DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

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**CE/DEC/1(XXXIX)**

**Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda item 1 (document CE/39/adj.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its thirty-ninth session after adding, at the request of the United States of America and pursuant to rule 4(2)(c) of its Rules of Procedure, the following items:

(a) Constitution and activities of the ad hoc Working Group entrusted with preparing proposals for the revision of the Organization's statutory texts; and

(b) Informal informational meetings of Executive Council Members at Permanent Representative level.

**CE/DEC/2(XXXIX)**

**Report of the Secretary-General**

Agenda item 2 (document CE/39/2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the information provided in the Secretary-General's report concerning the activities of the Organization and the development of its membership since the Council's last session,

1. **Confirms** its approval of the new direction taken by the Organization's programme;

2. **Encourages** the Secretary-General to pursue the efforts he has already begun to foster wider awareness of the Organization, to increase cooperation with other international organizations and to secure greater involvement of the private sector in the Organization's programme;

3. **Approves** the prospective Secretariat activities for the remainder of the 1990-1991 biennium; and
4. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the organization at this session, following a suggestion made at its thirty-eighth session, of a Technical Debate which included the presentation and discussion of India's National Tourism Development Plan and the WTO Global Tourism Forecast to the Year 2000.

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

Technical cooperation

Agenda item 3 (document CE/39/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the current state of the Organization's technical cooperation activities,

Having also been informed of the decision concerning technical cooperation adopted by the WTO Commission for Africa at its twenty-first meeting (Lomé, May 1990),

1. Notes with satisfaction the steps taken by the Secretary-General to avoid duplication in the provision of technical assistance and to diversify sources of finance of such assistance;

2. Expresses its agreement with the form and content of the Organization's technical cooperation activities; and

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fortieth session on further developments in this field.
General programme of work of the Organization for the period 1990-1991

- Marketing support activities
- Education and training
- Tourism development activities

Agenda item 3 (document CE/39/3(b)(c)(d))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on this subject,

1. Endorses the Secretary-General's plans for the Organization's activities in the areas of marketing support, education and training and tourism development

2. Approves the activities proposed by the Secretary-General for the remainder of the 1990-1991 biennium;

3. Notes with satisfaction the progress of preparations for the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics, to be held at Ottawa in June 1991 by kind invitation of the Government of Canada;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Spain for agreeing to host at Madrid in March 1991 the second preparatory meeting for the above-mentioned Conference;

5. Considers that the new direct approach to education and training being pursued by the Organization will offer tangible benefits to Members;

Bearing in mind the results of the survey carried out by the Secretary-General concerning the Organization's facilitation activities,

6. Recommends that the Facilitation Committee should hold a meeting at an early opportunity to make concrete recommendations concerning these activities; and

7. Suggests that facilitation issues should also be discussed by the Regional Commissions.
General programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1990-1991

Report of the Environment Committee

Agenda item 3 (document CE/39/3(b)(c)(d) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the third meeting of its Environment Committee,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the new thrust of the Organization's environment programme;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) the question of what contribution WTO might make to the success of this major international event to be held in Brazil in June 1992;

3. Agrees to the proposals put forward by the Environment Committee concerning the amendment of its Terms of Reference; and

4. Approves the Organization's future programme of work on tourism and environment proposed by the Committee in its report, to be carried out in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other relevant international organizations.

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

Report of the Committee of Experts on Security
and Protection of Tourists and Tourist Facilities

Agenda item 3 (document CE/39/3(b)(c)(d) Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the second meeting of its Committee of Experts on Security and Protection of Tourists and Tourist Facilities,
1. Approves the Committee's proposal to adopt the shorter title of "Tourism Safety Committee";

2. Notes with satisfaction the positive experience of the Round Table on Insurance that was held on the eve of the Committee's meeting and that demonstrated convincingly the role that private sector representatives can play in WTO activities;

3. Takes note of the progress made in preparing recommended measures for tourist protection and security; and

4. Approves the programme of activities being implemented by the Committee with the cooperation of other relevant international organizations with competence in this area.

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

Youth tourism - New Delhi Conference

Agenda item 3 (document CE/39/3(e))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on preparations for the International Conference on Youth Tourism, to be held at New Delhi from 28 to 31 January 1991,

Recalling that, as a non-budgeted activity, this Conference owes its existence to the services and resources generously provided by the Government of India and to the voluntary contributions made by other Full, Associate and Affiliate Members,

Confident that all parties concerned will use the Conference to pool their knowledge and experience and so further the development and promotion of youth tourism in all countries,

1. Encourages all Members to take an active part in this important international event;

2. Reiterates its appreciation to the Government of India for hosting the Conference; and

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to its fortieth session on the results of the Conference.
Regional activities

Agenda item 4 (document CE/39/4)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the Secretary-General since its thirty-eighth session to formulate a regional policy that is clearly establishing WTO’s presence and influence in the field;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement a policy in 1991 that would meet the various needs of Members and enable WTO to play a more effective and meaningful role in the regions; and

3. Notes with satisfaction the interest expressed by a number of Members in hosting technical seminars or workshops at regional level.

Constitution and activities of the ad hoc Working Group entrusted with preparing proposals for the revision of the Organization’s statutory texts

Agenda item 5

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the results of the meetings of the ad hoc Working Group and its Subcommittee, entrusted with making proposals for the revision of the Organization’s statutory texts, which were held at Headquarters pursuant to Council decision 15(XXXVIII),

1. Confirms that the activities of the ad hoc Working Group shall relate to the priorities established in its terms of reference;
2. Notes that, pursuant to rule 5(1) of its Rules of Procedure and decision 15(XXXVIII), the ad hoc Working Group elected Canada as its Chairman at its first meeting and subsequently established its composition which is shown in the following Annex to this decision;

3. Notes furthermore that, in the interest of proceeding expeditiously with its task, the Subcommittee of the ad hoc Working Group, which met on 21 November 1990, assigned specific areas of study to three of its Members as follows: United States of America (Statutes, Financing Rules and Financial Regulations); India (Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Executive Council); and France (Staff Regulations and Rules);

4. Takes note with satisfaction of these arrangements; and

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fortieth session on the outcome of any meetings the ad hoc Working Group may hold in the meantime.

ANNEX

COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ENTRUSTED WITH PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR THE REVISION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STATUTORY TEXTS

(participation at first meeting, held 26 October 1990, WTO Headquarters)

Chairman: Canada

Council Members: Algeria
Austria
Cameroon
Colombia
Egypt
Hungary
India
Jordan
Netherlands
Poland
Spain
United States of America
Uruguay
Chairmen, subsidiary organs of the Council:

CBF - France
TCPC - Argentina

States that are not Members of the Council: Mexico
Turkey

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Administrative and financial matters

Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 6 (document CE/39/5(a) and CE/39/5(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the financial situation of the Organization,

1. Notes that, at 15 September 1990, expenditure for the financial year 1990 had been maintained at the same level as budgetary receipts;

2. Expresses its concern over the contribution arrears of certain Members of the Organization; and

3. Decides:

(a) to entrust the Secretary-General with pursuing the action already under way to ensure that, so far as possible, all Members with contribution arrears submit payment plans; and

(b) to request the Secretary-General to remind member States once again of the importance of respecting the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes.
Administrative and financial matters

Personnel

Agenda item 6 (document CE/39/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on personnel submitted by the Secretary-General,

Taking into account, inter alia, the report of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and the increase in the cost of living in Madrid,

Considering Article 20 of the Statutes,

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to apply, with effect from 1 July 1990, a new salary scale, post-adjustment, allowances and other conditions of service for staff in professional and higher categories, resulting in an average increase of 4.9 per cent of the base salary; and

2. Considers that the mode of determination of salaries and allowances, as a question related to the Staff Rules and Regulations, is to be considered by the ad hoc Working Group entrusted with preparing proposals for the revision of the Organization's statutory texts.

Informal informational meetings of Members of the Executive Council

Agenda item 7

The Executive Council,

Considering that it would be beneficial to have more frequent opportunity for the exchange of information and views between Members of the Executive Council and the Secretariat than may be possible with semi-annual meetings,

1. Decides that informal, informational meetings of Members of the Executive Council could be held periodically at WTO Headquarters in Madrid at the level of Permanent Representatives or their designees;
2. Considers that such meetings should be held no more than twice a year, between regular sessions of the Council, on dates to be determined by the Chairman of the Council in consultation with the Secretary-General;

3. Specifies that such non-decision-making meetings should generally concentrate on programme matters and not be concerned with the internal administrative matters of the Organization; and

4. Decides that representatives of countries that are not Members of the Council may also attend these meetings.

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Activities of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8 (document CE/39/6)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on the activities of the Affiliate Members,

1. Notes with satisfaction the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the presence of the operational sector in WTO and to involve it more closely in the Organization's plans and programmes;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake, in consultation with the Steering Committee of the Affiliate Members, an in-depth study on the place and role of the Affiliate Members within the Organization and to submit the findings to its fortieth session; and

3. Notes that the Secretary-General will consider the establishment of a focal point in the Secretariat charged with liaison with the operational sector and relevant organizations and institutions.
Report of the Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 8 (document CE/39/6 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership which met on 7 December 1990 at Goa, India, in conjunction with its thirty-ninth 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:

   - Agence guadeloupéenne de l'environnement, du tourisme et des loisirs (AGETEL) (France)
   - Comité régional du tourisme d'Ile de France (France)
   - Fédération nationale des comités départementaux du tourisme (FNCDT) (France)
   - Scuola Superiore del Commercio, del Turismo e dei Servizi (Italy)
   - Tourism Finance Corporation of India
   - Tourism Hotel Security Worldwide Magazine (Switzerland)
   - Unión de Ciudades Capitales Iberoamericanas (UCCI)
   - World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC).
Guidelines for the preparation of the 1992-1993 programme of work

Agenda item 9 (document CE/39/7)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the document prepared by the Secretary-General setting out guidelines for the preparation of the programme of work for 1992-1993,

Having noted the opinions and desires expressed by Members following the consultation carried out by the Secretary-General for this purpose,

Having reviewed the main objectives that could be included in the Organization's 1992-1993 programme of work,

1. Approves the guiding principles proposed by the Secretary-General for preparation of the final programme;

2. Thanks the Members who sent the Secretariat their opinions on the Organization's 1992-1993 programme of work up to the date of the present session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to launch a further appeal to elicit the views of those Members that did not reply to the original survey;

4. Recommends to the Secretary-General that the total amount of budgeted expenditure for 1992-1993 should be based on the 1990-1991 budget, which is to say, on the amount of 14,005,200 US dollars, with zero real growth in real terms, adjusted for variations in the exchange rate and increases in the Organization's costs, resulting in particular from inflation;

5. Recognizes that, when the budget is submitted to the General Assembly, appropriations will have to be adjusted according to the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect at that time; and

6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing a final draft of the Organization's 1992-1993 programme of work, taking account of the opinions and desires expressed by the Members as well as the conclusions arising from the discussion that took place under this agenda item, and submitting it to the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and, with respect to budgetary consequences, to the Committee on Budget and Finance, for subsequent submission to the fortieth session of the Executive Council.
Election of the Officers of the Executive Council
for the year 1991
Agenda item 10

The Executive Council,

Having held an election from among its Members in accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

Declares elected, unanimously and by acclamation, the following Members to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for the year 1991:

Chairman - India
Vice-Chairmen - Cameroon and Italy

Place and date of the fortieth session
of the Executive Council
Agenda item 11

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its fortieth session at the Organization's Headquarters at Madrid from 15 to 17 May 1991.

Vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

Aware that the term of office of the present Chairman of the Executive Council Mrs. Beatriz Canal de Barco (Colombia) is drawing to a close,
Recalling that Mrs. Barco is the only person to have been elected to serve two consecutive terms as Chairman of the Executive Council,

Recognizing the personal and professional qualities that have made Mrs. Barco an exemplary and outstanding Chairman,

Convinced that Mrs. Barco's charm, competence and capacity for hard work have contributed greatly to the enhancement of the prestige of the Executive Council and, consequently, that of WTO,

Recalling her steadfast attachment to the values embodied in the Organization's statutory aims and to human rights and fundamental freedoms in particular,

Adopts the present vote of thanks as a token of its gratitude and esteem to Mrs. Barco for her services as Chairman of the Executive Council.

4. PARTICIPANTS IN THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

A. DELEGATES

1. The following Members of the Council: Colombia (Chairman), Algeria, Austria, Cameroon, China, Egypt, Guinea, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Maldives, Netherlands, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Uganda and the United States of America.

2. Puerto Rico, representing the Associate Members.

3. Horwath Consulting Ltd. representing the Affiliate Members.

B. SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

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

5. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Argentina).

C. ACCREDITED OBSERVERS

6. Full Members: Argentina, Canada, Gabon, Germany, Indonesia and Nepal.

7. Affiliate Member: Air India.