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

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CE/DEC/1(XXXIII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/33/1 Rev.2 and CE/33/1 annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its thirty-third session.

CE/DEC/2(XXXIII)

Communication of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2
(documents CE/33/2 and CE/33/2 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note with satisfaction of the communication of the Secretary-General,

Welcomes the fact that, grave financial difficulties notwithstanding, the Secretary-General has been able to give fresh impetus to the Organization's activities, especially as they concern the Diplomatic Conference on the draft Convention concerning Facilitation, the Parliamentary Conference on Tourism, the programme on security and protection of tourists, tourism education and training activities.

CE/DEC/3(XXXIII)

National Tourism Administrations/Operational Sector Joint Seminar

Agenda item 2
(documents CE/33/2 and CE/33/2 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 221(VII) on the convocation of a National Tourism Administrations/Operational Sector Joint Seminar,

Having taken note of the explanations provided by the Chairman of the Affiliate Members,

Invites the Secretary-General and the Affiliate Members to pursue their efforts towards the preparation of this Seminar and to report back to it at its thirty-fourth session.
Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda items 3(a), (b), (c) and (d)
(documents CE/33/3(a), CE/33/3(a) Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, CE/33/3(b), CE/33/3(b) Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, CE/33/3(b) inf.1, and CE/33/3(c))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the reports presented by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF), and the Auditors, as well as various statements by its Members,

1. Decides to set up a Group of experts on the financial situation of the Organization, comprising the Auditors (Spain and Romania), the Chairman of the CBF (France), representatives of the host State (Spain), and of Colombia, Guinea, Japan and Morocco, as well as a representative of the Affiliate Members, which group will meet in the first half of July 1988 with instructions to:

(a) carry out a thorough analysis of the Organization's financial situation, with particular reference to its consequences for the implementation of the general programme of work and the operation and management of the Organization;

(b) draw up a plan that will enable the Organization to balance expenditure with receipts;

(c) determine the causes of the excessive delay by Members in paying their contributions;

(d) put forward relevant proposals on these points; and

(e) report through the Committee on Budget and Finance to the Council at its thirty-fourth session;

2. Thanks the Spanish Government for having invited the Group of experts on the financial situation of the Organization to meet in Madrid and for offering to defray the expenses of that meeting;

Noting that the scale of contributions currently in force (the Lusaka formula) results in a ratio of the lowest to the highest contributions of one to ten, whereas this ratio may be up to one to two thousand five hundred in other intergovernmental organizations,

3. Decides:

(a) to set up a Working Party to study the formula for fixing the contributions of Member States, comprising the Council Officers, namely Morocco, the United States of America and Maldives, the Chairman of the CBF (France), representatives of the host State (Spain), and of Colombia, Mexico and Senegal, as well as a representative of the Associate Members (Puerto Rico), to explore the possibility of
adjusting the formula for assessing the contributions of Members of the Organization, with a view to achieving greater equity and in compliance with paragraph 3 of the Financing Rules, which refers in particular to the importance of international tourism in each country;

(b) to entrust this Working Party with reporting to it on this matter at its thirty-fourth session;

4. Thanks the French Government for having invited this Working Party to study the formula for fixing the contributions of Member States to meet in Paris and for offering to defray the expenses of that meeting;

Pending the outcome of the work of these groups of experts and to allow the Organization to ensure continuity in meeting the established aims,

5. Urges Members that have not yet discharged their obligations to the Organization to do so as soon as possible, since scrupulous observance of financial commitments, in accordance with Article 25 of the Statutes is the very basis of international cooperation, of which WTO is an institutional instrument;

6. Invites the Officers of the Regional Commissions to approach the Members in their regions that have not yet paid their contributions to persuade them to do so at the earliest opportunity;

7. Decides that henceforth only Members of the Organization that are not in unjustified arrears (paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules annexed to the Statutes) may be appointed to its subsidiary organs; and

8. Authorizes the transfer of 150,000 United States dollars from the publications account to the Working Capital Fund.

Administrative accounts of the Organization
for the financial year 1987

Agenda item 3(e)
(documents CE/33/3(e), CE/33/3(e) Add.1, CE/33/3(e) Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the reports by the Auditors and the Committee on Budget and Finance on the accounts for financial year 1987,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take all appropriate measures vis-à-vis member States that have fallen
behind in the payment of their contributions to bring about the prompt settlement of their arrears;

2. **Endorses** the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning the authorization of transfers of appropriations made by the Secretary-General between different parts and chapters of the budget for financial year 1987, to compensate for the negative trend in the exchange rate of the Organization's accounting currency;

3. Notes that the depreciation in the value of the United States dollar against the peseta has reduced the possibility of realizing additional economies during financial year 1987;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for financial year 1987;

5. **Expressions its gratitude and appreciation** to the Auditors for the performance of their mission.

CE/DEC/6(XXXIII)

**Education and Training**

Agenda item 2
(documents CE/33/2 and CE/33/2 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Considering the various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on activities in the field of education and training, and in view of their importance for tourism development in the member States,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to implement the various recommendations already adopted in the field of education and training, particularly the agreements between the Organization and the Governments of Italy and Morocco and the George Washington University (USA), as available financial resources permit; and

2. Invites the Group of experts on the financial situation of the Organization to study this on a priority basis.
Establishment of a Committee of experts on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities

Agenda items 4(a) and (b) (documents CE/33/4(a) and CE/33/4(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the second meeting of the Advisory Group on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities,

1. Decides to set up a standing Committee of Experts on security and protection of tourists whose terms of reference will be:

   (a) to consider, sector by sector, the situation in the field of security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities;

   (b) to review and report back to it on existing rules, standards and practices governing the issues of security in tourism;

   (c) to develop standards and recommended practices and, if necessary, rules, for adoption by States and the operational sector and for eventual incorporation in international legal instruments and national legislation, insofar as they relate to security problems in tourism in general and the protection of tourists and tourist facilities in particular;

   (d) to advise and make recommendations on all questions relating to security in tourism submitted to it by any organ of the Organization;

   (e) to receive requests from any member State to consider specific and general problems as they relate to security and protection in tourism and address appropriate recommendations to States;

   (f) to report to it every two years on the state of security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities in the world;

   (g) to form, whenever appropriate, small expert groups to study specific problems contained in the general programme of work;

2. Decides that the Committee will comprise:

   (a) nine Full Members nominated by the Regional Commissions (Africa, Americas and Europe - two Full Members each, and East Asia and the Pacific, Middle East and South Asia - one Full Member each);
(b) one Associate Member nominated by the Associate Members of the Organization;

(c) three Affiliate Members nominated by the Committee of Affiliate Members;

3. Decides that:

(a) the Chairman of the Committee will be elected from among the Full Members of the Committee;

(b) intergovernmental organizations having explicit interest in tourist security, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and INTERPOL, will be invited to meetings of the Committee and will be kept abreast, on a regular basis, of WTO's activities in this field;

(c) any Council Member may participate in meetings of the Committee;

(d) the Secretary-General or the Committee may, if need be, call on any Member, organization or expert to participate in the work of this Committee;

4. Decides that the Committee will meet at least once a year, on the initiative of the Secretary-General or at the request of its Chairman or the majority of its Members;

5. Decides that the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee or his representative will sit on the Committee on security and protection of tourists as an ex-officio member and vice versa; and

6. Decides that the Committee may operate only within the limit of available financial resources and that it will, consequently, and in view of the current financial situation, meet only when a member State is able to act as host and defray the expenses so incurred.
Programme of the Organization in the field of security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities

Agenda item 4(b)
(document CE/33/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Considering that the General Assembly, in resolution 222(VII), entrusted the Executive Council with drawing up the final programme on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities,

Bearing in mind that the General Assembly considered that the programme in question should focus in the main on the following three subjects: legal matters, practical measures and information and education,

Having reviewed the Secretary-General's proposals concerning the programme in question (document CE/33/4(b)),

1. Accepts as guidelines the proposals of the Secretary-General in the Annex to document CE/33/4(b) on the understanding that, in implementing this tentative programme, account will be taken of both the priorities set forth below and the financial prospects from the standpoint of available budgetary appropriations and voluntary contributions;

2. Decides that during the financial period 1988-1989 priority will be given to the following three activities:
   (a) Preparation of draft recommended measures governing tourist protection and security;
   (b) Development of a basic tourist insurance plan;
   (c) Proposal of measures to assist in suppressing drug abuse and illicit trafficking by tourists;

3. Decides that, during the same biennial period, the Secretariat should, so far as it is able, at least start work on the following activities:
   (a) Legal provisions concerning tourism consumer protection;
   (b) Standards and recommended practices for inclusion in the legislation and regulations of member States with regard to security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities;
   (c) Advice to travellers on personal safety; and
4. Decides that, in carrying out WTO's programme on security and protection of tourists, care should be taken to avoid duplication of effort, particularly with regard to air and maritime transport which are the responsibility of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and that the private sector should be associated as closely as possible, according to the procedures relevant to each project, in the search for solutions in this area.

Draft recommended measures governing tourist protection and security

Agenda item 4(b)
(document CE/33/4(d))

The Executive Council,

Having considered with keen interest the draft recommended measures governing tourist protection and security, prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 222(VII) (document CE/33/4(d)),

Confident that the most precise formulation possible of such measures would be likely to strengthen the active and constant commitment of all partners (States and the tourism sector) to the development of tourism and enhance the tourist's sense of security, which can only serve to propagate international tourist movements,

1. Decides that a four- to five-day meeting of legal and tourism experts will be convened, in which the Members of WTO and international organizations concerned will be invited to participate provided a member State agrees to bear the necessary expenses;

2. Decides that this meeting will consider the substance of the proposed rules, to supplement them where applicable and to determine whether it would not be appropriate to draw up an international legal instrument on the security and protection of tourists; and

3. Decides that, if this meeting fails to be held, the matter of recommended measures governing the security and protection of tourists will be considered by the Committee of Experts on security and protection of tourists.
Facilitation

Agenda item 5
(documents CE/33/5(a), CE/33/5(b), CE/33/5(c), CE/33/5(d), CE/33/5(e) and CE/33/5(f))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Facilitation Committee at its eighth meeting, held at Madrid from 27 to 29 April 1988 (document CE/33/5(d)),

1. Congratulates the Committee on its work which, thanks to the active participation of Full, Associate and Affiliate Members of the Organization, as well as of observers and several international organizations, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in particular, it was able to complete successfully on issues of major importance for the Organization;

I. New terms of reference of the Facilitation Committee

Having taken note of the Committee's proposals regarding its new terms of reference,

2. Decides that the terms of reference of the Facilitation Committee will be expanded in accordance with the provisions in the Annex to this decision;

II. Preparation of the revised draft Convention to facilitate travel and tourist stays

Having considered the recommendations of the Facilitation Committee on the fundamental questions raised by the Members of the Organization or other international organizations on the draft Convention and its Annexes (document CE/33/5(d), paragraphs 13 to 32),

3. Endorses the Committee's recommendations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to incorporate them in the new revised draft Convention;

5. Urges the Members of the Organization and the international organizations concerned that have not yet replied to the communication of the Secretary-General of 16 November 1987 (document PROJ./CON./FAL(87)Rev.) to do so by 15 July 1988 at the latest;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in the light of this decision and the observations still to be received in accordance with the previous paragraph, a fresh revision of the draft Convention and its Annexes in which, in order to achieve the general consensus at which the Organization's work has been directed, he will reflect all the observations he has been able to gather, without necessarily endorsing them, by 15 July 1988;

7. Decides that the Facilitation Committee, expanded to include all the States Members of the Organization as well as non-member States that have expressed interest in the draft Convention, will hold its ninth meeting at government expert level, either at the Organization's Headquarters or in the territory of a member State that offers to host the five-day meeting, from 3 to 7 October 1988;

8. Asks the Secretary-General to submit to the expanded meeting of the Facilitation Committee, a fresh revision of the draft Convention and its Annexes;

9. Urges the States Members of the Organization, non-member States that have expressed interest in the draft Convention and international organizations concerned with the subject of facilitation to be represented at this expanded meeting of the Facilitation Committee by experts of the highest rank possible so that they are able to arrive jointly at consensus and compromise solutions necessary for a successful outcome to the work of preparing the Convention and its Annexes;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in the light of the discussions of the expanded ninth meeting of the Facilitation Committee, a draft Convention and its Annexes for submission to the Executive Council, which will constitute the basis for the work of the Diplomatic Conference and which he will send to all the participants in the Conference at least three months before it opens;

III. Preparation of the Diplomatic Conference entrusted with finalizing and adopting the Convention to facilitate travel and tourist stays

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolution 223(VII), in which the General Assembly decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference entrusted with the task of finalizing and adopting an international legal instrument to facilitate travel and tourist stays (document CE/33/5(a)), together with the recommendations formulated on this subject by the Facilitation Committee at its eighth meeting (document CE/33/5(d)),

11. Takes note of the agreement signed on 21 March 1988 by the Secretary-General and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary concerning the conditions for holding the Diplomatic Conference;
12. Expresses its deep gratitude to the Government of Hungary which, in deciding to invite the Diplomatic Conference to take place at Budapest, has clearly indicated both its total support for WTO and its resolute commitment to the development of tourist flows which cannot but be encouraged by the adoption of the first global, international instrument on facilitation, irrespective of the mode of transport the tourist uses;

13. Thanks the Governments of Finland and Yugoslavia for having considered hosting the Diplomatic Conference;

14. Decides to set the exact dates of the Diplomatic Conference at its thirty-fourth session in the light of the recommendations and outcome of the work of the expanded Facilitation Committee and in consultation with the Hungarian authorities;

15. Asks the Secretary-General to take account of all the observations of the Facilitation Committee (document CE/33/5(d), paragraphs 36 and 37) in drawing up the list of non-member States, non-autonomous territories and international organizations, governmental and non-governmental alike, which will be invited to take part in the Diplomatic Conference;

16. Approves the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Diplomatic Conference, as prepared by the Secretary-General (annexed to document CE/33/5(a)), it being understood that it will be for the Conference to reach a final decision on that text;

17. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the work so far done in preparing the Diplomatic Conference, which will be a milestone for the Organization and the development of international tourism; and

18. Urges all Members to give the work carried out by the Organization in the area of facilitation the priority it deserves.
ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE

The terms of reference of the Facilitation Committee shall be to:

(a) identify, analyse and review all measures, regulations, formalities and legislative, administrative and other practices, likely to constitute directly or indirectly an obstacle to the free circulation of tourists and to the development of tourism activity and, in general terms, to review any question likely to restrict or hinder facilitation and liberalization of the free movement of persons for non-migratory purposes;

(b) request from the States information concerning, in particular, the measures, regulations, formalities and practices currently in force likely to constitute an obstacle to the free circulation of tourists and the development of tourism activity, to review this information with a view to addressing, when appropriate, collectively and individually, to the States concerned, specific appropriate recommendations about facilitation measures, taking into account the security requirements of tourists and tourist facilities and of the population as a whole;

(c) continue to prepare and submit to the Executive Council a set of standards and recommended practices as well as principles and model provisions in the field of facilitation with a view to their adoption by the States and their incorporation in conventions or in bilateral or multilateral tourism agreements;

(d) present to the Executive Council for submission to the General Assembly a full report, accompanied by the Committee's observations and recommendations on the activities, and more particularly, on the legislative, regulatory and administrative measures and on the explicit practices that are likely to constitute an obstacle to the free circulation of tourists and to the development of tourism;

(e) cooperate, when problems concerning facilitation arise, with the subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council, the working parties and the ad hoc groups instituted or convened on the initiative of the Secretary-General and, more particularly, with the Executive Council's Committee on security and protection of tourists and tourist facilities, it being understood that the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee will be an ex officio member of the Committee on security and protection of tourists and that the same rule will apply, reciprocally, to the Chairman of the Committee on security and protection of tourists.
Preparation of the Parliamentary Conference on Tourism

Agenda item 6
(document CE/33/6)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 197(VII) on the convening of a Parliamentary Conference on Tourism in consultation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (document CE/33/6),

1. Approves the objectives of the Conference, as defined by the Secretary-General after consulting the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (document CE/33/6, paragraph 4);

Having taken note with deep satisfaction of the decision taken by the Inter-Parliamentary Council, the executive organ of the Union, at its session at Guatemala City in April 1988 to accept WTO's proposal for the joint organization of a Parliamentary Conference on Tourism,

2. Thanks the Inter-Parliamentary Union for agreeing to assist the World Tourism Organization in preparing the Conference;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Parliament and Government of the Netherlands for inviting the Conference to take place at The Hague in the second week of April 1989;

4. Approves in general the draft programme of The Hague Conference (document CE/33/6, paragraph 5), while leaving it to the Secretary-General to draw up, together with the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament and Government of the Netherlands, the final programme and procedures for preparing and holding the Conference;

5. Affirms its belief that The Hague Parliamentary Conference on Tourism will be a milestone in the development of tourism because of the interest it will arouse among all bodies directly or indirectly involved in this sector.
CE/DEC/12(XXXIII)

Preparation of the International Conference on Youth Tourism - 1990

Agenda item 7
(document CE/33/7)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the activities carried out by the Secretary-General in implementation of General Assembly resolution 220(VII),

1. Expresses its appreciation for the activities of the Working Party of the Affiliate Members on Youth Tourism;

2. Urges the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions to take part in or be represented at the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Youth Tourism - 1990, to be held at Budapest from 14 to 17 June 1988;

3. Invites the States Members of the Organization to explore the possibility of hosting the Conference in their territories; and

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its next session on the preparatory work for the Conference.

CE/DEC/13(XXXIII)

Preparation and publication of Executive Council summary records

Agenda item 8
(document CE/33/8)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparation and publication of the summary records of its sessions, and

2. Decides to examine this question at its next session.
The Executive Council,

1. Decides to hold its thirty-fourth session during the first week of November 1988;

2. Accepts the invitation of the Kingdom of Morocco to hold this session in its territory;

3. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for this invitation;

4. Decides, in view of the present situation, to derogate exceptionally from 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".

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4. PARTICIPANTS IN THE THIRTY-THIRD 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, 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 Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, France, India, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Uruguay attended the session as observers.

3. The Associate Members were represented by Puerto Rico.

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

5. The Affiliate Members were represented by the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members (Middle East Airlines AirLiban (MEA)).

6. The Auditors of the Organization (Spain and Romania) were present.

7. The representatives of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) attended the session as observers.