



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

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3. Decisions taken by the Council

CE/DEC/1(XXI)

Progress report of the Secretary-General
(October 1981 to September 1983)

Agenda item 2 (document A/5/6)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General covering the period October 1981 to September 1983, for which it thanks him.

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CE/DEC/2(XXI)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents A/5/7, A/5/7 Add.1 and A/5/7 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of reports A/5/7, A/5/7 Add.1 and A/5/7 Add.2 concerning membership of the Organization, intended for the General Assembly, which it has received for information; and
2. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly that it delete from the list of Affiliate Members the Asociación Interamericana de Instituciones de Enseñanza Turística y Hotelera A.C. which since its accession to the Organization has not fulfilled its financial obligations and cannot now be traced.

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CE/DEC/3(XXI)

Requests by certain Members of the Organization for non-application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and exemption from payment of their contribution arrears

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/21/4, CE/21/4 Add.1 and CE/21/4 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having before it various requests for the temporary waiving of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes or for exemption from payment of contribution arrears,

Having considered the reasons underlying such requests for the temporary waiving of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules or exemption from the payment of contribution arrears, and anxious to show the greatest understanding in each case and to take the most generous measures while observing the statutory provisions, rules and regulations governing the finances of the Organization,

1. Rules as follows on each of the cases submitted to it so as to enable the General Assembly to take the decisions it deems appropriate:

(a) Ghana

2. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that, in view of the particularly difficult situation of this State, it comply with Ghana's request for temporary deferral of its contributions for the years 1980 (partial), 1981, 1982 and 1983 totalling 71,465.55 dollars;
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with arranging with the State in question both the period of deferral and the terms of payment of the amount due, either in a lump sum or instalments, while inviting it to resume regular payment of its contributions from the beginning of the financial year 1984;

(b) Peru

4. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it comply with the request by the head of the delegation of Peru to suspend the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, to the provisions of which that State is liable in view of the non-payment of its contributions for the years 1981 and 1982;
5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with making the necessary contacts with the relevant authorities of Peru in order to fix the arrangements whereby that State settles its accumulated financial obligations, while inviting it to resume regular payment of its contributions from the beginning of the financial year 1984;

(c) Gambia

Noting that this State is today undergoing a particularly severe crisis which has prompted an appeal from the United Nations General Assembly to the entire international system of organizations for special assistance to be given to the Gambia in all possible areas to enable it to restore economic stability,

Noting that the Gambia has declared its commitment to the Organization's aims and its desire to continue its membership so that it may contribute to the development of tourism in solidarity with the other member States;

Noting further that in May 1983 the Gambia discharged part of its contribution arrears,

6. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to the Gambia until that State announces that it can meet its financial commitments for the years 1981 and 1982 totalling 39,079 dollars at which time a plan will be established to recover its accumulated debts, it being understood that the Gambia will reserve regular payment of its contributions from the beginning of the financial year 1984;

(d) Honduras

7. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Honduras until that State can meet its financial commitments, instead of exempting it from its accumulated debt as requested;
8. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the necessary steps for this matter to be resolved by correspondence as soon as possible, in view of the fact that Honduras is not represented at the fifth session of the General Assembly, while inviting it to reserve regular payments of its contributions from the beginning of the financial year 1984;

(e) Democratic Kampuchea

9. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Democratic Kampuchea, until that State can discharge its accumulated debt and is in a position to resume regular payment of its contributions from the beginning of the financial year 1984;

(f) Democratic Yemen

10. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it suspend the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Democratic Yemen in respect of the arrears of contributions, 25 per cent of which sum is being transferred by the State in question to the account of WTO, it being understood that Democratic Yemen has given the assurance that it will meet its financial commitments regularly from the beginning of the next financial year;

(g) Islamic Republic of Iran

11. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it request the Islamic Republic of Iran to furnish further information regarding its request for a contribution adjustment in view of the fact that the communication addressed to the Secretary-General is too general in character and does not enable the Council to rule on the request made by that State;

- 12. Entrusts the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the decisions which the General Assembly will take in this connection with continuing the consultations he has already held with the Islamic Republic of Iran on the subject of the level of its contribution to the WTO budget;

Affiliate Member

(h) Federación Argentina de Hoteles, Restaurantes, Confeiterías, Bares y Afines

- 13. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it comply with the request made by the Federación Argentina de Hoteles, Restaurantes, Confeiterías, Bares y Afines that the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules be suspended when the accumulated amount due by this Affiliate Member reaches the equivalent of two years' contributions;
- 14. Invites the Federación Argentina de Hoteles, Restaurantes, Confeiterías, Bares y Afines to take the necessary measures, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to discharge its debt to the Organization;
- 15. Emphasizes that the measures proposed to the General Assembly by the present decision reinstate the rights of the Full Members and the Affiliate Member which are already subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules.

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CE/DEC/4(XXI)

Requests by certain Members of the Organization for non-application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and exemption from payment of their contribution arrears

Agenda item 4 (document CE/21/4)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 5(XX), by which the Council decided to recommend the General Assembly to exempt Costa Rica from its contributions for the financial year 1983 in view of the particularly difficult situation, especially in the economic field, which that country faces,

- 1. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that, while strictly observing the statutory provisions and regulations of the Organization governing financial matters, it waive the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to this State when, as has already been notified to the Council, its debt to the Organization reaches an amount equal to two years' contributions,

2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing Costa Rica of the present decision and with agreeing with it on a plan for the settlement of its arrears.

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CE/DEC/5(XXI)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Technical
Cooperation Activities of the Organization

Agenda item 5 (document CE/21/5)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the technical cooperation activities of the Organization,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the situation as a whole; and
2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the work of WTO in this field.

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CE/DEC/6(XXI)

Report of the Environment Committee

Agenda item 6 (document CE/21/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Environment Committee and the additional details provided orally,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the manner in which the activities of the Committee continue to proceed in the interest of the States Members of the Organization;
2. Is of the opinion that the matters dealt with by the Committee at its recent meeting on 8 July 1983 are a clear indication of the Committee's competence in the subjects assigned to it as a subsidiary organ by the Council;
3. Endorses the recommendations of the said Committee concerning its future activities, viz.:

- (a) follow-up to the WTO-UNEP Workshop on environmental aspects of tourism;
 - (b) consideration of studies prepared under WTO's general programmes of work on environmental aspects of tourism;
 - (c) examination of possibilities of aid to States in developing their national parks (in cooperation with UNEP);
 - (d) development of universal graphic symbols to promote awareness among tourists of the need to respect and protect the environment; and
 - (e) monitoring of the tourism content of the UNEP Regional Seas Programme.
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CE/DEC/7(XXI)

Report on the Draft Tourism Bill of Rights and
Tourist Code

Agenda item 7 (document CE/21/7)

The Executive Council,

Having examined very carefully the findings of the survey carried out among the Members in order to ascertain their amendments or possible proposals for modifying the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code already placed before the fourth session of the General Assembly,

Having observed that the proposals submitted to the Secretary-General are extremely diverse and are moreover, at the same time of a conflicting and even contradictory nature,

Being of the opinion that, confronted with this situation, it is practically impossible to integrate these proposals into the original text of the document given that, in very many cases, it would be necessary to recontact the States which have sent in their proposed amendments in order to reconcile these with the text as a whole,

1. Decides, given the impossibility of submitting a new document to the Assembly, to propose to the latter not to discuss the same;
2. Declares that the Organization cannot shirk the obligation that it has contracted before official and private tourism circles to draw up such a document;

3. Consequently requests the Secretary-General entirely to re-formulate the initial document, essentially and exclusively drawing inspiration from the criteria contained in the latter, in the Manila Declaration and, so far as possible, in the draft amendments that he has received and to submit this new text to it at its twenty-third session; and
4. Also decides, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, that it can decide, depending on the acceptability of this new document, to approve it in principle and to circulate it as required, subject to the final ratification of the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/8(XXI)

Reorganization of the Work of the General Assembly

Agenda item 8 (document CE/21/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of document CE/21/8 on the reorganization of the work of the General Assembly, submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

1. Approves this document; and
2. Decides that it should be transmitted to the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/9(XXI)

Steps towards a review of the United Nations Convention of 1954 concerning Customs Facilities for Touring

Agenda item 9 (document CE/21/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report on steps towards a review of the United Nations Convention concerning Customs Facilities for Touring,

Noting that the most appropriate formula would be to request the United Nations to convene a diplomatic conference for this purpose, as provided for in Article 23 of the said Convention,

Judging, nevertheless, that such a practice would entail a lengthy wait owing to the particularly heavy timetable of conferences held under the auspices of the United Nations,

Having noted that the Kyoto Convention of the Customs Cooperation Council includes a section F.3 dealing with customs facilities for travellers, which is entirely consistent with the customs facilities granted to tourists, though additional liberalization would be needed to improve the allowances provided for in that text,

1. Decides not to initiate the procedure with the United Nations for convening a conference to review the 1954 Convention concerning Customs Facilities;
2. Requests the Secretary-General, after having heard the delegate of the United States speaking as Chairman of the Facilitation Committee, to initiate the necessary consultations with the Customs Cooperation Council to determine how it will be possible to liberalize the provisions of section F.3 of the Kyoto Convention; and
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to inform member States of the steps taken so that they may, for their part, adopt the most appropriate positions to ensure that the action taken to improve the text of the Convention of the Customs Cooperation Council best reflects the interests of travellers and tourists in particular.

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CE/DEC/10(XXI)

Nominations for the posts of Auditors for the financial years 1984 and 1985

Agenda item 12 (document CE/21/12)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the provisions of article 12(g) of the Statutes of the Organization;

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the task accomplished by Spain and Kenya during the periods 1980-1981 and 1982-1983 and thanks them for it; and
2. Recommends the General Assembly to renew the term of office of Spain and to elect Romania to the post of Auditor of the Organization for the financial years 1984 and 1985.

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CE/DEC/11(XXI)

Place and date of the twenty-second
Session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 13

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its twenty-second session at the Conference Hall,
Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, after the closing of the fifth session
of the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/12(XXI)

World Tourism Day in 1984 and 1985:
Choice of themes to propose to the General Assembly

Agenda item 11 (document CE/21/11)

The Executive Council,

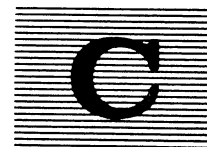
Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on
the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1982 and 1983, respectively:

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly the following two
themes for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 and 1985,
respectively:

- 1984: To know his own country is the duty of every citizen;
- 1985: Youth tourism: towards the worthy ennoblement of the cultural and historical heritage of human societies.

4. Participants in the twenty-first session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba, Gambia, Germany (Federal Republic of), India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Uganda, United States of America, Syrian Arab Republic, Zaire, Zimbabwe, and Spain as a privileged Member.
2. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (France) was present.
3. The representative of the International Touring Alliance (ITA) attended the session as Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members.
4. The Auditors of the Organization (Kenya and Spain) were present.



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Corrigendum

In decision 3(XXI) the word "reserve" in operative paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 8 should read "resume".

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