



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS FORTIETH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XL)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1

(documents CE/40/1 prov. Rev.1, CE/40/1 prov. annot. Rev.1)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its fortieth session, after agreeing to change the order of some items.

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CE/DEC/2(XL)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2

(document CE/40/2)

The Executive Council

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, for which it thanks him.

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CE/DEC/3(XL)

Technical cooperation

Agenda item 3(a)

(document CE/40/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the document in which the Secretary-General reports on technical cooperation activities carried out since its thirty-ninth session,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progress of the Organization's technical cooperation activities, expressing its agreement with the manner and content of UNDP and WTO cooperation aimed at reinforcing the tourism sector's role in the economies of the developing countries; and
  2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to its forty-first session, in a more descriptive and analytical document, on further developments in this field.
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CE/DEC/4(XL)

Marketing support activities

Agenda item 3(b)  
(document CE/40/3(b)(c)(d))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the document submitted by the Secretary-General on marketing support activities,

1. Notes with satisfaction the advanced stage of preparations for the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics to be held at Ottawa, Canada in June 1991;
  2. Renews its thanks to the Canadian Government for the arrangements made to host this important international conference;
  3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Spain and the Statistical Office of the European Communities for their generous support and financial contribution towards holding the Second Preparatory Meeting;
  4. Expresses its satisfaction at the quality of the new publications produced and disseminated to Members; and
  5. Requests the Secretary-General to inform its forty-first session of the results of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics.
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CE/DEC/5(XL)

**Education and training**

Agenda item 3(c)  
(document CE/40/3(b)(c)(d))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's education activities, including plans for short-term training courses and study cycles and the new distance learning programme,

1. Thanks him for it; and
  2. Encourages the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to ensure that the courses, study cycles and distance-learning programmes are accessible to the developing countries and available in Spanish as well as in English and French.
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CE/DEC/6(XL)

**Tourism development activities**  
**(Environment, Finance, Facilitation, Liberalization, Safety)**

Agenda item 3(d)  
(document CE/40/3(b)(c)(d))

The Executive Council,

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

1. Takes note of and approves the report of its Tourism Safety Committee which met at WTO Headquarters on 10 and 11 April 1991;



2. Notes that, at the suggestion of several Committee Members, the Facilitation Committee has postponed its meeting until a more propitious time,
3. Requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of developing the material that the Committee prepared in the past to facilitate tourist travel, visits and stays so that it may serve States as guidance in this area.
4. Takes note with interest of the preparations for the fourth meeting of the Environment Committee which is to take place at the Organization's Headquarters from 20 to 22 May 1991 and of the outcome of the approach by the Secretary-General to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development concerning the contribution WTO could make to the success of this major international event to be held in Brazil in June 1992; and
5. Desires the continuation and development of the cooperation existing in this area between WTO, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

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CE/DEC/7(XL)

Establishment at Tamanrasset of an  
International Centre for responsible tourism

Agenda item 4(a)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 13(XXXVIII) adopted at its thirty-eighth session (Madrid, April 1990),

Having been informed under this agenda item of the programme of activities for the development of the Tamanrasset project and of its financial implications,

1. Takes note of the effort made by the Algerian Government to secure multilateral or bilateral assistance for this project; and
  2. Requests the Secretary-General to contribute with the technical support of the Organization, in due course, in accordance with WTO's policies.
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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 4(b)  
(document CE/40/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report submitted under this agenda item,

Having heard the communication of the delegate of Cameroon concerning the project to establish an International Tourism and Hotel Training Centre at Ngaoundere,

1. Thanks the Government of Cameroon for its interest in the establishment of such a centre, to which the Organization could contribute its technical support in due course in accordance with its policies;
2. Desires to be better informed on the development of the project and its financial implications in order to consider its submission to the United Nations Development Programme or other multilateral or bilateral donors; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to give further study to the proposal made by the Government of Cameroon and to report back to it at its forty-first session.

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CE/DEC/9(XL)

Regional activities

Agenda item 5  
(document CE/40/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report submitted by the Secretary-General on this subject and the views expressed by the Members,

1. Endorses the three basic principles of the Organization's regional policy as formulated by the Secretary-General which would enable WTO to play a more effective and meaningful role in the field; and
  2. Notes with satisfaction the programme of regional meetings and activities and the approaches made to various countries to join or rejoin the Organization.
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CE/DEC/10(XL)

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

Agenda item 6

The Executive Council,

Having heard the statement by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group (Canada) concerning progress in developing proposals for the revision of the Organization's statutory texts,

Aware of the desire expressed by many of its Members to give the most careful consideration to such proposals,

1. Takes note of the suggestion by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group whereby a drafting group consisting of Canada and France, assisted by the Secretary-General, will, by the end of June 1991, finalize proposals for revisions to the Organization's statutory texts for submission to the Ad Hoc Working Group; and
  2. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group to meet on an appropriate date to consider said proposals and to transmit them to Council Members, together with its recommendations, in good time for consideration at its forty-first session.
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CE/DEC/11(XL)

**Report of the Secretary-General on the  
financial situation of the Organization (1991)**

Agenda item 7(a)  
(documents CE/40/7(a), CE/40/7(a) Corr.1,  
CE/40/7(a) Add.1, CE/40/7(a) Add.2, CE/40/9(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on the financial situation for the current year, and

Having heard the statements made by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance as well as by a number of its Members,

1. Takes note of the economy measures taken by the Secretary-General to contain the Organization's expenditure at the beginning of the financial year and to match it to expected income;
2. Takes note also of the transitional measures taken by the Secretary-General with respect to staff salaries with a view to containing expenditure at the beginning of the financial year;
3. Understands that, while these transitional measures are in effect, recruitment will be kept to the minimum consistent with essential needs and that the relevant liquidations will be made as and to the extent that cash availability permits;
4. Approves, in accordance with the existing Staff Regulations and Rules,
  - (a) the modification to the salary scale and allowances of officials of the General Service category, with effect from 1 January 1991; and
  - (b) the modification to the salary scale of officials in the Professional category and above, which consists of incorporating a portion of the post adjustment into the base salary, with effect from 1 March 1991;

5. Notes the situation created by the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany and the contribution for 1991 that would have been payable to the Organization by the former German Democratic Republic;
6. Notes the debt in unpaid contributions that Democratic Yemen had incurred before its unification with the Yemen Arab Republic into a single sovereign State;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to contact the governmental authorities of Germany and the Republic of Yemen with a view to resolving these situations;

Aware that the difficulties experienced by Belgium in paying its contributions to the Organization's budget do not reflect any lack of interest by this member State in the Organization's activities but are due solely to an internal budgetary reorganization.

8. Appeals to the competent Belgian authorities to take the necessary steps to enable this member State to bring its payments up to date as soon as possible;
9. Notes with concern the number of Members subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Article 34 of the Statutes; and
10. Urges the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts, both direct and through the Regional Representatives, to reach agreement with members in arrears with their contributions for the settlement of their debts.

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CE/DEC/12(XL)

**Administrative accounts of the Organization  
for the financial year 1990 and Auditors' report**

Agenda item 7(b)  
(documents CE/40/7(b) and CE/40/7(b) Add.1, and CE/40/9(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on the administrative accounts for 1990, and

Having heard the statements made by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Auditors, as well as by a number of its Members,

1. Notes that in the financial year 1990 the financial balance between budgetary expenditure and income was maintained within the recommended limit;
2. Approves the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Auditors to treat interest and miscellaneous income as budgetary income for 1992-1993, with the exception of exchange rate gains whose theoretical value in the Organization's accounts at the closing of a financial year does not correspond to funds actually available;
3. Notes that the Committee on Budget and Finance authorized the Secretary-General to carry forward appropriations from 1990 to 1991 to be used in accordance with the approved programme;
4. Encourages the Secretary-General to pursue with the Spanish authorities, with a view to a prompt resolution of this question, the reimbursement to the Organization of VAT levied on services; and
5. Takes note of the Auditors' report on the administrative accounts for 1990, which will be referred to the General Assembly at its ninth session.

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CE/DEC/13(XL)

Findings of the study prepared by the Secretariat  
on the place and role of the Affiliate Members  
within the Organization

Agenda item 8(a)  
(document CE/40/8(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the findings of the study prepared by the Secretariat,

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations it contains; and
  2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with cooperating with the Steering Committee of the Affiliate Members so as to implement to the extent possible said recommendations.
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CE/DEC/14(XL)

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

Agenda item 8(b)  
(document CE/40/8(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 16 May 1991 at Headquarters in conjunction with its fortieth session,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee; and
  2. Decides to submit to the ninth session of the General Assembly for approval the following applications for affiliate membership:
    - Dutko and Associates (United States of America);
    - EUROTER (Tourism in Rural Europe) (France);
    - FITUR (Spain);
    - International Tourist Health Association;
    - José María Blanc Foundation (Spain);
    - La Maison de l'Alsace (France);
    - Studio Enrico Rainero (Italy).
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CE/DEC/15(XL)

Draft programme-budget of the Organization for  
the period 1992-1993 prepared by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 9  
(documents CE/40/9(a), CE/40/9(b), CE/40/9(b) Add.  
and CE/40/9(c))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the draft programme budget prepared by the Secretary-General, the report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (TCPC) and the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF),

1. Concurs with the views expressed by the TCPC and the CBF in their reports;
2. Expresses its agreement with the Secretary-General concerning the general thrust of the Organization's 1992-1993 general programme of work and the main areas included therein;
3. Accordingly approves this programme of work for the period 1992-1993;

Having considered the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning, inter alia, the draft budget for 1992-1993,

4. Notes that the draft budget presented by the Secretary-General surpasses the objective set by the Council in that it represents negative real growth;
5. Notes that forecast expenditure in the two main currencies used by the Organization amounts to 556,122,000 pesetas and 2,902,000 dollars for 1992 and 604,549,000 pesetas and 2,982,000 dollars for 1993;
6. Notes further that the exchange rate applied when the draft budget was prepared was 93 pesetas to the United States dollar and that the current exchange rate is 108 pesetas to the dollar;



7. Approves the budget in the amount of 18,363,000 dollars for the period 1992-1993, it being understood that this amount will be revised according to the operational rate of exchange of the United States dollar in effect on 1 September 1991;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Executive Council at its next session, prior to the ninth session of the General Assembly, all additional data concerning changes in appropriation levels resulting from the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect in September 1991;
9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to its next session draft decisions concerning the allocation of miscellaneous income to the Organization's budget for 1992-1993 under the conditions established by the Committee on Budget and Finance; and
10. Recommends the General Assembly to adopt the draft programme and budget for 1992-1993 as submitted.

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CE/DEC/16(XL)

Arrangements for the ninth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 10  
(document CE/40/10)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the preparation of the ninth session of the General Assembly, to be held at Buenos Aires, Argentina from 27 September to 5 October 1991,

Having heard with satisfaction the statement by the representative of Argentina concerning the preparation of the Buenos Aires General Assembly,

1. Reiterates its appreciation to the Argentine authorities for the generous arrangements made to host the ninth session of the General Assembly;
2. Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning:
  - (a) the organization, in conjunction with the session, of a series of Round Tables on major issues of topical interest to the tourism industry; and

- (b) the creation of only two Assembly Committees, viz., the Credentials Committee (rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly) and a Committee of the Whole entrusted with all administrative, financial and programme matters.
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CE/DEC/17(XL)

**Place and date of the forty-first session  
of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 11

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its forty-first session at Buenos Aires on 27 September 1991.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE FORTIETH SESSION

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: India (Chairman), Algeria, Austria, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Maldives, Netherlands, Poland, United States of America, Uruguay, and Spain as privileged Member.
2. The representatives of the following member States attended the session as observers: Argentina, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
3. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) (France) was present.
4. The Affiliate Members were represented by: Horwath Consulting Ltd. and Iberia.
5. The representative of the Commission of European Communities attended the session as observer.
6. The Auditor (Spain) also attended this session.

