension from application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, since the current regulations make no provision for cancellation or exemption from the payment of debts incurred in respect of contributions;

Acknowledging that restoration to Members of all their rights is a temporary measure applying from one Assembly session to the next,

4. **Recommends** the General Assembly to renew the period of suspension of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules in the case of Iraq, in view of the communication received from that Member, as well as in the cases of Romania and the Affiliate Member Tourconsult/Italia which are complying with the agreed plans for payment of their contribution arrears.

CE/DEC/16(XLI)

**Membership of the Organization**

**(c) Applications for membership**

Agenda item 12

(documents CE/41/12(c) and CE/41/12(c) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

**Having regard** to the provisions of Articles 5, 6 and 7 of the Statutes and rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly,

**Takes note with satisfaction** of the information provided by the Secretary-General concerning applications for membership of the Organization.
Membership of the Organization

(d) Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 12(d)
(document CE/41/12(d))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Buenos Aires on 27 September 1991,

1. **Endorses** the Sub-Committee’s recommendations; and

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

   - Agence nationale pour les chèques-vacances (ANCV) (France)
   - Agence régionale de développement du tourisme et des loisirs de la Guyane (ARDTLG) (France)
   - Australian Tourism Industry Association (ATIA)
   - Central Council for Tourism and Excursions of Trade Unions (USSR)
   - Fédération nationale des offices de tourisme et syndicats d’initiative (FNOTSI) (France)
   - Italcongressi
   - The Scottish Hotel School
   - Union nationale des associations de tourisme et de plein air (France)
Review of candidatures for the post of Auditors for the financial period 1992-1993

Agenda item 13
(document CE/41/13)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Article 12(g) of the Organization's Statutes and Regulation 15 of the Financial Regulations,

Having acknowledged the efficient work of the Auditors appointed for the current biennium 1990-1991, Guinea and Spain,

Having reviewed the candidatures submitted,

Recommends the General Assembly to appoint Bangladesh and Spain as Auditors for the financial period 1992-1993.

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Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly
(Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes)

Agenda item 14
(document CE/41/14)

The Executive Council,

Adopts its report as prepared by the Secretary-General for submission to the General Assembly pursuant to Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes.

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World Tourism Day in 1992 and 1993: proposal of themes to the General Assembly

Agenda item 15
(document CE/41/15)

The Executive Council,

Mindful of the increasing impact of World Tourism Day on public opinion,
1. Expresses its satisfaction at the number of events organized worldwide to mark World Tourism Day in 1990 and 1991;

2. Decides to propose to the General Assembly the following two themes for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1992 and 1993:

   1992: "Tourism, a vehicle for the integration of continents, an avenue of discovery between peoples" and;

   1993: "Tourism development and environmental protection: towards a lasting harmony"


CE/DEC/21(XLI)

Place and date of the forty-second session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 17

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its forty-second session at Buenos Aires on the morning of 5 October 1991.
4. **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

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

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Austria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Egypt, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Maldives, Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, United States of America, Uruguay and Spain as privileged Member.

2. The representatives of the following member States: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Malta, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela.

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

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

5. The following Affiliate Members: Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL), Horwath Consulting Ltd. (Reino Unido), Iberia, Líneas Aéreas de España, Instituto de Capacitación Turística (INCE-TURISMO) (Venezuela).