



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
AT ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1 (XXXIV)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1

(documents CE/34/1 and CE/34/1 annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its thirty-fourth session, subject to the addition of a new item "Any other business" and taking the item concerning the "Financial situation of the Organization" as agenda item 3, before "General programme of work for the period 1988-1989".  
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CE/DEC/2 (XXXIV)

Communication of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2

(documents CE/34/2, CE/34/2 Add. and CE/34/2 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having noted with keen interest the Communication of the Secretary-General and, in particular, the information and proposals it contains,

1. Expresses its regret at the withdrawal from WTO of two member States and hopes that they will reconsider their decision promptly and reoccupy their rightful place within the Organization as soon as possible;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the action he has taken to date aimed at obtaining new members for the Organization from both the governmental and professional sectors;
3. Encourages the Regional Commissions to approach the governments of non-member States belonging to their regions along the same lines;

Noting with interest the decision of the Commission for Europe to set up a special committee to prepare a study on the GATT negotiations on tourism services,

4. Invites the other Regional Commissions to set up committees of the same kind;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its next session, a document taking stock of the work of the Commission for Europe in this field;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 218(VII) on the provision of experts by the member States and the Affiliate Members,

- 6. Takes note with satisfaction of the signing of a first outline agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea on 28 October 1988;
- 7. Urges member States to look into the possibility of concluding similar agreements with WTO; and
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Members a list of the fields of expertise that the Organization urgently needs.

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CE/DEC/3 (XXXIV)

Application of Article 34 of the Statutes

Agenda item 3(a)

(documents CE/34/5(a) and CE/34/5(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

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

- 1. Welcomes the fact that Bolivia and Venezuela, Full Members, have agreed, in accordance with resolution 217(VII) and in response to communications from the Secretary-General, to a plan for the payment of their contribution arrears and are consequently no longer subject to application of Article 34 of the Statutes;
- 2. Notes that the following Members have not yet acted on the provisions of General Assembly resolution 217(VII) and that, consequently, the measure of suspension of rights and privileges as Members of the Organization must be applied to them in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes:

Full Members :

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Afghanistan                      | Mauritania           |
| Burundi                          | Niger                |
| Democratic Kampuchea             | Peru                 |
| Democratic Yemen                 | Sierra Leone         |
| Gambia                           | Sudan                |
| Grenada                          | United Arab Emirates |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic |                      |

Affiliate Members :

- Al Medina Travel (Morocco)
- Associazione Nazionale delle Cooperative Turistiche (Italy)
- Empresa de Turismo de Pernambuco (Brazil)
- Fédération européenne de l'hôtellerie de plein air (FEHPA)
- Forum international de l'hôtellerie de plein air (FIHPA)

Instituto Universitario de Nuevas Profesiones (IUNP) (Venezuela)  
International Pantravel Consulting (Italy)  
Tourconsult/Italia

- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to persevere in his efforts to reach agreement with the Members concerned for the payment of their contribution arrears.

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CE/DEC/4 (XXXIV)

Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 3

(documents CE/34/5(a), CE/34/5(a) Add.1, CE/34/5(b) (c) (d),  
CE/34/5(b) (c) (d) Add.1, CE/34/5(b) (c) (d) Add.2,  
and CE/34/5(b) (c) (d) Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the various documents on the financial situation of the Organization and, more especially, of the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) and the report of the Group of Experts on the financial situation of the Organization and of the intention of the Spanish Government to grant the Organization preferential rates for its communication expenses,

- 1. Thanks the Spanish Government for this additional effort on behalf of the Organization;

Having heard the statements by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Chairman of the Group of Experts on the financial situation of the Organization, as well as various statements by its Members,

I. Collection of contributions

Considering the importance, under the present circumstances, of the amendment, adopted by the General Assembly at its fourth session in 1981, to paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, which establishes precise provisions for addressing the situation of Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the expenditure of the Organization,

Considering that this amendment has not yet entered into force,

2. Decides :

- (a) to request the Secretary-General to draw the attention of member States to the desirability of ensuring that the aforementioned amendment to paragraph 13 enters into force as quickly as possible and to invite them to ratify it at the earliest opportunity;
- (b) to recommend the General Assembly to adopt, so far as eligibility for election to the Council is concerned,

provisions identical in spirit to paragraph 7 of decision 4(XXXIII), which provides that henceforth only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council;

Considering that the approaches made by the various Regional Commissions to those of their Members that are in arrears have already yielded good results,

3. Commends the Regional Commissions concerned for their action and expresses the hope that they will persist in their efforts so that an item concerning the collection of arrear contributions may henceforth be systematically included in their agendas;

## II. Budgetary income

Considering that, according to paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules, "The currency used for the payment of contributions shall be the United States dollar",

Considering that experience has shown that, because of the high proportion of expenditure incurred in the currency of the host State, the Organization's financial difficulties attributable to fluctuations in the exchange rate would be less acute if contributions were collected not only in United States dollars but also in Spanish pesetas,

Bearing in mind in this regard the recent decisions of other international organizations providing for their Members' contributions to be paid in several currencies,

### 4. Decides :

- (a) to recommend the General Assembly to amend the Financing Rules so as to provide for part of the Members' contributions corresponding to expenditure incurred in the host state to be paid in the currency of the host State ;
- (b) to determine at its thirty-fifth session the part of the Organization's expenditure for the biennium 1990-1991 that will be incurred in the currency of the host State ;

Noting that, to enter into force, this amendment would require ratification by two-thirds of the member States, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Statutes, which may well postpone the effective date of that amendment for a long time,

5. Recommends the General Assembly to decide, when adopting the amendment in question, that it will be applied provisionally pending its entry into force, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-fifth session the text of the said amendment together with the explanatory memorandum for referral to the General Assembly;

Considering that the share of the Affiliate Members' contributions to the annual budget of the Organization is at present only 2.6 per cent and that it is desirable to increase this share to 4 per cent of the annual budget,



Considering that, according to paragraph 3 of Regulation 6 of the Financial Regulations, "The contributions payable by Affiliate Members shall be fixed by the Assembly at an amount corresponding to the administrative expenses incurred for the services to be supplied and the execution of their programme of work, established in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members",

Considering that it should be ascertained whether the increase in the share of Affiliate Members' contributions to the budget of the Organization would necessitate amending the said paragraph 3 of Regulation 6 of the Financial Regulations,

7. Decides to increase the share of Affiliate Members' contributions to the annual budget of the Organization and to fix that share at 4 per cent for the 1990-1991 budget;
8. Requests the Secretary-General :
  - (a) to apprise the Committee of Affiliate Members of the aforementioned decision;
  - (b) to ask the Committee of Affiliate Members whether, in its view, paragraph 3 of Regulation 6 of the Financial Regulations needs to be amended;
9. Requests the Committee of Affiliate Members to determine which criteria should be used for apportioning among the Affiliate Members the share of the income that will be payable by them, possibly by forming several categories within the group of Affiliate Members, as suggested by the General Assembly in resolution 215(VII), taking into account their capacity to pay;

Considering that the amount of contributions payable by the Associate Members should also be reviewed, bearing in mind the work in hand on a possible adjustment of the Lusaka Formula,

10. Asks the Secretary-General to place before the General Assembly proposals concerning the level of the Associate Members' contributions, which would take into account the data according to which the Lusaka Formula may by then have been modified so far as the Full Members are concerned,

### III. Budget administration

Considering that the surplus of the financial period 1984-1985 amounts to 437,750.68 dollars,

Considering that the level of the Working Capital Fund should be raised to cope with the cash needs of the Organization,

11. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to incorporate the surplus of the period 1984-1985 into the Working Capital Fund, it being understood that this decision is of an exceptional nature and may not serve as a precedent;

Considering the economic effort already made by the Organization, and in line with the recommendations of the Group of Experts on the financial situation and of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF),

12. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit documents and communications to the member States, from now on and so far as possible, through their diplomatic missions in Madrid and to pursue, in collaboration with the governments of the member States, negotiations with the airlines aimed at securing special fares for travel related to the activities of the Organization;

Considering that the balance between income and expenditure implies not only that the Secretary-General must monitor the level of expenditure but also that the Members of the Organization should be scrupulous in paying their statutory, and hence, mandatory, contributions within the prescribed time-limits,

13. Recommends the General Assembly to adopt a resolution identical to resolution 206(VII) authorizing the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the general programme of work according to the time-schedule for the collection of contributions and on the basis of the sums ultimately recovered and the priorities established for the programme of work, it being understood that the Executive Council should be kept informed accordingly;
14. Requests the Secretary-General to attach to the draft budget for 1990-1991, and subsequently to the budget eventually adopted, a document setting out the full cost (operational and staff costs) of each of the activities of the Organization; and
15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a document to the Executive Council at its autumn session each year to enable it to keep abreast of the execution of the budget for the current year, to ensure that the Organization's financial equilibrium is maintained and that the priorities of the programme of work are respected; so far as 1989 is concerned, the plan of expenditure and a report on measures to be taken to implement the programme of work will be submitted to the Council in January 1989 for discussion at its spring session.
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CE/DEC/5(XXXIV)

Formula for fixing the contributions of member States

Agenda items 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d)

(documents CE/34/5(b)(c)(d) and  
CE/34/5(b)(c)(d) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note with keen interest of the report of the Working Party entrusted with studying the formula for fixing the contributions of member States (Lusaka Formula),

1. Considers that, even if the general principles of the Lusaka Formula can be maintained, their application may distort the spirit behind it by giving more importance to both per capita

income and tourist receipts than the weighting coefficients pertaining to these two factors would imply;

- 2. Confirms the existence of a consensus on the need to review this formula in a more equitable spirit and of a trend favouring a formula in which the ratio between the highest and lowest contribution levels would be one to twenty;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its next session a detailed document proposing not more than three formulae for fixing the contributions of member States and indicating their consequences for both member States and the Organization; and
- 4. Decides to prepare for its next session a recommendation on this subject for submission to the General Assembly at its eighth session.

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CE/DEC/6(XXXIV)

Image of the Organization

Agenda items 3(b) and 3(d)

(documents CE/34/5(b) (c) (d) Add.2 and CE/34/5(b) (c) (d) Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Having endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF), and the Group of Experts on the financial situation on the need to improve the image of the Organization,

- 1. Invites the national tourism administrations to make their governments aware of the importance of tourism and all Members to make an effort to promote the image of the Organization;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a plan for a worldwide campaign to promote the image of the Organization and to submit it, with the corresponding budget, to the next session of the Council;
- 3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Spain for its intention to cooperate with the Secretary-General, by means of appropriate technical assistance, in preparing a quantified plan for the promotion of WTO's image in the medium and long terms and also appreciates its intention to provide technical and financial cooperation in preparing this plan, making available to WTO the facilities of the Spanish Tourism Administration for carrying out the campaign;
- 4. Thanks the French Government for its offer to place at the disposal of the Organization during the forthcoming eighth session of the General Assembly the facilities of the French Tourism Administration.

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CE/DEC/7(XXXIV)

Security and protection of tourists and  
tourist facilities

Agenda item 4(a)  
(document CE/34/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on activities to implement the Organization's programme for the security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities adopted at the Council's thirty-third session,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for the activities already conducted, despite severe financial constraints;
2. Takes note with interest of the decisions taken by the various Regional Commissions concerning regional strategies to implement the programme on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities;
3. Encourages the Secretary-General to proceed as soon as possible with the publication of brochures containing advice to travellers on their personal security, in cooperation with the international organizations concerned, particularly the World Health Organization (WHO);
4. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the keen interest in the subject of general, affordable tourism insurance, to organize a round table, if possible in cooperation with the host State which has been a forerunner in this field, to include representatives of States, the private tourism sector and insurance and related companies; this round table would in particular serve to identify the risks to be covered and the conditions bearing on the introduction of such insurance at both national and international levels;
5. Is convinced that it is indispensable for the Committee of Experts on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities, set up by the Executive Council at its thirty-third session, to hold its first meeting as soon as possible so that decisive progress can be made in implementing the Organization's programme in this field;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to approach the Chairman of the Commission for the Middle East asking him to designate a member State from the region to serve on the Committee; and
7. Urges the member States, and in particular the Members of the Executive Council, to explore the possibility of inviting the Committee of Experts to meet in their territory under the usual financial conditions for WTO meetings.

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CE/DEC/8(XXXIV)

Facilitation

Agenda item 4(b)

(document CE/34/3(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the work of the ninth meeting of the Facilitation Committee (expanded), held at Madrid from 3 to 7 October 1988,

Having noted the views and opinions expressed by the various delegations during consideration of the relevant item of its agenda,

1. Decides to forward the draft document, as contained in the report (document CE/34/3(b)) of the ninth meeting of the Facilitation Committee (expanded), to all the Members of the Organization and to non-member States and the international organizations concerned, asking them to ensure that their observations and comments are received by 31 December 1988;
2. Decides that the Facilitation Committee, expanded to include all States Members of the Organization as well as non-member States that have expressed interest in the draft Convention and the international organizations concerned, will hold its tenth meeting at government expert level from 27 February to 3 March 1989, either at the Organization's Headquarters or in the territory of a member State that offers to host the five-day meeting, to carry out a final examination of the newly revised draft Convention and its Annexes in the light of the observations and comments received by the Secretary-General; and
3. Decides to resume consideration of this matter at its thirty-fifth session.

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CE/DEC/9(XXXIV)

Education and training

Agenda item 4(c)

(document CE/34/3(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Organization's programme of work in the field of education and training,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to implement the provisions of the agreements already signed before undertaking new financial commitments in this area;

- 2. Approves the Secretary-General's initiative to conduct a survey on university education and research in the field of tourism and requests the Members to assist the Secretary-General in eliciting the greatest possible number of responses to the questionnaire; and
- 3. Selects as possibilities for inclusion in the forthcoming programme of work the publication of university tourism curricula, the publication of a yearbook of universities providing tourism education and the preparation of handbooks for the teaching of tourism in universities.

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 CE/DEC/10(XXXIV)

Information

Agenda item 4(d)

(document CE/34/3(d))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the various proposals to establish a new WTO publications policy in order both to ensure better quality and to improve the economic viability of these publications,

Having taken note of the proposals of the Secretary-General to publish the "Yearbook of Tourism Statistics" and the "Compendium of Tourism Statistics" in the form of a co-publication, as an economy measure and to ensure wider circulation, and to review the scope and content of the periodical publication "Travel Abroad - Frontier Formalities",

- 1. Approves the Secretary-General's efforts to improve both the quality and profitability of the Organization's publications;
- 2. Endorses the proposal of issuing WTO publications, so far as possible, by means of co-publication;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to envisage ceasing publication of "Travel Abroad - Frontier Formalities";
- 4. Considers it desirable, financial resources permitting, to publish and circulate reports and studies prepared under the general programme of work for the period 1986-1987, a list of which appears in the annex; and
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to bear in mind the possibility of inserting advertisements in WTO publications.

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CE/DEC/11(XXXIV)

Establishment of the World Tourism Information Exchange Centre

Agenda item 4(d)

(document CE/34/3(d))

The Executive Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General, Convinced that WTO should play to the full its role as a world data-bank for all aspects of tourism,

Having taken cognizance of the information on the stage reached in the preparatory phase of the establishment of the World Tourism Information Exchange Centre (WTIEC), with particular reference to the initial outcome of the steps taken by the Secretary-General to secure voluntary contributions to expedite establishment of the Centre,

1. Urges Members of the Organization that have expressed interest in the Centre to explore the possibility of contributing, in the form of expertise, in kind or in cash, to setting it up;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it at its thirty-fifth session of the response to this appeal;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Spanish Government, asking it to convey to the tourism authorities of the Canary Islands its satisfaction at the invitation extended to the Working Party on the establishment of WTIEC to hold its first meeting at Las Palmas; and
4. Asks the Secretary-General to report to it at its next session on the outcome of the work of this advisory group.

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CE/DEC/12(XXXIV)

Interparliamentary Conference on Tourism

Agenda item 4(e)

(document CE/34/3(e))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the preparation of the Interparliamentary Conference on Tourism, to be held jointly with the Inter-Parliamentary Union at The Hague from 10 to 15 April 1989, as well as the additional information on the preparation of the Conference provided by the representative of the Government of the Netherlands,

Noting that the organs of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, specifically the one-hundred and forty-third session of the Inter-Parliamentary Council and the eightieth Inter-Parliamentary Conference, confirmed during their session at Sofia (16-24 September

1988) the decision to hold the Conference at The Hague jointly with WTO,

1. Welcomes the cooperation established with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and expresses the hope that this cooperation will not end with the Interparliamentary Conference at The Hague but will continue, under appropriate conditions, in years to come;
2. Calls upon the member States to include experts in their national parliamentary delegations or to send observers to represent them at The Hague Interparliamentary Conference;
3. Considers it essential for the private tourism sector to be widely represented at The Hague Conference and urges as many Affiliate Members of WTO as possible to participate in the Conference;
4. Reiterates its appreciation to the Parliament and Government of The Netherlands as well as to the Inter-Parliamentary Union; and
5. Congratulates the Secretary-General on an achievement that will certainly prove beneficial for the future of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/13 (XXXIV)

Activities of the Affiliate Members :  
Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 5(a)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report presented by the Chairman of the Affiliate Members,
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Affiliate Members for their contribution to the implementation of activities included in the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1988-1989; and
3. Invites the Affiliate Members to play a more active role in the implementation of the above-mentioned programme.

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CE/DEC/14 (XXXIV)

Activities of the Affiliate Members :  
International Conference on Youth Tourism - 1990

Agenda item 5(b)

(documents CE/34/4(b), CE/34/4(b) Add.1 and CE/34/4(b) Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the progress report on the preparatory work for the Conference, to which is attached the summary record of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee held at Budapest from



15 to 16 June 1988 (document CE/34/4(b)) as well as additional information provided by the Secretary-General, in particular on the places where the Conference could be held (document CE/34/4(b) Add.1),

1. Commends the Preparatory Committee for successfully defining, during its first meeting, the aims of the Conference and the subjects for discussion and for settling most of the questions concerning its organization; and
2. Endorses the conclusions of the Committee;
3. Thanks the Governments of India and Italy for offering to host the Conference;
4. Decides to choose the venue for the Conference at its thirty-fifth session.

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CE/DEC/15 (XXXIV)

Activities of the Affiliate Members :  
National Tourism Administrations/Operational Sector  
Joint Seminar

Agenda item 5(c)

(document CE/34/4(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the background paper submitted by the Secretary-General (document CE/34/4(c)), as well as of the additional information furnished by the Chairman of the Affiliate Members,

Having heard with satisfaction the invitation extended by the representative of the French Government to hold this Seminar in conjunction with the eighth session of the General Assembly,

Accepts this invitation with gratitude and expresses its appreciation to the French authorities.

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CE/DEC/16 (XXXIV)

Eighth session of the General Assembly : preparatory work

Agenda item 6

(document CE/34/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the preparation of the eighth session of the General Assembly, to be held in Paris from 25 August to 2 September 1989,

1. Adopts the Secretary-General's proposal concerning the duration and organization of the work of the Assembly and of the organs that will meet on that occasion;

Having heard the information provided by the representative of France concerning the preparation of the Paris General Assembly,

2. Reiterates its appreciation to the French authorities for their significant contribution to the preparation of the Paris session of the General Assembly.
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CE/DEC/17(XXXIV)

Guidelines for the preparation of the draft general  
programme of work and the budget of the Organization  
for the period 1990-1991

Agenda items 7(a), 7(b) and 7(c)

(documents CE/34/7(a) (b) (c) and CE/34/7(a) (b) (c) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of document CE/34/7(a) (b) (c) containing the report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the new programme of work, together with the findings of the survey of the Members of the Organization on this subject and information on the fields of activity of the draft programme,

1. Notes with regret that so far only a few Members have contributed to the preparation of the new programme;
2. Urges Members that have not yet done so to send the Secretary-General their proposals and comments by 31 December 1988 at the latest;
3. Observes here and now that the vast majority of Members wish the new programme of work of the Organization to continue to focus on the following four main themes: security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities, facilitation and legislation, education and training, information (including tourism information, statistics and the image of tourism), while giving prime of place in its relations with member States to technical cooperation in favour of the developing countries, in accordance with Article 3(2) of the Organization's Statutes;
4. Considers it essential to ensure that, for the preparation of the programme of work, the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) and the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (CTPC) are able to work in close cooperation;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-fifth session a study on the operations of the CBF and the TPCP with proposals aimed at securing this cooperation;

- 6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, taking account of the foregoing as well as of the proposals and comments received or still to be received from Members, a draft programme of work for 1990-1991 within the budgetary limits set by the Council.

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CE/DEC/18 (XXXIV)

Level of the draft budget for the period 1990-1991

Agenda item 7(d)

(document CE/34/7(d))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document submitted by the Secretary-General on the level of the draft budget for the period 1990-1991,

Having heard the presentation of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

- 1. Decides to recommend to the Secretary-General that the parameters for the 1990-1991 budget should be computed on the basis of the 1988-1989 budget with zero growth in real terms, that is at the amount of 11,750,000 United States dollars, adjusted to take account of variations in the exchange rate and increases in the Organization's costs (operational and staff costs), resulting in particular from inflation;
- 2. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee on Budget and Finance that:
  - (a) the exchange rate effect should be reflected by recalculating at the United Nations operational rate of exchange applicable at the time the draft budget is prepared the expenditure provided for in the current budget at the rate of 133 pesetas to the dollar;
  - (b) increases due to rising costs should be broken down according to uniform items of expenditure (staff, common services, transport and communications, etc.);
- 3. Recognizes that at the time of approval of the budget by the General Assembly appropriations will have to be adjusted according to the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect during the General Assembly session.

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CE/DEC/19 (XXXIV)

Procedure for the election of the Secretary-General for the period 1990-1993

Agenda item 8

(document CE/34/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document prepared by the Secretary-General on the procedure for electing the Secretary-General,

1. Considers that the rules and procedures adopted by the Council at its twenty-third session in May 1984 (decision 17(XXIII)) should also be followed at the thirty-fifth session of the Executive Council;
2. Decides that these rules should be supplemented by the following provision : "The Executive Council decides not to recommend a candidate proposed by the government of a member State in unjustified arrears (paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes)";
3. Invites the member States to propose candidates for the post of Secretary-General and to ensure that their proposals reach the Organization's Headquarters by 10 March 1989 at the latest; and
4. Confirms that it is at its thirty-fifth session that the Council will decide on the nominee it should recommend to the General Assembly for the post of Secretary-General for the period 1990-1993.

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CE/DEC/20 (XXXIV)

Preparation and publication of summary records  
of sessions of the Executive Council  
(Rule 13 of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Agenda item 9

(document CE/34/9)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General to its thirty-third session (Madrid, 3-6 May 1988) on the preparation and publication of summary records of sessions of the Executive Council,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for consideration by the Executive Council at its thirty-fifth session, a study on the cost of preparing, publishing and circulating summary records of Executive Council sessions.

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CE/DEC/21 (XXXIV)

Election of the Council Officers for  
1989

Agenda item 10

The Executive Council,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the able Officers who served the Council throughout 1988; and

- 2. Elects Colombia to serve as Chairman of the Council in 1989, assisted by Portugal and Senegal as first and second Vice-Chairmen, respectively.

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CE/DEC/22 (XXXIV)

Any other business :  
WTO's membership in the United Nations Pension Fund

Agenda item 11

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the negotiations the Secretary-General has entered into with a view to the World Tourism Organization's membership in the United Nations Pension Fund,

Having been informed that the staff of the Secretariat are not unanimously in favour of joining the Fund,

Having also noted that the Committee on Budget and Finance had not been seized of all the financial consequences of this issue,

- 1. Decides to set up an ad hoc Working Group comprising representatives of member countries, viz. Colombia, Congo, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain and United States of America;
- 2. Invites the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance to join the Working Group;
- 3. Instructs the Working Group, to which it delegates its powers,
  - (a) to hear the explanations of the staff concerning their position on WTO's affiliation to the United Nations Pension Fund;
  - (b) to analyse the consequences of this affiliation for the Organization's financial situation; and
  - (c) after having gathered all the necessary information, to take whatever decision is considered appropriate regarding the principle and date of WTO's affiliation to the United Nations Pension Fund;
- 4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with inviting the ad hoc Working Group thus established to meet at the Organization's Headquarters before the end of this year; and
- 5. Decides, in order to economize on interpretation, that one language only, in the event Spanish, will be used for the work of this Group.

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CE/DEC/23 (XXXIV)

Any other business :  
Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of  
applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 11

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Fez on 4 November 1988,

1. Endorses the Sub-Committee's recommendations; and
2. Decides to submit to the eighth session of the General Assembly for approval the following applications for affiliate membership :
  - (a) Consejo Centroamericano de Turismo (CCT),
  - (b) Société française d'exportation des ressources éducatives (SFERE) (France)

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CE/DEC/24 (XXXIV)

Place and dates of the thirty-fifth session of the  
Executive Council

Agenda item 12

The Executive Council,

Having heard the generous offer by the delegate of Mexico to host the next session of the Council,

Decides to hold its thirty-fifth session in Mexico from 16 to 19 May 1989 at a venue to be agreed between the Secretary-General and the Government of Mexico.

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CE/DEC/25 (XXXIV)

Message to His Majesty King Hassan II of Morocco

The Executive Council,

1. Adopts the following message; and
2. Entrusts its Chairman with conveying this message to His Majesty King Hassan II.

"THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the World Tourism Organization,

"Meeting for its thirty-fourth session in the historic city of FEZ from 2 to 5 November 1988,

"Having concluded its session, whose aim has been to develop tourism in the interest of better mutual understanding between the peoples and nations of the world,

"Respectfully expresses its sincerest gratitude to HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II, who graciously invited the Executive Council of WTO to hold its session at Fez, a splendid jewel and a major asset for Morocco's tourism, and thanks to whom no effort has been spared in ensuring that the participants conclude this session with the image imprinted in their memories of an extremely hospitable country and people, open to all who wish to know them;

"Convinced that its session could not have been successful without all the facilities placed at its disposal and, above all, without the incomparable atmosphere of a city that has been able to preserve the best of its past while assimilating the best of modern progress,

"Expresses its sincerest wishes for the good fortune of the KINGDOM OF MOROCCO and the MOROCCAN PEOPLE and in particular for the health and happiness of HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II."

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Annex to decision 10 (XXXIV)List of reports and studies prepared  
under the Organization's general programme of work  
for the period 1986-1987

- B.1.4 Economic review of world tourism;
- B.2.1 Identification of potential tourism markets;
- B.2.3 Quality control of tourism products and services;
- B.4.1 The problems of protectionism and measures to reduce obstacles to trade in tourism services;
- B.5.1 Standardization of tourist signs and symbols;
- B.5.2 Interregional harmonization of hotel classification criteria on the basis of the classification standards adopted by the Regional Commissions;
- B.5.3 Guidelines for the transfer of new technologies in the field of tourism;
- C.1 Statistical nomenclature for non-pleasure travel;
- C.2 Methodological elements for developing a tourism balance of payments;
- C.3 Computerized processing of the E/D card and of the hotel survey;
- C.4 Integration of tourism in the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) of the United Nations;
- C.5 Model Yearbook of Tourism Statistics.



4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SESSION

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session : Morocco (Chairman), United States of America (first Vice-Chairman), Maldives (second Vice-Chairman), Austria, China, Colombia, Congo, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania, and Spain as privileged Member.
2. The representatives of Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, France and India attended the session as observers.
3. The Associate Members were represented by Puerto Rico.
4. The Affiliate Members were represented by their Chairman (Middle East Airlines-Airliban).
5. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) (France) was present.
6. The Chairman of the Working Party to study the formula for fixing the contributions of member States (France) was present.
7. The Chairman of the Group of Experts on the financial situation of the Organization (Spain) was present.
8. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) attended the session as observer.

