DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XXXVIII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/38/1 prov.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its thirty-eighth session after adding, at the request of Algeria and pursuant to rule 4(5) of its Rules of Procedure, the following item:

5(i): Establishment at Tamanrasset of an International Centre for responsible tourism.

CE/DEC/2(XXXVIII)

Solemn declaration of the Secretary-General
(Staff Regulation 6(a))

Agenda item 2

The Executive Council,

Meeting in public session in accordance with Staff Regulation 6(a),

Takes note of the solemn declaration of loyalty made and signed by Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac as Secretary-General of the Organization following his election by the eighth session of the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/3(XXXVIII)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 3
(document CE/38/3)

The Executive Council,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report;

2. Approves his proposed course of action aimed at implementing the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its eighth session while making the most of the resources available to the Organization; and
3. **Warmly welcomes** the admission of Mongolia to full membership of the Organization on 27 March 1990, pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Statutes.

CE/DEC/4(XXXVIII)

**Budgetary and financial matters**

Agenda item 4
(documents CE/38/4(a), CE/38/4(b), CE/38/4(b)Add.1 and CE/38/4(d))

The Executive Council,

**Having taken note** of the reports on budgetary and financial matters,

**Having heard** the presentation by the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) of the Committee's report on financial matters,

1. **Approves** the Auditors' recommendations concerning the accounting procedures of the Organization;

2. **Requests** the Secretary-General to contact the four States (Bolivia, Gambia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Mauritania) that have not fulfilled their commitments, before applying to them the corresponding statutory provisions;

3. **Endorses** the CBF's recommendation for the use of the Working Capital Fund, which will enable the Organization to carry out its programme for 1990 up to a level of 50 per cent of total anticipated resources;

4. **Asks** the Secretary-General to forward to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1989; and

5. **Conveys its gratitude and appreciation** to the Auditors for their useful recommendations and the accomplishment of their mission.

CE/DEC/5(XXXVIII)

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

Agenda item 4(c)
(document CE/38/4(c))

The Executive Council,

**Having taken note** of the Secretary-General's report in which he transmits, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 234(VIII) and 235(VIII), a list of the Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

**Having before it** the requests submitted by Congo, Democratic Yemen and Panama,
1. **Instructs** the Secretary-General to ensure that the payment plans proposed by Congo and Panama are honoured and to report back to it on this subject at its next session;

2. **Recalls** that, since the existing Rules and Regulations make no provision for the cancellation of or exoneration from debts contracted in the form of contributions, the only measure that can be granted to Democratic Yemen is that of suspending application to it of the aforementioned provisions, on condition that it submits to the Secretary-General a plan for the payment of its arrear contributions;

3. **Expresses its concern** over the contribution arrears of the Members listed in Annexes 1 and 2 to document CE/38/4(c) and accordingly liable to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules; and

4. **Notes with satisfaction** that the Full Members Chad, Iraq, Mali, Niger, Romania, Uganda and Venezuela, as well as the Affiliate Member Tourconsult/Italia, have honoured the agreed plan for the payment of their outstanding contributions.

CE/DEC/6(XXXVIII)

**Technical cooperation**

Agenda item 5(a)  
(document CE/38/5(a))

The Executive Council,

**Having taken note** of the Secretary-General's report on the current state of the Organization's technical cooperation activity and, in particular, of the constraints and difficulties it encounters,

1. **Requests** a wider circulation of information on projects implemented by WTO or with its participation;

2. **Desires** that particular thought be given to the degree of concentration of the Organization's operations and to how closer, more flexible relations might be established with international and governmental institutions that are in a position to finance multilateral and bilateral assistance and how the consultants on the Organization's roster might be used to best advantage;

3. **Welcomes with keen interest** the generous offer of the Soviet Union to host in 1991 a seminar on the transfer of tourism technology to the developing countries, financed from funds to which the Soviet Union has access through UNDP;

4. **Approves** the approach developed by the Secretary-General of giving careful consideration, especially within the Regional Commissions, to the possibility of improving the assistance the Organization provides to developing countries, reflecting in particular on possible ways of remedying the comparatively weak position of the tourism sector in technical cooperation activities; and
5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its next session on the outcome of this exercise.

CE/DEC/7(XXXVIII)

Statistics and information

Agenda items 5(b) and (c) (document CE/38/5(b)(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report, together with its Annexes, on statistical and information activities,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the development of the Organization's work in these two fields;

2. Notes with interest work in progress with a view to establishing the World Tourism Information Exchange Centre (WTIEC);

3. Approves the Secretary-General's proposal of using the statistical data bank to initiate the operation of WTIEC;

4. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of Egypt and Canada for their generous contributions to the WTIEC feasibility study;

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

6. Authorizes the allocation of an amount not exceeding 125,000 US dollars for joint participation in a tourism marketing-forecasting study; and

7. Authorizes the allocation of an amount not exceeding 215,000 US dollars for purchase of the necessary data processing equipment to handle all kinds of data and services in keeping with the aims of the Organization's programme of work.

CE/DEC/8(XXXVIII)

Education and training

Agenda item 5(d) (documents CE/38/5(d) and CE/38/5(d) Add.1))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization in the field of education and training,
1. **Approves** the criteria and minimum standards for WTO Education and Training Centres contained in document CE/38/5(d) Add.1, as well as the views expressed on the desirability of achieving a balanced regional distribution of WTO Centres;

2. **Agrees** with the the Secretary-General that the agreements already concluded need to be reviewed and that the criteria hereby approved should be applied to renewed and future agreements on the establishment and operation of WTO Centres;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to report to it on the results of the aforementioned review at its thirty-ninth session; and

4. **Authorizes** the release of 22,000 US dollars of balance funds from the WTO/CLEST account to implement education and training activities in the current programme of work.

CE/DEC/9(XXXVIII)

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**Facilitation and liberalization**

Agenda item 5(e)  
(document CE/38/5(e))

The Executive Council,

**Having taken note** of the Secretary-General's report on facilitation and liberalization,

1. **Reaffirms** the importance of facilitation and liberalization as activities of the Organization for the promotion and development of tourism;

2. **Thanks** the Facilitation Committee Members Austria, Cuba, Poland, the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, as well as the Chairman of the Expanded Committee, for their replies to the survey carried out by the Secretary-General concerning:

   - the procedures to be followed so as to finalize the draft Budapest Convention to facilitate tourist travel, visits and stays, and

   - the future activities of the Committee aimed at fulfilling the Organization's standard-setting mission;

3. **Requests** the Secretary-General to extend the survey to the Members of the Expanded Committee, as well as to any other interested Members and, in the light of the replies received, to prepare a report for submission to it at its thirty-ninth session, together with his recommendations;

4. **Invites** the Secretary-General to maintain close contacts with the Director General of the GATT so that the Organization may be present at all stages of the process of liberalizing trade in tourism services within the framework of the Uruguay Round; and
5. Also invites the Secretary-General to pursue his contacts with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD so as to study, within the framework of the Uruguay Round, the implications for the developing countries of the multilateral negotiations on trade in services, with a view to securing increased participation by those countries in trade in tourism services.

CE/DEC/10(XXXVIII)

Security and protection

Agenda item 5(f)
(document CE/38/5(f))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on security and protection,

1. Concurs with the Secretary-General in regard to the Organization's main objectives in the area of security and protection of tourists and in identifying the corresponding priorities of the programme of work; and

2. Urges member States, and especially Members of the Executive Council that have already shown particular interest in these issues, to contribute actively to the specialized activities planned for the current year.

CE/DEC/11(XXXVIII)

Environment

Agenda item 5(g)
(document CE/38/5(g))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's environmental activities,

1. Accepts with gratitude the offer of the Government of the Netherlands to host the third meeting of the Environment Committee at Amsterdam from 26 to 28 September 1990;

2. Recommends that, before the third meeting of the Committee, a consultative meeting be held at the Organization's Headquarters, open to the Members of the Committee as well as those Members of the Executive Council that wish to become active in this field, so as to draw up, in agreement with the Secretary-General, the agenda of the Committee and to propose the programme to be carried out; and

3. Authorizes, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 260(VIII), use of an amount not exceeding 100,000 US dollars to strengthen environmental activities.
Youth Tourism - preparation of the New Delhi International Conference

Agenda item 5(h)
(document CE/38/5(h))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the progress of preparations for the International Conference on Youth Tourism and, in particular, the programme of preliminary activities scheduled throughout 1990,

1. Notes the final dates agreed between the Indian Government and the Secretary-General for the holding of the Conference at New Delhi, i.e. 23 to 31 January 1991;

2. Takes note of the objectives, themes and provisional agenda of the Conference, as established by the Standing Working Party set up by the Preparatory Committee;

3. Considers that, while the Conference should maintain its intergovernmental character, all associations or commercial bodies that wish to contribute should be allowed to participate as freely as possible in the discussions of the technical committees;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Indian Government for assuming the logistical and other aspects of the preparation and holding of the Conference, tasks it has entrusted and should continue to entrust to the unit set up for this purpose at New Delhi, given the slender means available to the Secretariat for this non-budgeted activity;

5. Appeals again to all Members to contribute either with services or resources to the holding of the Conference;

6. Urges member States and Affiliate Members with experience in youth tourism development to indicate experts who could participate in the preparatory work for the Conference; and

7. Invites the Regional Commissions to include in the agenda of their meetings for 1990 exchanges of views between their Members on the present state and needs of youth tourism and related development policies.

CE/DEC/13(XXXVIII)

Establishment at Tamanrasset of an International Centre for responsible tourism

Agenda item 5(i)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of the delegate of Algeria concerning the project to establish an international centre for responsible tourism at Tamanrasset,
1. **Thanks** the Algerian Government for having hosted a Seminar on this subject in November 1989;

2. **Expressions 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 various policies;

3. **Desires** to be better informed on the programme of activities for the development of the project and its financial implications; and

4. **Takes note** of the submission by the Secretariat of this project to the United Nations Development Programme and of the efforts of the Algerian Government to secure multilateral or bilateral assistance.

CE/DEC/14(XXXVIII)

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**Regional Commissions**

*Agenda item 6*

*(document CE/38/6)*

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The Executive Council,

**Having taken note** of the report of the Secretary-General on the 1990 calendar of Regional Commission meetings and the technical meetings to be held in conjunction with them,

**Aware** that the Regional Commissions should continue to constitute for the States Members of the Organization, and especially for those that do not sit on the Executive Council, a forum that enables them, inter alia, to acquaint themselves with the Organization's activity,

**Considering** nevertheless that this function should not lead to their activity being stifled by a concentration on administrative matters alone whose detailed examination is, in fact, the responsibility of other bodies, such as the Executive Council or the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. **Takes the view** that the Regional Commissions should be encouraged to play a more technical role by studying topics of specific interest to their individual regions or, in the case of joint meetings, to several regions;

2. **Considers it desirable** moreover that account be taken, in the Commission's work on subjects specifically concerning their regions, of the possible existence of other bodies in the region with competence in tourism matters;

3. **Approves** the approach adopted by the Secretary-General in planning for 1990, and even more so for 1991, round tables, seminars and technical meetings of other kinds to be held in conjunction with Commission meetings and with the participation of specialists from member States, other international bodies and the private operational sector;

4. **Takes note** of the interest expressed in the various procedural mechanisms under which a Member of one Regional Commission might also participate in the work of another Regional Commission, **entrusting** the Secretary-General with preparing and submitting to its next session a study of this question; and
5. **Notes** the places and dates of the Regional Commission meetings scheduled for 1990, the impossibility for Japan of hosting the meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the desire of the Chairman of the Middle East Commission for a meeting of his Commission to be held at Cairo in the near future.

CE/DEC/15(XXXVIII)

**Revision of the statutory texts (A/RES/265(VIII))**

Agenda item 7(a)
(document CE/38/7(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the revision of the statutory texts (A/RES/265(VIII)),

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Considering that during the period between the eighth session of the General Assembly and its present session there has been virtually no change in the situation of amendments to the Statutes,

1. **Reiterates** the call made by the Assembly to member States that have not already ratified the amendments to the Statutes and Financing Rules to do so as soon as possible;

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Having considered the different options set out in the report of the Secretary-General for revision of the statutory texts,

Having heard the offer by the delegation of the United States of America to host in its Embassy at Madrid the meetings of an ad hoc working group entrusted with this task,

2. **Thanks** the delegation of the United States of America for its generous offer;

3. **Decides** to set up an ad hoc group to assist the Secretary-General in preparing proposals for revision of the Organization's statutory texts for submission to the forty-first session of the Executive Council with a view to their submission to the ninth session of the General Assembly for consideration and possible adoption;

4. **Decides** furthermore that:

   (i) the Members of the ad hoc group shall be those States that announce to the Secretary-General, within thirty days of the circulation of this decision, their desire to participate in said ad hoc group;
(ii) the Secretary-General shall act as Secretary of the working group (rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council);

(iii) the ad hoc group shall elect its Chairman;

(iv) the Chairman of the Executive Council and the Chairmen of its two main committees, the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance, shall be invited to participate in meetings of the ad hoc group;

(v) the terms of reference of the ad hoc group shall be as set out in the Annex to this decision;

(vi) the working languages of the ad hoc group shall be those requested by the Members that desire to participate in its activities;

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with convening at Madrid, in consultation with the United States Government, the first meeting of the working group, and

6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform its thirty-ninth session concerning the constitution of the ad hoc group and its activities.

ANNEX

Terms of reference

The ad hoc working group shall, as its first priority, and pursuant to A/RES/265(VIII), submit to the Secretary-General its proposals for revisions to the Statutes and Financing Rules adopted in 1970, reflecting in particular the experience gained in the operation of the Organization. As second priority, the group may submit to the Secretary-General proposals for revision of other statutory texts, namely, Financial Regulations, Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Executive Council, Staff Regulations and Staff Rules.

CE/DEC/16(XXXVIII)

Appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General

Agenda item 7(b)
(document CE/38/7(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the notification by the Secretary-General of the appointment of Mr. Francesco Frangialli as Deputy Secretary-General,

Takes note of the favourable response to this appointment by the Members of the Council consulted by their Chairman.
Structure of the Secretariat and administrative matters

Agenda item 7(c)
(documents CE/38/7(c) and CE/38/7(c) Add.1 and Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General and the information in Addenda 1 and 2,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his analysis of the structure of the Secretariat;

2. Takes note of its operating constraints; and

3. Expresses its satisfaction with the course of action proposed by the Secretary-General for the current financial year.

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Communication of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8(a)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report presented by the Vice-Chairman of the Affiliate Members; and

2. Invites the Affiliate Members to play a more active role in the implementation of the Organization's programme and the member States to encourage increasing participation by non-governmental tourism entities in WTO's work.

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

Agenda item 8(b)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Madrid on 3 April 1990,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee;

2. Decides to submit to the ninth session of the General Assembly for approval the following applications for affiliate membership:
- Empresa Nacional "Almacenes, Depósitos y Estaciones Aduaneros, S.A." (ALDEASA), Spain;
- Viro Innocenti, S.p.A., Italy;
- Fédération nationale de l'industrie hôtelière de France et d'outre-mer (FNHIH), France;
- The Interface Group, USA;
- CESDIT - Centro per gli Studi sui Servizi, Distribuzione e Turismo, Italy;
- Asociación Iberoamericana de Cámaras de Comercio (AICO);

3. **Desires** that applicants for affiliate membership that have received their governments' endorsement be associated by the Secretariat in the Organization's activities, whenever considered feasible and subject to their defraying the corresponding expenses, pending ratification of their admission by the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/20(XXXVIII)

**Place and dates of the thirty-ninth session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 9

The Executive Council,

1. **Decides** to hold its thirty-ninth session during the second half of November 1990;

2. **Decides** exceptionally to waive 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";

3. **Accepts with gratitude** the invitation of the Government of India to hold this session in its territory.

4. **PARTICIPANTS IN THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

A. **DELEGATES**

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

2. Puerto Rico, representing the Associate Members.

3. Horwath & Horwath (UK) Ltd., representing the Affiliate Members.
B. SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

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

5. The Chairman of the Committee of Experts on Security and Protection of Tourists (Egypt).

C. 6. THE AUDITORS (Guinea and Spain)

D. ACCREDITED OBSERVERS

7. Member States: Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Venezuela.

8. The Affiliate Members Iberia and Patronato Municipal de Turismo de Madrid.