DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XXV)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1 (documents CE/25/odj.prov. and CE/25/odj.prov. annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Council, as submitted to it by the Secretary-General.

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CE/DEC/2(a)(XXV)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/25/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the Secretary-General present his report on the activities of the Organization during the first months of 1985,

1. Notes with interest this document for the elements of synthesis which it includes and the lessons that can be drawn from it;

2. Restates its previous position aimed at interpreting the activities of the Organization as not being limited to vacations movements, but as encompassing travel for all legitimate purposes, for which the various services that operate in the field constitute an indispensable basis for increasing movements of persons regardless of their obligations and travel motivations;

3. Is of the opinion that a change of image will have to be gradually effected in order to reinforce the role of the Organization and of the field in which it operates, clarifying the true meaning of the word "tourism", understood not simply as a leisure and vacation phenomenon, but rather as travel meant to provide a development impetus in all countries, and specifically in the developing countries;
4. Believes that the countries of the international community should all pursue a policy that is in line with the present and foreseeable situation to ensure that travel services are devised for visitors of any origin;

5. Considers that, in this context, the general programme of work of the Organization will ultimately have to be consolidated and restructured in order to determine and reach basic objectives that are common to the interests of all the States, without prejudice to regional programmes aimed at solving the current problems and at addressing some of the concerns specific to groups of countries;

6. Invites the States to make better use of the general programme of work as regards studies, statistics and documentation and to participate, in an appropriate fashion, in the various organic and technical meetings which are held at the different regional levels;

7. Recalls that the General Assembly decided at its fifth session to set up ad hoc committees for bilateral, trilateral or even multilateral consultation to clarify certain issues existing between States and to seek provisional solutions on which official decisions may subsequently be taken;

8. Considers that, in the continuous work that the Organization has to undertake in order to achieve its statutory objectives, it will be necessary to take into account the progress it has made during previous years, in particular since the days of IUOTO to influence the different phases in the development of travel, movements of persons and tourism;

9. Recalls to this effect the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism (Rome, 1963), International Tourist Year (Tokyo, 1967), the World Tourism Conference (Manila, 1980), the World Tourism Meeting (Acapulco, 1982) and, in the immediate future, the International Conference on the adaptation of training for tourism and travel personnel (Paris, 1985);

10. Recalls further that the other innovations that it has brought to the concept of tourism as regards the search for new markets, the development of national travel and vacation markets, the initiatives and activities in the field of vocational training, as well as the various other activities that it has to its credit;

11. Notes with satisfaction that in 1984, the progress of travel in the world has been translated into positive results evidencing a resurgence of travel and tourism activities at all levels and in all continents;

12. Expresses the opinion that this positive change is due essentially to a slight economic recovery in some countries and areas, such as North America in particular, and to a slight improvement in the economic situation in the industrialized countries as a whole;

13. Notes that, at the present time, travel arrivals in the world, at the national and international levels, are estimated at more than 4,000 millions, including 300 millions at the international level, producing gross receipts valued at 100,000 million dollars, or about 5 per cent of the global value of international trade;
14. Recognizes that continued efforts have been made by the Secretary-General to ensure better cooperation with other international organizations;

15. Cherishes the hope that it may be possible to reach with some agencies of the United Nations system and especially those dealing with vocational training, consultation and cooperation agreements on an equal basis and provided there is recognition of the central and decisive role that the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly* bestowed on the World Tourism Organization in 1969;

16. Takes note of the fact that discussions have been engaged in by the Secretary-General with the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);

17. Expresses the hope that such discussions will lead to positive conclusions which will allow WTO to achieve sound and reasonable cooperation with its partner in the interest of member States of this region of the world;

18. Invites the nations of the Asian, Pacific and African regions to facilitate and reinforce, pursuant to their policies and strategies in the area of travel, the Organization's cooperation relations with the international organizations existing in these regions, in order to allow WTO to play its role fully while respecting the institutional responsibilities of each partner;

19. Expresses its gratitude to the Japanese Government for graciously offering to the Organization the use of a stand during the Tsukuba Exposition, which can only provide visitors of this international event with better knowledge of WTO activities;

20. Takes note that 1 July has been declared WTO Day during the Tsukuba Exposition and welcomes this decision;

21. Finally notes that the Spanish Government has, in a spirit of generous understanding, acceded to the request of the Secretary-General in the interpretation of an Article of the Headquarters Agreement with regard to the fiscal exemption to be granted to the Organization;

22. Asks the Spanish delegation to convey to the appropriate entities the gratitude of the Executive Council;

23. Decides and appreciates that the debate on the Italian proposal introducing addenda to rule 6 of the Council's Rules of Procedure will appear in the summary record of the present session of the Council and will be deemed available for any clarification which might have to be provided to the Chairmen of the Executive Council;

* resolution 2529(XXIV)
24. Finally takes note of the various other items of information included in the progress report of the Secretary-General with regard to the activities of the bodies, international relations, the general programme of work, missions, legal matters, administration, personnel, finance, documentation and technical information, public information and publications; and

25. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report.

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CE/DEC/2(b)(XXV)

World Tourism Awards

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/25/2 and CE/25/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the document submitted to it, suggesting that WTO participate in the organization of the "World Tourism Awards" which will be organized and distributed in Montreal, on the initiative of the Société du Palais de Congrès de Montréal,

Acknowledging the originality of this proposal, which has as a main objective to support innovative efforts in order to promote the development of the flow of travellers,

Considering that such an initiative is supported by the Canadian Federal Government, the Government of Quebec and the City of Montreal,

1. Decides to accept the offer to participate that was made to it by the Canadian representatives;

2. Specifies that such an acceptance does not involve any exclusivity provision and that the Organization will always be free, in other similar instances, to consider other proposals;

3. Asks the Canadian delegation to express its gratitude to the authorities of its country, especially to the General Manager of the Société du Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Mr. Yves Michaud; and

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with acting upon this decision.

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CE/DEC/3(XXV)

Membership of the Organization
Agenda item 3 (document CE/25/3)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the document submitted to it for information under this agenda item;

2. Notes that no new accession has been recorded as far as Full Members are concerned;

3. Takes note
   (a) of the candidature of an Affiliate Member: the International Association for Social Tourism and Workers' Leisure;
   (b) of information requests submitted by organizations wishing to know the application requirements for affiliate membership;
   (c) of the withdrawal of the Federación Española de Hospedaje, to become effective on 15 February 1986.

CE/DEC/4(a) (XXV)

Financial matters

(a) Interim report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 4(a) (documents CE/25/4(a), CE/25/4(a) Add.1, CE/25/4(a) Add.2 and CE/25/4(a) Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/25/4(a) submitted to it by the Secretary-General and the three addenda thereto,

1. Observes that there has been a significant improvement in the payment of contribution arrears which, as of 8 May 1985, totalled 43.85 per cent of the budgetary appropriations;

2. Notes with regret that fewer States than in previous years have observed the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules concerning the payment of contributions before 31 January each year;
3. Further notes that, with respect to the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, seventeen States are liable to this measure, whereas in the previous financial year this number was fourteen;

4. Calls the attention of Democratic Kampuchea, Gambia, Mali, and Peru to the fact that although they were exempted from application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules by resolution 133(V) of the fifth session of the General Assembly and accepted the forms of staggered payment proposed to them, they have not replied to the various communications of the Secretary-General inviting them to honour their commitments;

5. Appreciates the fact that three States, in respect of which the General Assembly had also taken special measures under resolution 133(V), have partially honoured their commitments;

6. Notes that contribution arrears have increased with each financial year and now, as of 8 May 1985, total 3,667,598 dollars and that this situation has impaired the running of the Organization, particularly with respect to the implementation of its general programme of work;

7. Notes with satisfaction that the advance of 267,382.73 dollars from the Working Capital Fund to the General Fund on 31 December 1984 was less than predicted, and that 56 per cent of this amount has already been returned to the Working Capital Fund;

8. Takes note, however, that WTO's situation with regard to contribution arrears exists in other intergovernmental organizations and that failure to pay contributions must not be interpreted as a lack of interest by member States in their WTO membership and activities within the Organization;

9. Notes, in this respect, that Senegal, Sudan, Togo and Zaire are deserving of praise for having partially paid their contribution arrears;

10. Observes that Afghanistan, Grenada and Madagascar have informed the Organization of their concern over their ability to pay current and past contributions;

11. Notes further that Morocco and Togo have announced measures by their Governments to reduce the amount of their contribution arrears;

12. Notes, finally, that nineteen Affiliate Members have accumulated arrears equalling or exceeding two years' contributions and are therefore liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;

13. Takes note of the fact that the procedure for obtaining an opinion from the International Court of Justice regarding the State of Bahrain has already been initiated;
14. Requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate follow-up measures with respect to this action against a State that failed to honour any of its financial commitments to the Organization during its entire period of freely chosen membership;

15. Notes that the Republic of Iraq has announced that the war raging in its territory will make it difficult to pay its contributions for the financial years 1984 and 1985 in hard currency.

CE/DEC/4(b) (XXV)

Financial matters

(b) Auditors' report on the administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1984

Agenda item 4(b) (document CE/25/4(b))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the Auditors' report for the financial year 1984, intended for the sixth session of the General Assembly; and

2. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Juan Pedro Cortés Camacho of Spain and Mr. Nistor Moise of Romania for having completed their assignment.

CE/DEC/4(c) (XXV)

Financial matters

(c) Interim report of the Secretary-General on the administrative accounts for the financial year 1984

Agenda item 4(c) (document CE/25/4(c))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the administrative accounts for the financial year 1984;

2. Observes that the position of contributions outstanding at 31 December 1984, amounting to 29 per cent of total appropriations, remained virtually unchanged by the time of the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Council;
3. Hopes that when the books are closed on the financial year 1984, a greater portion of the contribution arrears for that year will have been paid; and

4. Invites States which are in arrears in the payment of their contributions for the financial year 1984 to fulfil their financial obligations as soon as possible.

CE/DEC/4(d) (XXV)

Financial matters

(d) Audited administrative accounts for the fourth financial period of the Organization (1982-1983)

Agenda item 4(d) (document CE/25/4(d))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of document CE/25/4(d) on the audited administrative accounts for the fourth financial period of the Organization 1982-1983;

2. Notes that on 31 December 1984 Full and Affiliate Members still owed 1,491,865.05 dollars for this financial period;

3. Further notes that after the close of these two financial years, contributions were received in the total amount of 529,492 dollars which, under regulation 5(2) subparagraph (a) of the Financial Regulations, must be credited to Members in proportion to their assessed contributions paid in full for this financial period.

CE/DEC/5(XXV)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 5 (document CE/25/5)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance submit that Committee's report on the financial matters included in the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Council,

1. Shares the concerns outlined by the Committee on Budget and Finance regarding contribution arrears;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the next general programme of work with clearly defined priorities which will make it possible to select items with a view to reducing the expenditures of the Organization;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to hold himself to a strict application of the rules as regards the dispatch of documents and invitations to Members which are liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations;

4. Notes, that, in the opinion of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the strict application of the Organization's rules governing financial matters suffices to recover outstanding contributions, inasmuch as regulation 8 of the Financial regulations and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules provide means for sanctioning Members which have accumulated contribution arrears, by depriving them of the right to vote and to enjoy the Organization's services, without prejudice to the power of the General Assembly to exempt, at the Council's request, any Member whose arrears are attributable to circumstances beyond its control;

5. Adopts Annex 3 to the Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance (hereafter) concerning the latter's proposals on the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules in reference to the Executive Council; and

6. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly the recommendations of the aforesaid proposal contained in points 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the above-mentioned Annex.

Annex 3

PROPOSAL MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE TO THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE FINANCING RULES

The Committee on Budget and Finance proposes to the Executive Council,

Noting that the Financial Regulations were adopted by the First General Assembly on 23 May 1975 and apply equally to all Members,

Recognizing that 42 per cent of the total contributions due to the General Fund at the end of financial year 1984 were owed by only ten Members,

Noting that these countries were eight or more years in arrears,
Observing that each of these Members owed the Organization an amount in excess of 100,000 dollars and that one owed more than 250,000 dollars,

Considering that regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations requires the Council to look into "the nature of (the) circumstances" behind a Member's failure to pay when that Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

Considering further that regulation 8(7) requires the Council to indicate the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears,

Observing that, of the seven Full Members temporarily exempted by the Fifth General Assembly from the provisions of regulation 8 of the Financial Regulations and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, four have paid no portion of the contributions owed,

1. **Decides** that the First General Assembly as well as the Organization's Statutes did not intend Members to be exempted from their financial obligations to the Organization;

2. **Decides** that those Members which have continued to try to meet their financial commitments by making periodic installment payments to the General Fund, even though they are subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, are to be commended and should be encouraged;

3. **Recommends** to the Sixth General Assembly that when a Full Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations, the Assembly restore that Member's right to vote, and to enjoy the services of the Organization, only on an exceptional basis; when

   1. The Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;

   2. The Council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control;

   3. The Council and the country concerned have agreed to the measures, which should be taken in order to settle the arrears.

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Revised draft programme budget for the financial period 1986-1987 (CE/DEC/5(XXIV)) prepared by the Secretary-General (Article 19 of the Statutes)

Agenda item 6 (document CE/25/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/25/6 concerning the financial period 1986-1987, prepared in accordance with decision CE/DEC/5(XXIV) of the Council,

1. Considers the exchange rate of 170 pesetas to the dollar as the rate applicable to Part VI of the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987, on the assumption that it will reflect the average value of the US dollar during that period;

2. Bears in mind that this exchange rate pertains only to a total of 559,550 dollars, or 6.2 per cent of the budget, and that therefore larger upward or downward fluctuations in the dollar exchange rate would be readily absorbed in the financial management of the period in question;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to make such changes in the draft programme budget prior to its submission to the sixth session of the General Assembly as may be entailed by the recruitment of an Assistant Secretary-General and the creation of a division responsible for relations, cooperation and development, as well as any other changes in the budgetary structure, without exceeding the total appropriations for the financial period in question, which appropriations reflect an increase in respect of the previous period of 1.06 per cent in current dollars;

4. Recalls that the total budget for this period amounts to 9,094,362 dollars, that is to say, 4,518,518 dollars for the financial year 1986 and 4,575,844 dollars for the financial year 1987.

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CE/DEC/7(XXV)

Proposal for submission to the General Assembly concerning the application of Article 34 of the Statutes to Members of the Organization whose conduct is detrimental to the fundamental aims of the Organization, as set forth in Article 3 of the Statutes, and whose attitude towards financial commitments is contrary to those aims (CE/DEC/4(a)(XXIV) and (CE/DEC/7(XXIV))

Agenda item 7 (document CE/25/7)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the presentation by the Secretary-General of document CE/25/7, which concerns the application of Article 34 of the Statutes to Members of the Organization whose attitude is contrary to its aims and which was prepared pursuant to decisions 4(a)(XXIV) and 7(XXIV),

Having taken cognizance of a recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance in this regard and of the Secretary-General's comments,

1. Is of the opinion, since regulation 8 of the Financial Regulations and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules are considered sufficient in the present circumstances to recover outstanding contributions, that it is inadvisable to report the conclusions in question to the General Assembly, inasmuch as this matter involves a measure which the Assembly could, as the need arises, apply in cases of a special nature;

2. Decides that the request made of the Secretary-General by its decision 4(a)(XXIV) to propose to the General Assembly the enforcement of Article 34 of the Statutes is cancelled and no longer requires action.
CE/DEC/8 (XXV)

Procedure for the submission of applications for affiliate membership (CE/DEC/7(XXIV))

Agenda item 8 (document CE/25/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document submitted to it under agenda item 8,

Having heard the presentation of the Secretary-General on the measures recommended in this document,

1. Recognizes that it is appropriate to define a review process for applications for affiliate membership, pursuant to its decision 7(XXIV);

2. Deems it necessary to establish a committee designated by the General Assembly and composed of member States representing the six regions of the Organization in order to ensure that accession to affiliate membership is more consistent with the nature and objectives of the Organization;

3. Deems that the activities of such a committee designated by the Assembly should be managed by the Executive Council;

4. Deems it advisable to suggest to the General Assembly that the procedure for review by the proposed committee of applications for affiliate membership should, without prejudice to statutory provisions, be based on the criteria listed in document CE/25/8 and that the same criteria should also be applied, whenever possible, by member States when they are required to endorse candidates coming under their territorial jurisdiction;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the twenty-sixth session of the Council and subsequent transmission to the General Assembly a proposed procedure with regard to the creation of the above-mentioned committee, the working procedures of that committee managed by the Executive Council and the services to be provided by the Secretariat to Affiliate Members in accordance with the guidelines set forth in document CE/25/8.
Progress report of the Secretary-General on
implementation of the general programme of work
of the Organization for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 9 (CE/25/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the progress report of the Secretary-General
on implementation of the general programme of work of the Organiza-
tion for the period 1984-1985,

1. Takes note with interest of the progress status of the general
programme of work of the Organization, as far as studies and
operations and other activity areas are concerned;

2. Considers that, given the current status of the programme,
the studies included in the general programme of work will
be circulated early enough to allow delegates to get acquainted
with their content in due time and to be able to have informed
discussions during the meetings of the main Assembly Commit-
tees in order for the latter to define the recommendations to
be adopted by the General Assembly in plenary meetings;

3. Notes with satisfaction the cohesive development of the Sec-
retariat's activities in terms of statistics on movements of
persons, travel and tourism and of the fact that they allow
a better understanding and comparison of quantitative and
qualitative data collected in order to evaluate the scale of
movements of persons, travel and tourism;

4. Also notes with satisfaction the sustained activity in the
area of standardization of the obligations and travel purpose
classification, of the definition of socio-economic character-
istics of travellers, and of the application to tourism sta-
tistics of specific categories of travellers;

5. Appreciates the fact that the Secretariat's statistical ac-
tivities have developed, where appropriate, in consultation
and cooperation with other international organizations, in-
cluding the United Nations Statistical Commission and the
Expert Panel on Tourism Statistics of the Organisation for
Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);

6. Records positively the various operations of the Secretariat
in the area of technical meetings, organic meetings, opera-
tional missions and sectoral support missions;

7. Also deems favourable the action taken by the Secretariat
in the area of vocational training, public information and
publications, and documentation.
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Environment Committee

Agenda item 10 (document CE/25/10)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General on this item of the agenda;

2. Desires that cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) should continue in a constructive fashion, maintaining the cooperation spirit that has always characterized the relations between the two organizations;

3. Takes note of the approach made to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in order to cooperate in a field of common interest;

4. Records with satisfaction that, together with the Secretariat of UNEP, the Secretariat of WTO is cooperating with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) towards establishing world graphic symbols designed to promote respect of the environment among travellers;

5. Considers that the participation of the WTO Secretariat in the various programmes on environmental protection, such as the Blue Plan, actions aimed at protecting and preserving nature in the Caribbean region, the protection of national parks in consultation with FAO and the regional seas programmes, can only facilitate the implementation of the Organization's policy regarding the respect for natural resources.

CE/DEC/11(XXV)

Report on vocational training activities

Agenda item 11 (document CE/25/11)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note with interest of the report on vocational training activities submitted to it under this item of the agenda;

2. Recalls its decision CE/DEC/10(XXIV) concerning that same subject; and

3. Confirms the considerations included in the above-mentioned decision taken at its previous session.
Preparation of the International Conference on the adaptation of training for tourism and travel personnel

Agenda item 12 (document CE/25/12)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General during the presentation of the paper concerning the preparation of the International Conference on the adaptation of training for tourism and travel personnel,

1. Welcomes the approach that will prevail in the discussions of this international meeting on one of the subjects receiving priority among all the activities carried out by the Organization under the various programmes of work it develops;

2. Recognizes that methods of vocational training differ as far as they relate, on the one hand, to the personnel of tourism services in the industrialized countries, and, on the other, to the personnel of tourism services in the developing countries and that, consequently, new criteria must be defined to establish accelerated and direct training programmes for citizens of the developing countries;

3. Deems, in this regard, that the working programme, structured according to the eight topics included in document CE/25/12, addresses this basic concern;

4. Requests the French delegation to communicate to its Government the appreciation of the Council for the steps it has taken to provide the most favourable conditions to allow said Conference to reach its objectives;

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with advising the General Assembly of the conclusions that will emerge from the deliberations of the Conference and that will reflect its aims.

Report on technical cooperation activities

Agenda item 13 (document CE/25/13)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report submitted to it under this item of the agenda;
2. Notes that, in light of the intervention of the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Brown, at the opening meeting, technical cooperation projects in the area of movements of persons, travel and tourism do not yet receive sufficient support in national policies in that area and that, in spite of previous decisions of the Council and resolution 124(V) of the General Assembly, technical cooperation projects, even when they are initiated by WTO, are entrusted for implementation to organizations which, in view of their institutional mission, do not seem to be specially equipped to deal with such matters;

3. Calls once more the attention of the Organization's Members to the preamble and operative part of resolution 124(V) of the General Assembly and to the various decisions taken by the Executive Council on the role WTO should normally play as an executing agency for UNDP for technical cooperation in the area of movements of persons, travel and tourism;

4. Asks the Secretary-General to consistently see to it that, in the interest of the Organization's role, the anomalies previously noted are gradually dispelled so that member States can benefit fully from the high-quality services the Organization can provide to them.

CE/DEC/14 (XXV)

Information report of the Secretary-General on World Tourism Day

Agenda item 14 (document CE/25/14)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted to it under this item of the agenda;

2. Deems that the participation of member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members in World Tourism Day involves a growing number of States and professionals;

3. Invites the Organization's Members to inform the Secretary-General, in a systematic manner, of the initiatives taken every year for World Tourism Day, so that it is possible to assess the interest aroused by such an event;

4. Also invites the member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members to increasingly support an event that is basically aimed at increasing awareness among the public at large, users of tourism services, tourism operators and managers and governments of the importance in today's world of travel and recreation.
Report of the Secretary-General on the activities carried out and under way to mark the tenth anniversary of the establishment of WTO

Agenda item 15 (document CE/25/15)

The Executive Council,

Having duly noted the comments made by the Secretary-General during the presentation of document CE/25/15 on the tenth anniversary of the creation of WTO,

1. Wishes first to express, through the Spanish delegation to the Council, its deep appreciation and gratitude to Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain for having honoured with their presence, at the Headquarters of the Organization, the celebration at Madrid to mark the tenth anniversary of the Organization;

2. Also wishes to express to the President of the Spanish Government, Mr. Felipe González, to the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Communications, Mr. Enrique Barón, and to the Secretary-General of Tourism, Mr. Ignacio Pueyo, its deep gratitude for having given their entire support to the celebration of the anniversary of the Organization which is established in the Spanish capital by virtue of the decision taken by the First General Assembly;

3. Notes with satisfaction that certain States, responding to an invitation by the Secretary-General, have agreed to issue postage stamps to celebrate this event;

4. Expresses its satisfaction that all the celebrations of this dual anniversary will take place during the sixth session of the General Assembly in Sofia, where the Bulgarian authorities have already made plans for a special event, of a cultural nature, to be held on 26 September, during which World Tourism Day 1985 will also be celebrated;

5. Invites the States for this purpose to respond to the requests that will be made of them by the Secretary-General to arrange for the most representative personality of each country to issue a message designed to celebrate this dual anniversary, it being understood that these messages will be featured in a brochure recording the celebration of this dual event.
CE/DEC/16(XXV)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members
Agenda item 16 (document CE/25/16)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members concerning the activities to be carried out by that Committee, particularly through its working parties,

1. Takes note of the positive elements of that statement;

Aware that the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members, Mr. Sami Rababy, has, according to official information received or reports in the press, been abducted, and that no positive news has been obtained since his disappearance,

2. Expresses its support and deep solidarity to Mr. Rababy's family;

3. Cherishes the hope that Mr. Rababy will soon be able to regain his freedom; and

4. Thanks the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members for her communication.

CE/DEC/17(a)(XXV)

Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1986-1989

Agenda item 17

The Executive Council,

Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having held a private meeting in accordance with rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure and the relevant provisions of decision 17(XXIII) taken at its twenty-third session,

Having voted during that meeting by secret ballot in accordance with the Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot attached to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,
Noting that the majority of the votes cast were in favour of the Austrian candidate,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Willibald Pahr to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1986-1989.

CE/DEC/17(b)(XXV)

Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1986-1989

Agenda item 17

The Executive Council,

Taking into account the work accomplished by the Secretary-General of the Organization, Mr. Robert C. Lonati, during thirty-three years within the previous IUOTO and the present WTO,

Wishing to express its gratitude to him for the productive and constructive work he has accomplished during his term of office,

Eager to be in a position to take advantage, in the future, of his knowledge in order to assist in the operation of the Organization,

1. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly to designate him as "Extraordinary Adviser"; and

2. Recommends that he be given appropriate status in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention between the World Tourism Organization and Spain concerning the Organization's legal status in Spain and that he be appointed to that function on the basis of a lump-sum remuneration which will entail no modification in budget appropriations for the period 1986-1987.

CE/DEC/18(a)(XXV)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory work for the sixth session of the General Assembly:

(a) Organization of work

Agenda item 18(a) (document CE/25/18(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/25/18(a) submitted to it by the Secretary-General,
1. Duly takes note of the new structures of the Assembly and of the various activities of the latter's organs;

2. Expresses its full confidence in the steps taken by the Bulgarian Government in preparation for the sixth session of the General Assembly;

3. Notes that the tenth anniversary of WTO, the sixtieth anniversary of IUOTO and World Tourism Day 1985 will be celebrated in conjunction with that session;

4. Requests the member States to ensure, at least for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly, the participation of the most prominent figures responsible in each country for movements of persons, travel and tourism, consistent with the reasons that led to the restructuring of the work of the Assembly, designed to hold all the plenary meetings without interruption;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the highest authorities of the member States to address to the sixth session of the General Assembly messages suitable to the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the creation of the Organization;

6. Requests the head of the Bulgarian delegation, Mr. Todor Nanov, to convey to his Government the appreciation of the Executive Council for the measures already taken to ensure the best conditions for the work of the Assembly and the celebrations of WTO's tenth anniversary.

CE/DEC/18(b) (XXV)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory work for the sixth session of the General Assembly:

(b) International organizations to be invited by virtue of agreements with WTO or decision of the Executive Council

Agenda item 18(b) (document CE/25/18(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the list of international organizations proposed by the Secretary-General to be invited to send observers to the sixth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 3(2) of the latter's Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to add to the aforesaid list the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADDC); and

2. Approves the aforesaid list of international organizations.
Place and date of the twenty-sixth
session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 19

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its twenty-sixth session at Sofia, Bulgaria
on 17 September 1985 within the framework of the sixth session
of the General Assembly.
4. Participants in the twenty-fifth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Algeria, Argentina, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Zimbabwe, and Spain as a privileged Member.

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

3. The Associate Members were represented by the delegate of Macau.

4. Representatives of the American Express Publishing Corporation and Horwath and Horwath International, Vice-Chairmen of the Committee of Affiliate Members, attended as representatives of that Committee's Chairman.

5. Representatives of the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, a candidate for affiliate membership, were present.

6. Representatives of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Morocco, Portugal and Uruguay attended the session as observers.

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