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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD SESSION  
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3. Decisions taken by the Council

CE/DEC/1 (XXIII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1 (documents CE/23/odj.prov.  
and CE/23/odj.prov.annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its twenty-third session as submitted to it by the Secretary-General, amending item 16 to refer to the places and dates of both its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions.

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CE/DEC/2 (XXIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/23/2)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Notes that this report, as well as having an informative value, discusses realistically the present circumstances of WTO within the international context and its methods of work and operation in the light of past experience and in anticipation of its future activities;
2. Is of the opinion that the research work and operations carried out by the Secretariat reflect the decisions and recommendations of the General Assembly, the Executive Council and their subsidiary bodies;
3. Notes that the deliberative aspects of the work, though necessary for identifying the points of common interest of the Organization's Members, predominate over the commitments which the Members should normally enter into as a result of their discussions within the various meetings of the organs and technical meetings of the Organization;
4. Considers that, in the interest of the Organization's efficiency, it should gradually modify its working methods so as increasingly to enhance the standard-setting character deriving from its deliberations, it being understood that this standard-setting role cannot be imposed but must constitute a guideline for the Members of the Organization so as to enable true international dialogue to be established, as required by the activities connected with the movements of persons;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its twenty-fourth session a brief note on the methods and techniques which must be established within the present structures of the Organization to enable it to fulfil its institutional mandate;
6. Takes note of the comments of the Secretary-General on the relations of WTO with its international partners, governmental and non-governmental, universal, regional and subregional alike;
7. Considers that certain initiatives taken in the field of tourism without prior consultation with the Organization may be detrimental to the general work of the Organization and affect its authority and responsibilities;
8. Is of the opinion that, through repeated contacts, it must be possible to arrive at forms of understanding between WTO and its international partners to achieve reasonable consultation and, wherever appropriate, coordination of tourism activities, so as to avoid duplication of effort and waste of human and financial resources;
9. Recalls that it has already been recommended that the Organization should assume a pre-eminent coordinating role wherever and whenever possible, as a result in particular of consultations, the intensity of which should be increased by the Secretary-General in the interest not only of the Organization but also of its member States and other international partners;
10. Reaffirms that WTO, because of its field of activity and capacity as an executing agency for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is required to provide its expertise, knowledge and techniques for the implementation of technical cooperation projects in the field of tourism, with particular reference to vocational training;
11. Declares its satisfaction at the recognition by the General Assembly of the United Nations of the quality and implications of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism and the Acapulco Document, a recognition that is likely to dispel any misgivings or possible misunderstandings;
12. Thanks the Government of Japan for the facilities granted to WTO for its participation in the International Exposition of Tsukuba in 1985 devoted to Dwellings and Surroundings - Science and Technology for Man at Home; and
13. Also thanks the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Economic Community for having enabled the African States to take part, in extremely favourable conditions, in the tourism promotional event of ITB at Berlin (West).

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CE/DEC/3 (XXIII)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (document CE/23/3)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the document submitted to it under this agenda item;
2. Welcomes the application for membership of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, which, in accordance with the normal practice, must be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixth session; and
3. Recommends States which are called upon to endorse applications for affiliate membership to exercise greater rigour in accordance with their individual administrative practices and regulations.

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CE/DEC/4 (XXIII)

Report of the Chairman of the  
Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 4 (document CE/23/4)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the presentation by the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance of his report on the financial situation of the Organization,

1. Expresses yet again its concern about accumulated arrears of contributions owed by member States and Affiliate Members;
2. Recognizes the relevance of the various elements contained in the said report; and
3. Approves the said report, bearing in mind the reservations expressed by the Secretary-General in respect of paragraph 11 of this document concerning the possibility of setting up a more analytical accounting system for the administrative accounts as well as his comments on paragraph 12 of the same report concerning how a judgement might be made of the likelihood of recovering certain debts.

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CE/DEC/5 (XXIII)

Report of the Chairman of the  
Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 4 (document CE/23/4)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Noting that a number of Members of the Organization have for some years now repeatedly failed to meet their financial obligations in respect of the Organization,

Recalling its concern to ensure that each Member meets its commitments in respect of the Organization and accordingly fully plays its role within the Organization,

Aware of the budgetary constraints and problems of obtaining foreign exchange which Members of the Organization may have to face,

Expressing its profound concern about the Organization's financial difficulties caused by these arrears and the possible risk which this financial situation poses for the programme of work for the period 1984-1985,

1. Requests the Chairman of the Executive Council to contact, in writing and as soon as possible, each Member concerned, as a reminder of the commitments it has undertaken in respect of the Organization and so as to set forth the damaging repercussions for the Member itself; and
2. Requests the Committee on Budget and Finance to submit to the Council at its next session proposed measures likely to remedy the financial difficulties of the Organization caused by contribution arrears.

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CE/DEC/6 (XXIII)

Report of the Secretary-General on the  
financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 5(a) (documents CE/23/5(a)  
and CE/23/5(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/23/5(a) and its addendum, circulated under this agenda item,



1. Notes that, as at 1 May 1984, receipts had totalled 41.39 per cent, a percentage which is considerably higher than that of those recorded at the same time in previous years;
  2. Notes however that a substantial part of the budgetary receipts have not yet been forthcoming, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules;
  3. Notes further that, for this financial year, as at 1 January sixteen States were liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, not counting six States for which the General Assembly has waived application of the provisions of this paragraph;
  4. Notes further that twenty-two Affiliate Members are currently liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
  5. Feels nevertheless obliged to view the deterioration of the financial situation of the Organization in the light of accumulated contribution arrears which at present total 3 million dollars in round figures;
  6. Is of the opinion that these amounts should in no way be excused since, in the first four months of the financial year 1984, 500,000 dollars in round figures were received in settlement of outstanding contributions, including debts dating from 1976;
  7. Draws special attention to the case of the State of Bahrain which, having applied for membership, approved by the General Assembly in 1977, has since then never met its financial obligations, in respect either of the General Fund or the Working Capital Fund, notwithstanding numerous appeals made to it by the Secretary-General through all available channels;
  8. Believes that this situation may establish a dangerous precedent and therefore warrants a united stand on the part of Members of the Organization to ensure that such cases are avoided in the future;
  9. Believes further that it would be appropriate for greater rigour to be exercised in respect of those liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, so that the States which observe their financial commitments are not alone in contributing to the execution of the programme which is intended for the benefit of all;
  10. Records with satisfaction that the State of Ghana was able to face up to and discharge its financial commitments, thus avoiding application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
  11. Recalls in this respect that the State of Ghana had been excused by the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 133(V), from settling its contribution till 1985; and
  12. Requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to collect not only the contributions of the current financial year, but also those due for previous years, reminding the parties in question of the concerns expressed by the Executive Council about the steadily-worsening financial situation of the Organization.
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CE/DEC/7 (XXIII)

Auditors' report on the accounts of the  
Organization for the financial year 1983

Agenda item 5(b) (document CE/23/5(b))

The Executive Council,

1. Notes with satisfaction the Auditors' report on the accounts for the financial year 1983, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixth session; and
2. Thanks the two Auditors, Mr. Juan Pedro Cortés Camacho (Spain), and Mr. Nistor Moise (Romania).

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CE/DEC/8 (XXIII)

Administrative accounts for  
the financial year 1983

Agenda item 5(c) (documents CE/23/5(c) and  
CE/23/5(c) Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the administrative accounts for the financial year 1983 submitted by the Secretary-General;
2. Recalls in this respect the concern expressed by the Committee on Budget and Finance about delays in the payment of contributions due for previous financial years, with particular reference to the financial year 1983, in respect of which an amount equal to 33 per cent of the budgetary appropriations allocated was still outstanding at 31 December; and
3. Takes note of the Secretary-General's remarks on establishing administrative accounts which reflect the structure of the programme budget and are in accordance with regulations 14 and 4(3) of the Financial Regulations.

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CE/DEC/9 (XXIII)

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

Agenda item 6 (document CE/23/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the progress report on implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1984-1985 submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General on the various parts of the programme currently being carried out,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the manner in which the said programme has been framed and apportioned among the main branches of tourism, covering the development of tourism, its framework, pattern and trend, its human and social dimensions, and the economy, finance and management of tourism;
2. Recognizes that the four permanent studies, fifteen special activities and twenty-one permanent activities cover all elements reflecting the current tourism concerns of States and maintain continuity with the programmes carried out by the Organization since its First General Assembly in 1975;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General is engaged in a gradual and systematic integration of the theoretical and pragmatic elements of the programme so as to improve communication of its findings to the Organization's Members;
4. Considers also that the new formulas adopted for technical meetings respond much more closely to concerns for achieving specific aims and, to this end;
5. Encourages the Secretary-General to persist in this endeavour;
6. Is of the opinion that some of the studies included in the general programme of work for the current biennium will, at the appropriate time and in the light of the results achieved, warrant particular attention so as to decide whether it will be appropriate to transform the recommendations on various subjects into recommended practices or standards with a view to ensuring fuller international dialogue;
7. Welcomes the fact that the subjects of youth tourism and vocational training are receiving particular attention in the general programme of work under review;
8. Appreciates the contribution made to this programme by the Organization's Members as well as by international organizations wishing to add their contribution to the work of WTO in the necessary spirit of cooperation benefiting all parties concerned;

9. Takes note of the various meetings of the organs and technical meetings to be held in 1984, and especially the international seminar on tourism area development based on the Languedoc-Roussillon experience and the two other international meetings planned for 1985, one on relations between national tourism administrations and tourism operators and managers and the other on vocational training;
10. Considers that the contribution of the Organization's work to vocational training can only benefit from close cooperation with the World Association for Professional Training in Tourism (WAPTT);
11. Invites the States Members and the Associate and Affiliate Members of the Organization to contribute so far as possible to the implementation of this programme of work and to respond favourably to requests made of them by the Secretary-General;
12. Wishes to emphasize that the programme as a whole must gradually lead to action reflecting the standard-setting role of the Organization; and
13. Invites the Secretary-General to bear this guidance in mind when carrying out the tasks entrusted to the Secretariat.

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CE/DEC/10 (XXIII)

Report of the Facilitation Committee

Agenda item 7 (document CE/23/7)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Facilitation Committee,

Having heard the comments of the Chairman of the Committee on the document in question,

1. Wishes first of all to express its congratulations to the Members of the Facilitation Committee and to the States which participated in the last meeting of this subsidiary body of the Council held at the Organization's Headquarters at Madrid in December 1983;

Having considered the various recommendations of the Facilitation Committee concerning its programme of work for 1984-1985, as contained in Part A of the report,

2. Endorses the various recommendations contained in the first part of the Committee's report, viz.:
  - (a) results of the survey on customs formalities and allowances;
  - (b) steps taken by the Secretary-General with a view to updating or revising the United Nations Convention of June 1954 concerning Customs Facilities for Touring;

- (c) results of the survey on the composition, structure and activities of national facilitation committees;
- (d) draft standards and recommended practices concerning passports and visas;
- (e) biennial report for the period 1982-1983 concerning the situation of facilitation in the world;
- (f) WTO's programme of activities in the field of facilitation for the period 1984-1985;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations calling for action on his part and to report to the Committee at its next meeting;

Having also considered Part B of the said report on standards and recommended practices concerning passports and visas,

- 4. Decides to adopt the standards and recommended practices contained in this part of the document; and
- 5. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare a final draft of these standards and recommended practices and to submit it to the Council at its twenty-fourth session for subsequent transmission to the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/11 (XXIII)

Draft recommended practices concerning the status of tourism representations abroad

Agenda item 8 (document CE/23/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the draft recommended practices concerning the status of tourism representations abroad,

Having heard the introductory comments of the Secretary-General,

Having discussed this text, which falls within the competence of the Organization and the object of which is to enable States to draw inspiration from such practices when they have occasion to draw up bilateral agreements or revise existing agreements on this subject,

Having agreed to various requests for amendment,

- 1. Decides to adopt the text as so amended; and
- 2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting this text to the General Assembly at its sixth session.

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CE/DEC/12 (XXIII)

Draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code

Agenda item 9 (document CE/23/9)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code submitted by the Secretary-General,

Having discussed the various articles contained in this document,

1. Believes that the text in its present form conveys the spirit underlying the decision which prompted this undertaking;
2. Notes that the Tourism Bill of Rights and the Tourist Code present a coherent whole, generally reflecting the various concepts which should inspire States when drawing up their tourism policies;

Having introduced a number of amendments,

3. Adopts the text as so amended;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate this document to all Members of the Organization solely for information purposes; and
5. Requests further the Secretary-General to submit this Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code to the sixth session of the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/13 (XXIII)

Report on vocational training activities

Agenda item 10 (document CE/23/10)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on WTO's vocational training activities and the references in resolution 143(V) on the same subject, adopted by the General Assembly at its fifth session,

Having heard the further comments of the Secretary-General on this subject which enjoys priority among the general activities of WTO,

1. Recognizes, in common with the General Assembly, the ever-more pressing need for a thorough reconsideration of the scope of tourism tuition and an appropriate revision of curricula to ensure that they correspond to the present and future state of tourism;

2. Considers that the general course of action of WTO in this field, as described by the Secretary-General, is consistent with this aim of bringing tourism tuition up to date;
3. Notes that WTO, which has a role to play in the field of vocational training as a catalyst and stimulant, although it is not an educational body, must coordinate its action by associating its efforts with those of other bodies qualified in this field, the World Association for Professional Training in Tourism (WAPTT) in particular;
4. Notes also that it is especially with this Association that the Secretary-General intends to follow up on the recommendation of the General Assembly to organize in 1985 a technical meeting open to teaching institutes for a comparison of their programmes and methods, with a view to gradually encouraging the essential integration and standardization of these programmes in the spirit of innovation inspired by the Manila Declaration and Acapulco Document;
5. Agrees to the proposal of the French Republic that this meeting be held in France at the invitation of its Government;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into all the necessary negotiations to realize this initiative;
7. Notes further that, following the invitation of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, a seminar geared to the African and Middle East regions is to be held at Fez in October 1984, the aim of which will be to identify the factors for determining the manpower needs of tourism sectors and the methods of determining training needs;
8. Expresses its satisfaction that, thanks to the contribution of the United Mexican States and of the Secretary for Tourism of Mexico, Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac, in particular, the correspondence courses and study cycles of CIEST are continuing under the direction of the Secretariat and through the administrative secretariat of CIEST at Mexico City;
9. Expresses interest in the proposal of Venezuela to resume consultations with the Secretary-General concerning the possibility of establishing in the Venezuelan capital a World Hotel Training Centre, as already discussed in 1978 and 1979; and
10. Recommends that account be taken, within the general context of this priority action of WTO for the development of vocational training, of the true dimensions of present-day tourism - comprising not only the movements of holiday-makers but also travel by persons regardless of motivation - in response to General Assembly resolution 143(V) which recognized that "in general, throughout the world and at all levels, vocational training lacks fundamental criteria, well-defined objectives and consistent guidelines for a form of tuition which, though pragmatically and directly tailored to each individual situation, is nevertheless comparable in basic essentials".

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CE/DEC/14 (XXIII)

Report on the technical cooperation  
activities of the Organization

Agenda item 11 (document CE/23/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted to it on this subject,

1. Takes note of the Secretariat's activities in the management of technical cooperation projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as in operational missions and preliminary projects which are under preparation, subject to their approval, at the appropriate time, by the governments concerned and UNDP;
2. Considers that tourism does not at present benefit from reliable multilateral sources of financing, not because of any lack of interest in tourism, but rather because States do not include tourism projects under their five-year programmes;
3. Emphasizes yet again, as did the General Assembly in its resolution 124(V), that all too often WTO is not approached in its capacity as executing agency of technical cooperation projects in tourism, while other agencies are approached which do not always have the appropriate and necessary know-how to operate in the field of travel flows and tourism services;
4. Believes, therefore, that the General Assembly's appeal is fully justified in asking for tourism to be considered not merely in terms of travel, leave and holidays, but in its entirety, which embraces travel movements, regardless of motivation;
5. Is of the opinion that this situation can only undermine WTO's authority and power to act on behalf of its member States;
6. Invites consequently States Members of WTO to inform the Secretary-General of the problems which, in their opinion, are likely to be conquered through technical cooperation projects, whatever their purpose, form, length and extent of financial support; and
7. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain the closest possible cooperation links with the UNDP Administrator, so as to strengthen the value of tourism projects in the eyes of the various administrative branches of the Programme, and to emphasize above all the useful and satisfactory results which the sectoral support missions have yielded.

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CE/DEC/15 (XXIII)

Report on World Tourism Day 1983  
and programme for 1984

Agenda item 12 (document CE/23/12)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note with interest of the report submitted to it on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 which takes place on 27 September each year;
2. Invites the Members of the Organization to provide the Secretary-General with full information on the activities carried out to celebrate this event on the theme: "Tourism for international understanding, peace and cooperation", so that he can prepare a summary of this information for the benefit of all those concerned;
3. Decides that the Organization will award a diploma to deserving figures, to be designated by member States, one for each State;
4. Invites member States to submit these names to the Secretary-General between 27 September and 30 November every year; and
5. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate as widely as possible, using all available channels and means, the initiatives and programmes devised to mark World Tourism Day.

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CE/DEC/16 (XXIII)

The central and decisive role of the  
Organization in the field of tourism

Agenda item 13 (document CE/23/13)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General on the document submitted to it concerning the Organization's central and decisive role in the field of tourism,

Anxious to ensure that the Organization reflects the intentions of the States which established it and provides to the international community composing it the individual and collective services that can rightfully be expected of an intergovernmental body like WTO,

Recalling resolution 123(V) adopted by the General Assembly at its fifth session, which recommended States to grant tourism the same rank in the administrative hierarchy as other ministerial departments,

Recalling also resolution 125(V) adopted by the General Assembly at its fifth session, which clearly demonstrates that WTO was not a chance creation of the international civil service but was established to carry out the responsibilities deriving from its institutional vocation,

1. Acknowledges that WTO at present suffers not from any structural deficiency but rather from a lack of involvement on the part of its Members in the work it carries out;
2. Considers that the shortcomings stemming from this lack of involvement hinder the creation of basic conditions for fruitful dialogue between States;
3. Considers that, to remedy this state of affairs, it is necessary for the Organization to alter its working methods so that it may, reasonably and on a clearly defined basis, establish standards and recommended practices and thus fulfil the standard-setting role it must assume;
4. Expresses the hope that the Members of the Organization will alter their way of thinking and working procedures so that they may derive from the Organization's programmes the satisfaction they are reasonably entitled to expect, while considering that WTO has to deal not only with holidays, travel and leave, but also with all movements of persons regardless of travel motivation;
5. Welcomes the fact that the work of the Secretariat has revealed that the travel market has great potential for expansion, enabling the Organization to play its role to the full and undertake its activities for the future in a realistic and consistent manner;
6. Considers it the duty of the Organization to ensure that, through the Secretariat, new approaches are adopted by the member States so that they may, to their advantage, arrange their policies, strategies and programmes in such a way that they meet the travel requirements of people worldwide, regardless of motivation, socio-professional standing or purchasing power; and
7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, as also provided for in decision 2 (XXIII), a note on the methods and techniques which must be established within the present structures of the Organization to enable it to fulfil its institutional mandate.

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CE/DEC/17 (XXIII)

Procedure for the nomination of the Secretary-  
General of the World Tourism Organization

Agenda item 14 (document CE/23/14)

The Executive Council,

Decides that the following rules and procedures shall govern the selection of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General by the Council at its twenty-fifth session:

- (a) only nationals of States Members of WTO may be candidates;
- (b) candidates shall be formally proposed to the Council, through the Secretariat, by the governments of the States of which they are nationals, and these proposals should be received not later than 6 March 1985, the postmark providing proof thereof;
- (c) voting shall be conducted 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;
- (d) the vote shall be decided, in accordance with Article 30 of the Statutes and rule 28 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, by simple majority, defined as fifty per cent plus one of the valid ballots cast;
- (e) the selection of one nominee by the Council shall be conducted, in accordance with rule 29 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, during a private meeting, part of which shall be a restrictive meeting, as follows:
  - (i) discussion of candidates shall be conducted during a restrictive private meeting at which only voting delegations and interpreters shall be present; there shall be no written record and no tape recording of the discussions;
  - (ii) during the balloting Secretariat staff necessary to assist with the voting shall be admitted;
- (f) the Council shall elect only one nominee to recommend to the Assembly.

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CE/DEC/18 (XXIII)

Report of the Chairman of the  
Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 15 (document CE/23/15)

The Executive Council,

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

Having taken note of Annexes 1 and 2 to the said report,

Bearing in mind that of the 161 Affiliate Members entitled to  
vote 34 have adopted the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of  
the Committee of Affiliate Members,

Considering that this expression of will cannot be regarded as  
constituting that of a majority of Affiliate Members,

1. Requests the Committee of Affiliate Members to carry out more  
extensive consultations among the Affiliate Members which  
have acquired that legal status so as to determine more pre-  
cisely the extent of agreement on the amendments to the Rules  
of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members;
2. Invites the Affiliate Members to bear in mind in their consulta-  
tions the comments contained in the Annex to this decision and  
to make any changes called for in the draft amendments to the  
Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General, within the limits of time and  
means at his disposal, to assist the Affiliate Members so that  
they may initiate the consultations in question.

## ANNEX

Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure  
of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Comments of the Executive Council on the following paragraphs of  
the draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee  
of Affiliate Members:

Paragraph 6

Last sentence: rewording required to render the idea of the  
sentence more clearly.

Paragraph 10

So far as the frequency of meetings of the Committee of Affil-  
iate Members is concerned, it should be borne in mind that the

Secretary-General can provide Secretariat assistance only within the limits of time and means at his disposal. Accordingly, the Committee of Affiliate Members is free to convene as many meetings as it wishes, though without expecting the assistance of the Secretary-General.

Paragraph 11

The records of the Committee of Affiliate Members should not be envisaged in the same way as the summary records of the General Assembly provided for in rule 46 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure. As is the case for other bodies of the Organization or subsidiary bodies of the main organs, a report may be prepared by the Secretariat in the simplest summary form.

Paragraph 12

It must be understood that the financial matters mentioned in this paragraph in no way concern the budgetary appropriations of WTO and may refer only to funds set up on a voluntary basis by the Affiliate Members.

The Secretary-General may, where appropriate, arrange for the administration of such funds in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes of WTO.

Paragraph 15

The Secretary-General shall ensure the execution of the work of the Committee of Affiliate Members within the limits of time and means at his disposal. The fact that the Committee of Affiliate Members may convene several meetings by no means commits the Secretary-General to providing the administrative support that may be required for such meetings.

Paragraph 16

It is understood that the Committee of Affiliate Members may decide to initiate other work, provided that this is financed from the funds of the Committee of Affiliate Members.

Paragraph 17

The programme of work of WTO alone is approved by the General Assembly; the programme of work of the Committee of Affiliate Members does not require Assembly approval.

It is understood that the programme of work of the Committee of Affiliate Members must be consistent with the Organization's general policy, as mentioned in paragraph 17 itself.

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Places and dates of the twenty-fourth and  
twenty-fifth sessions of the Council

Agenda item 16

The Executive Council,

1. Decides, in accordance with decision 21(III) of the Executive Council, to hold its twenty-fourth session at the Organization's Headquarters from 4 to 6 December 1984;
2. Decides further to accept the invitation of the delegation of the United States of America to hold its twenty-fifth session at Washington, D.C. from 7 to 10 May 1985;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary consultations with the United States authorities; and
4. Thanks the delegation of the United States of America for its invitation.

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4. Participants in the twenty-third 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, 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 Auditors of the Organization (Romania and Spain) were present.