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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1 (documents CE/24/odj.prov. and CE/24/odj.prov.annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its twenty-fourth session as submitted to it by the Secretary-General.

CE/DEC/2 (a) (XXIV)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/24/2 and CE/24/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the presentation of the progress report of the Secretary-General,

Recalling its decision 2(XXIII) adopted at its twenty-third session,

Recognizing that the present situation of the Organization, while permitting the most reasonable expectations about the services WTO is capable of providing to its Members, should be strengthened,

Noting that the present operation of the Organization's bodies merits keener attention from Members, with particular reference to their participation in the various meetings of the organs and regional and international technical meetings convened in connection with the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985,

Desirous of providing, in accordance with its statutory terms of reference, the necessary guidance requested by the Secretary-General to modify the procedures and practices applied in executing the general programme of work,

- 1. <u>Is of the opinion</u> that the Organization has reached a stage in its growth which calls for more sustained attention from its member States and more intensive participation in work connected with both studies, research and practical field operations in all spheres of tourism;
- 2. Recognizes that at present the staff of the Secretariat, which is able to provide, both quantitatively and qualitatively speaking, broader, more varied and intensive services for the benefit of member States, finds that it has reached the

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limit of its possibilities so far as the conditions to which its activities lead are concerned, because the technical aspects of the Secretariat's activities today need to be considered at the political level of States;

- Reminds, for this purpose, all the Members of the Organization of the aims of resolution 123(V) adopted by the General Assembly at its fifth session, which invites the States to grant national tourism administrations powers, authority and responsibilities similar to those enjoyed by the other administrative sectors of their governments;
- 4. Notes with satisfaction that many States have expressed their readiness to strengthen the Organization's action so that it may achieve its statutory aims;
- 5. Considers that, in the general context of the progress report of the Secretary-General, new working methods should be adopted to enable the States and other categories of Member to participate more intensively in the work of the Organization;
- 6. Points out that the ad hoc committees, such as those instituted by the General Assembly at its fifth session and which aim to foster bilateral and multilateral negotiations, constitute, at both the universal and regional levels, a procedure followed by the international system of organizations which can lead to fruitful results;
- 7. <u>Invites</u> the States to take advantage of this opportunity;
- 8. Also invites the States to provide the Secretary-General with the necessary guidance for executing the general programme of work, including by means of ad hoc committees;
- 9. Shares the view of the Secretary-General about the quality of the Secretariat's staff, whose knowledge and working capacity effectively place the Organization at the level of the international system of organizations, both in the execution of the general programme of work and the various tasks assigned to the Secretariat and in regard to previous work which has endowed the Organization with sufficient new concepts and principles to enable it today to direct its activities and relations with other organizations of the international system;
- 10. Notes with interest that the Secretariat has concluded an agreement with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), enabling the two partners to consolidate their action on behalf of the States of the African region;
- 11. Invites the Secretary-General to pursue the approaches already made in this regard to other regional or subregional organizations, and always to keep open the option of cooperating with other organizations, be they of the United Nations system or set up by special interest groups of the operational and service sector of tourism;
- 12. Stresses with satisfaction the praiseworthy action of the Regional Commissions which, through the participation of member States, prove that the Organization's work can achieve concrete results;

- 13. Also underscores its interest in the assurances given to the Secretary-General by the provincial and federal authorities of Canada about the resumption of that country's activities within WTO;
- 14. Also notes with interest the draft currently being prepared by the Quebec authorities, in agreement with the federal authorities of Canada, for the institution of world tourism prizes under the auspices of WTO;
- 15. Welcomes the provisional information provided on tourism trends in the world in the course of 1984;
- Takes note of the various initiatives launched since its twenty-third session, such as the intra-African conference held jointly by WTO and ECA, the seminar on the area development of Languedoc-Roussillon and the seminar on telecommunications and electronic data processing;
- 17. Requests the Japanese delegation to convey the Council's gratitude to the Government of Japan for its invitation to participate and facilities provided to WTO for the international Exposition Tsukuba 85;
- 18. Expresses the hope that the observations and statements made by the Secretary-General in his progress report will, as a priority, serve to strengthen the structures of the Secretariat, with particular emphasis on General Management and Relations, quite apart from the other issues referred to and which call for gradual action to ensure that the shortcomings and weaknesses currently encountered may be overcome in the near future;
- 19. Considers that, in the light of these considerations, the Organization proves its vitality and driving power and that the slight imperfections that may be noted in its operation can be remedied; and, to this end,

20.	Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the most appropriate
	measures to meet the expectations of the Council and the
	Organization's Members as a whole.

CE/DEC/2(b)(XXIV)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/24/2 and CE/24/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Referring to the progress report of the Secretary-General,

- 1. Recommends that member States ratify, as soon as possible, the various amendments to the Statutes of the Organization adopted by the General Assembly and which were the subject of various communications from the Secretary-General;
- 2. Takes note of the proposal of the Italian delegation to amend rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, concerning the Officers of the Council;
- 3. Decides that this request for amendment will be examined at the next session of the Council;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the relevant authorities of the Headquarters' host country the Council's wish to see the various provisions of the Headquarters agreement given their just and legitimate applications; and
- 5. Thanks the Spanish authorities for the approach they have always shown with respect to the needs of the Organization, which has enabled the latter to function in optimum conditions of efficiency.

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Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (document CE/24/3)

The Executive Council,

- 1. Takes note of the document submitted to it under this agenda item;
- 2. Expresses its appreciation of the information received concerning the intention of certain States, currently non-members of the Organization, to accede to it; and
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts for the Organization to gradually attain the universality to which it aspires.

CE/DEC/4(a)(XXIV)

Financial matters:

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

Agenda item 4(a) (document CE/24/4(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard, firstly, the Secretary-General's presentation on the interim financial situation of the Organization and, secondly, the

comments of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the report prepared by the latter on this subject,

- 1. Takes note of the situation regarding appropriations and expenditure recorded by the Secretariat during the period up to 30 October 1984 and of the additional information provided by the Secretary-General concerning the continuation of this situation up to 1 December 1984;
- 2. Acknowledges that, although expenditure and receipts were balanced out, only 68 per cent of the budget voted by the Assembly has been paid in the form of contributions by the three categories of Members of the Organization;
- 3. Considers that this situation renders the Organization's finances somewhat fragile, although this phenomenon is not unique to the World Tourism Organization, as the information documents provided on this matter indicate;
- 4. Takes note that in order to terminate the current financial year the Secretary-General will have to make use of the Working Capital Fund for a sum amounting to some 350,000 US dollars, which represents about 24 per cent of credits received and 7.8 per cent of the total budget;
- 5. Notes that the Working Capital Fund can provide the funds required;
- 6. Emphasizes once again its concern on the matter of contribution arrears still unpaid by Full and Affiliate Members;
- 7. Recalls the need for strict application of the rules of the Organization, in particular of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes;
- 8. Is happy to note that during the current year a sum of 835,000 dollars in round figures was collected for contribution arrears, which indicates the need to avoid cancellation of debts owing and, on the contrary, to insist that debtors honour their financial obligations;
- 9. Expresses its apprehension at the precedent created by the State of Bahrain which has not only consistently failed to respect its financial obligations since the date of its accession in 1977, but also left the Organization in 1984 without paying its accumulated debts, despite assurances repeatedly offered to the Secretary-General through its diplomatic representatives;
- 10. Entrusts the Secretary-General to start proceedings, through the United Nations, in order to receive an opinion from the International Court of Justice on the situation created by the State of Bahrain;
- 11. Notes with interest the recommendation made by the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning measures to be taken for obtaining payment of Members' contributions and, in particular, the recommendation concerning Affiliate Members which have not

paid their contributions, and which are subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, and about which a communication will in each case be sent to the State under whose jurisdiction the particular Affiliate Member falls;

- 12. Invites the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly, in the appropriate cases, the application of the provisions of Article 34 of the Organization's Statutes for suspending a Member whose attitude is baneful to the fundamental objectives of the Organization, as described in Article 3 of the Statutes;
- 13. Adopts the said report; and
- 14. Requests the Secretary-General to take action on the various proposals and recommendations and, in particular, the measures applied to certain Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions, according to resolution 133(V) of the fifth session of the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/4 (b) (XXIV)

Financial matters:

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

Agenda item 4(b) (document CE/24/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the introductory comments of the Secretary-General on his interim report on the administrative accounts for the financial year 1984,

- 1. Takes note of this report;
- 2. Declares its satisfaction at the balance so far struck between expenditure and receipts of the Organization; and
- Notes that the sums accumulated in the form of previous contribution arrears, which on 31 December 1983 amounted to 3.5 million dollars, have been brought down to 2.7 million dollars in round figures.

CE/DEC/4 (c) (XXIV)

Financial matters:

(c) Requests by certain Members of the Organization for suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 4(c) (documents CE/24/4(c) and CE/24/4(c) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the requests presented by Ecuador and Burkina Faso for suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

- 1. Takes note of the two requests which are submitted to the General Assembly; and
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to transmit them to the General Assembly.

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<u>for the financial period 1986-1987</u> prepared by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 5 (documents CE/24/5, CE/24/5 Add., CE/24/5 Corr.1 and CE/24/5 Corr.2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the Secretary-General's observations during his presentation of the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987, especially those concerning the criteria and concepts on the basis of which the draft programme budget is drawn up and quantified,

Having also taken cognizance of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination's positive judgement on the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987,

Having furthermore heard with interest the observations of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning the Committee's view on the document,

- 1. <u>Duly takes note</u> of the remarks and observations made by certain delegations as well as the explanations provided to them by the Secretary-General;
- 2. Considers that the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987 reflects the Organization's aims because its profile takes account of remarks previously made by some Members of the Organization especially as regards the volume of studies and the programme's operational character;

Following up on the proposals of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

- 3. Decides to reconsider all the appropriations in Part VI of the draft programme budget under the heading Overhead Expenses, that is, expenditure in Spanish currency, so as to consider, in the light of more recent indications, both dollar/peseta exchange rate forecasts and trends in inflation predicted by the competent bodies of the Spanish Government;
- 4. <u>Decides</u> forthwith to increase to 2 per cent, at the request of the Secretary-General, the funds intended for staff salaries within the limits of the current scales; and
- 5. Therefore considers that the whole of the programme budget, with the exception of Part VI, which is to be reconsidered at its next session, should be submitted by the Secretary-General to the sixth session of the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/6 (XXIV)

Report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination on the draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1986-1987

Agenda item 6 (document CE/24/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination,

- 1. Takes note of the favourable view reached by the Committee on the whole of the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987;
- 2. Thanks the Members of the Committee for their work; and
- 3. Expresses its particular appreciation to the Chairman, Mr. Michel Hamarneh, for his work accomplished over a number of years for the benefit of the Organization.

CE/DEC/7(XXIV)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1986-1987

Agenda item 7 (document CE/24/7)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance present the part of his report on the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987,

Considering as well the comments which the Committee made on other financial matters submitted to it,

- 1. Appreciates the clarity and precision with which the Committee on Budget and Finance examined the draft programme budget for 1986-1987;
- 2. Takes account of the concern expressed by the Committee on the inflation rate in Spain and the dollar/peseta exchange rate with a view to reconsidering these points at the next Council session, within Part VI of the draft programme budget;
- 3. Considers that the draft programme budget, on the basis of the ideas now governing WTO activities, reflects a choice of priorities among various studies and operations forming part of the activities of the Secretariat;
- 4. Endorses the recommendations of the CBF to request the Secretary-General to submit to it at its twenty-fifth session a draft on procedures which should be followed by candidates for affiliate membership, as well as to those Members whose conduct with respect to financial obligations runs counter to the objectives of the Organization, as defined in Article 34 of the Statutes: and
- 5. Thanks the Chairman, Mr. J.F. Blarel, and Members of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the work they have carried out.

CE/DEC/8(XXIV)

Progress report on the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 8 (document CE/24/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1984-1985,

Having heard the additional comments of the Secretary-General,

- 1. Considers that the progress of the various implementation phases of the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985 is steady and satisfying as regards studies and research as well as operations; and
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue the work already started so that the studies to be considered at the General Assembly can be circulated within reasonable time limits to all Members of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/9(XXIV)

Facilitation:

- (a) Report of the Facilitation Committee
- (b) Draft standards and recommended practices concerning temporary immigration in the field of tourism (passports and visas) (decision 10 (XXIII))

Agenda items 9(a) and (b)

(documents CE/24/9, CE/24/9(a) Add. and CE/24/9(b))

The Executive Council,

Having heard with interest the report presented by the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee under references CE/24/9(a), CE/24/9(a) Add. and CE/24/9(b),

- 1. Notes with pleasure the positive results of the work of this Committee;
- 2. Encourages this Committee to continue its activities in the same spirit with a view to liberalizing and relaxing formalities to which travellers are subjected;
- 3. Notes with satisfaction that substantial cooperation has been established between WTO and the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC);
- 4. Considers that this cooperation should make it possible for Customs Co-operation Council representatives to participate in all meetings convened by WTO where the technical opinions of this Council would be desirable both for world and regional matters;
- 5. <u>Is convinced</u> that this type of cooperation would be reciprocated by the Customs Co-operation Council;
- 6. Thanks the Committee for the work accomplished;
- 7. Requests the Secretary-General to:
 - (a) transmit a proposal to the Customs Co-operation Council from WTO recommending that the customs exemption allowance currently contained in paragraphs 21 and 38 of Annex F.3 of the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures be raised from US\$50 to US\$100;
 - (b) invite the Customs Co-operation Council to participate in regional meetings held to acquaint WTO Members with the aims, content and ratification or accession procedures for Annex F.3;
 - (c) encourage the Regional Commissions of WTO to study Annex F.3;

- (d) urge Members which have not yet responded to the survey questionnaires on health formalities and facilities applicable to international travellers and on currency and exchange regulations applicable to international travel to do so;
- (e) obtain information on currency allowance differentials and on the practice of according preferential treatment to certain categories of tourists, such as business travellers, and to tourists travelling to certain currency areas;
- (f) investigate the desirability of undertaking joint efforts with the International Monetary Fund to encourage the liberalization of currency allowance restrictions;
- (g) collect data on the effects of indirect taxes on tourist flows between countries;
- (h) update the biennial report on the status of facilitation worldwide;
- (i) initiate a survey on the rules and practices in force in member countries governing the temporary importation of motor vehicles, aircraft and pleasure boats for private use; and
- (j) undertake a preliminary study on obstacles to, and facilities for, developing tourism as described in FAL/4/9:
- 8. Approves the revised text of recommended practice 2.2.1. and accompanying note and the new recommended practice 2.2.2. proposed by the Committee; and

9.	Congratulates the Chairman of	the	Committee,	Ms.Jean	G.	O'Brien,
	for the results of its work.					·

CE/DEC/10(XXIV)

Report on the vocational training activities of the Organization

Agenda item 10 (document CE/24/10)

The Executive Council,

Having taken due note of the report on the vocational training activities of the Organization submitted by the Secretary-General,

1. <u>Concurs</u> with the views expressed concerning the importance of vocational training throughout the world;

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- 2. Reiterates its appeals to the Members of the Organization to give the necessary priority to training of human resources in all instances and all situations;
- 3. Recognizes that the absence of adequate training and basic education are a serious handicap for the development of States, particularly those which are at a crucial stage of their evolution;
- 4. Recalls its previous decisions which led the General Assembly to adopt resolution 143(V);
- 5. Considers that the above resolution constitutes and will continue to constitute a most appropriate and highly relevant guideline for the activity which the Secretariat should undertake in this field;
- 6. Expresses its satisfaction at the contribution that WAPTT in particular as well as other training institutions provide to the Secretary-General in developing an overall WTO vocational training doctrine based on realistic premises and in conformity with field requirements;
- 7. Reaffirms its keen interest in the preparation and holding of the international seminar on vocational training to be held in Paris in June 1985 at the invitation of the French Government;
- 8. Thanks the French delegation for its contribution to the Organization's work and;
- 9. Requests the French delegation to convey this appreciation to the relevant organs of the French Government;
- 10. Considers that the seminar concerned will have as its principal aim to examine the situation of vocational training throughout the world and propose the changes which are necessary if courses are to meet the requirements of both administrations and tourism operators as well as creating the possibility of exchanging know-how in the field of tourism vocational training;
- 11. <u>Invites</u> the Secretary-General to ensure that, when preparing to convene and hold the seminar under the general programme of work, the documents and working methods are designed on direct and practical lines so as to draw up transposable models which can be adapted to the situation prevailing in the various States and enable them to draw inspiration from such concepts;
- Recommends that States ensure, without prejudice to the results of the 1985 international seminar on vocational training, that, in addition to providing training for top management, courses also make provision, according to priorities, for line staff both manual and non-manual;

- 13. Takes note with satisfaction of the initiative already taken by certain regional groupings, such as that of East Asia and the Pacific which has just held a workshop in Australia on the problems of tourism vocational training in the region with the assistance of the authorities of that country;
- 14. Finally takes note of the report of the fifteenth CIEST Interdisciplinary Study Cycle which took place in Mexico in October 1984 with eighty-two participants from thirty-three different countries; and

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Report on the technical cooperation activities of the Organization

Agenda item 11 (document CE/24/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the technical cooperation activities of the Organization,

Bearing in mind that the document is mainly for information,

Having heard the observations of the Secretary-General,

- 1. Renews its invitation to the States to give all necessary follow-up to resolution 124(V) adopted by the fifth session of the General Assembly, especially by calling upon WTO's expertise in implementing tourism technical cooperation projects;
- 2. Expresses its satisfaction at the various technical cooperation projects entrusted to the Secretariat by UNDP, as well as projects in favour of developing countries financed under bilateral cooperation; and
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his activity in this field, in accordance with the indications provided by the General Assembly and the Executive Council through their previous decisions.

CE/DEC/12(XXIV)

Report on World Tourism Day

Agenda item 12 (document CE/24/12)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the celebration of World Tourism Day throughout the world,

- 1. Notes with satisfaction that this initiative, taken by the General Assembly in 1979, fosters growing interest and greater participation each year by official and private circles concerned with movements of persons and tourism;
- 2. Believes that this initiative deserves the support and participation of the States Members of WTO, which decided upon World Tourism Day at the third session of the General Assembly so as to heighten awareness of the development of movements of persons;
- 3. Recognizes that, in certain cases, World Tourism Day can take different forms such as, for example, tourism weeks, even if these do not coincide with the date commemorating the creation of WTO;
- 4. Addresses its encouragement to the States, local authorities and professional and management circles of tourism which made the effort so that this WTO initiative should attain its aims;
- 5. Appreciates the fact that Heads of State, by addressing messages of encouragement to their populations on themes decided by the General Assembly, have lent this occasion their high level political support; and
- 6. Recalls that the theme decided upon by the fifth session of the General Assembly for 1985 is as follows: "Youth tourism: cultural and historical heritage for peace and friendship".

CE/DEC/13(XXIV)

Tenth anniversary of the establishment of the World Tourism Organization on entry into force of its Statutes (2 January 1975)

Agenda item 13 (document CE/24/13)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the document prepared by the Secretary-General concerning the tenth anniversary of the creation of WTO, coinciding with the sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of IUOTO,

- 1. Agrees with the Secretary-General that this celebration does not aim solely to highlight the merits of WTO or of its predecessor, but constitutes a unique occasion once again to draw the attention of all political, tourism, cultural, commercial and industrial circles within nations to the role which tourism plays today in the life of national societies and in the international community;
- 2. Notes with satisfaction the decision of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to issue postage stamps, on the occasion of the sixth session of the General Assembly, in order to commemorate this tenth anniversary, as well as other proposals made by certain States on measures which they have decided to take to contribute to the celebration of the ten years of existence of WTO; and
- 3. Considers that the sixth session of the General Assembly, to be held at Sofia, Bulgaria, in September 1985, will be the most fitting occasion for the celebrations of this double anniversary to assume their full value and significance and mark this particularly vivid moment in the history of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/14(XXIV)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 14 (document CE/24/14)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members,

Takes note of the said report and thanks him for it.

CE/DEC/15(XXIV)

Sixth session of the General Assembly: new structure of the Assembly, dates of the sixth session and preparatory work

Agenda item 15 (document CE/24/15)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having taken cognizance</u> of the new structure of the General Assembly decided upon at its fifth session, of the dates of its sixth session and the preparatory work therefor,

- 1. Takes note of the conclusion of the agreement between WTO and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria concerning the holding of the sixth session of the General Assembly at Sofia from 17 to 26 September 1985;
- 2. Notes with satisfaction the acceptance by the Bulgarian Government of all the political, technical and logistical conditions designed to ensure that the General Assembly proceeds as smoothly as possible;
- 3. Thanks the head of the Bulgarian delegation for his assurances about the facilities which will be granted to participants in that session;
- 4. Requests him to convey its gratitude to the Bulgarian Government for the spirit of international solidarity it has betokened on this occasion; and
- 5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the action called for by this decision.

CE/DEC/16(XXIV)

Election of the Council's Officers for 1985

Agenda item 16

The Executive Council,

Required, in accordance with the provisions of rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, to renew its present Officers whose term of office is due to expire on 31 December 1984,

1. <u>Elects</u> by acclamation the following Officers who will assume their functions on 1 January 1985:

Chairman:

United States of America

First Vice-Chairman:

Zimbabwe

Second Vice-Chairman:

Indonesia

2. Expresses to the representative of Italy, Chairman of the Council for 1984, and to the Vice-Chairmen, the delegates of the Syrian Arab Republic and Nigeria, its warmest congratulations on and gratitude for their performance.

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Place and date of the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 17

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 19(XXIII) taken at its twenty-third session, by which it accepted the invitation of the delegation of the United States to hold its twenty-fifth session at Washington from 7 to 10 May 1985,

- 1. Confirms that decision; and
- 2. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of the United States for the facilities granted to participants, as reported to it by the Secretary-General.

4. Participants in the twenty-fourth 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, 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. The Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members was present.
- 5. The representative of Belgium attended the session as Observer.