DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XX)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/20/2 and CE/20/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the progress report of the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note with interest of the general situation of the Organization in regard to the execution of its programme of work in all fields within its competence and the strengthening of operational activities in the field which also serve to solve the problem of communication between the Secretariat and the Members of the Organization;

2. Considers that the comparability of statistics, notwithstanding the progress made and experience accumulated by WTO in this field, still remains a problem to be solved;

3. Invites the States to take all the appropriate measures to this end within the context of their national regulations governing the production of tourism statistics, so far as possible conforming to the models provided by WTO;

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing WTO's action so that, through the appropriate transfer of expertise, it can help the States produce their tourism statistics in a concerted and coordinated manner;

5. Is of the opinion that WTO must assume its full responsibility in the field of tourism, as recognized by the States at the time of its establishment and, to this end, take on a coordinating role within a context of desirable cooperation with international partners that have an acknowledged institutional vocation in the field of tourism;

6. Invites the States to facilitate the application of this principle in all appropriate instances;

7. Appreciates the information on technical cooperation contained in the progress report of the Secretary-General;

8. Recommends the States so far as possible to grant tourism a more important place in their technical cooperation plans funded by UNDP or other sources of finance and, wherever feasible, to call on the services of WTO, an organization specialized in tourism, for the preparation of their requests and the implementation of approved projects;
9. Shares the view expressed in respect of sectoral support missions which constitute a particularly apt formula for the identification of situations warranting requests for technical cooperation and for the diagnosis and assessment of various situations connected with the development of tourism services;

10. Decides that this subject will be included in the agendas of all future sessions of the Executive Council;

11. Confirms the priority which must be given by the Organization to the problem of vocational training as it affects accommodation services, the other operational sectors of tourism and public administrations;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to enhance the Secretariat's activities in this field;

13. Considers with interest the proposal concerning the preparation of textbooks for tourism instruction, which today are lacking and which should rely extensively for their inspiration on the concepts of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism;

14. Recognizes the contribution that Affiliate Members can make to staff training initiatives for the various sectors of tourism;

15. Takes note with interest of the proposal of the Secretary-General concerning the procedure to be established for settling international tourism disputes by amicable composition, a procedure that will not involve the Organization in any responsibility or expense, given that it entails the provision by WTO of its good offices to States and private bodies that appeal voluntarily for application of this formula to settle their disputes;

16. Thanks the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Economic Community for their assistance to the African States with a view to their participation, within the framework of an African Village, in the International Tourism Fair held at West Berlin, thereby enabling Africa to present its region in a uniform manner and thus preserve its image intact;

17. Is confident that this generous initiative will be renewed in 1984 for the same tourism promotion event, with more extensive participation by the African States.

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CE/DEC/2(XX)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents CE/20/3 and CE/20/3 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on membership of the Organization,

1. Notes that since its last session held at Madrid in December 1982 the decision of the State of Bahrain to cease its membership of the Organization has been placed on record;

2. Notes that the Secretary-General has received six applications for affiliate membership, while five Affiliate Members have decided to withdraw from the Organization;

3. Notes further that nine private bodies have requested information with a view to their possible accession as Affiliate Members;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to the General Assembly the removal from the membership list of two Affiliate Members, Charles Smrodyti and Associates (Spain) and Instant Travel Inc. (USA), which since their accession have not met their financial commitments and cannot now be traced and whose States, which endorsed their applications for membership, have informed the Secretary-General that they should no longer be regarded as Affiliate Members of the Organization.

CE/DEC/3(XX)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 4 (document CE/20/4)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance submitted to it under reference CE/20/4,

Having received the comments and explanations it required to assess the proposals contained in the said report,

1. Adopts the document, taking due account of the references it contains to the various financial matters dealt with under agenda item 5; and

2. Thanks the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Budget and Finance for their work.
Arrears in contributions justified by differences in the dates of financial years

Agenda item 5(d) (documents CE/20/5(d) and CE/20/5(d) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having before it requests from Mauritius, Uganda and Gambia that consideration be given to the fact that the financial year of these three States begins on 1 July of each year,

Decides, pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules and section 4 of regulation 7 of Chapter IV of the Financial Regulations, to accept the cases of justified arrears of these three States resulting from the budgetary systems existing in their administrations.

CE/DEC/5(XX)

Request by Costa Rica for exemption from its contributions

Agenda item 5(c) (document CE/20/5(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the request presented by Costa Rica for exemption under the terms of resolution 22(II) of the General Assembly,

Having duly noted that the Committee on Budget and Finance has recommended a favourable response to this request for 1983,

1. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to exempt Costa Rica from its contributions for the financial year 1983;

2. Further decides that, so far as the financial year 1984 is concerned, in respect of which Costa Rica has also requested exemption, it would be premature as things stand at present to take a decision on this request given that it would anticipate a future economic situation as yet unknown; and

3. Reserves the possibility of reconsidering this matter at the appropriate time.
CE/DEC/6(XX)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization and Report on measures taken in respect of States with contribution arrears

Agenda items 5(a) and 5(b) (documents CE/20/5(a), CE/20/5(a) Add.1, CE/20/5(b) and CE/20/5(b) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General accompanying the presentation of the documents relating to items CE/20/5(a) and CE/20/5(b), Considering the complementary nature of the two documents,

1. Takes due account of the information they contain on the financial situation of the Organization at 15 April 1983;

2. Records with satisfaction the remittance of Madagascar, which discharges it from application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules; and

3. Notes that in the present financial situation of the Organization sixteen States are subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, that three States in respect of which the provisions of paragraph 13 had been waived have failed to meet the commitments they entered into at that time and that eighteen Affiliate Members are also liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules.

CE/DEC/7(XX)


Agenda item 5(e) (document CE/20/5(e))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes cognizance of document CE/20/5(e) concerning the financial period 1980-1981 which, in accordance with the regulation in force, is definitively closed at 31 December 1982;
2. Takes note that this document is intended for the General Assembly; and

3. Notes with satisfaction that at 15 April 1983 the advances to the General Fund for the period in question had been fully reimbursed to the Working Capital Fund.

CE/DEC/8(XX)

Administrative accounts for the financial year 1982
Agenda item 5(f) (document CE/20/5(f))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the administrative accounts for the financial year 1982 submitted by the Secretary-General; and

2. Recalls 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 1982, in respect of which an amount equal to 26 per cent of the budgetary appropriations allocated was still outstanding at 31 December.

CE/DEC/9(XX)

Auditors' report on the accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1982
Agenda item 5(g) (document CE/20/5(g))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the Auditors' report on the accounts for the financial year 1982 intended for submission to the General Assembly at its fifth session;

2. Endorses the findings of the Auditors concerning the detrimental effects on the running of the Organization of delays in the payment of contributions which oblige the Secretariat to exercise stringent economy; with inevitable repercussions on the execution of the general programme of work; and

3. Thanks the Auditors for their work.
CE/DEC/10(XX)

Recommended practices concerning the status of tourism representations abroad

Agenda item 6 (document CE/20/6)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General during presentation of document CE/20/6 on recommended practices concerning the status of tourism representations abroad,

1. Notes, first of all, that this is an extremely complex matter which constitutes an innovation and which has clear legal implications;

2. Is of the opinion that, in its present form, the document suffers from the shortcomings of the survey carried out on this subject and should therefore be entirely reconsidered;

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with carrying out a further survey on all the elements contained in the document in question and to prepare a fresh document for circulation to all the Members of the Organization and submission also to the Regional Commissions for opinion;

4. Urges the States to pay keen attention to this matter and to make known their views and comments on the fresh version of the document;

5. Decides to postpone consideration of this matter to its first session of 1984, provided that is possible;

6. Further decides to inform the General Assembly of this decision at its fifth session; and

7. Considers that, as things stand at present, it is too soon to decide whether this operation will result in principles, recommendations or recommended practices.

CE/DEC/11(XX)

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

Agenda item 7 (document CE/20/7)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes cognizance of the information report submitted by the Secretary-General and prepared with a view to updating the United Nations Convention of May-June 1954 concerning Customs Facilities for Touring; and
2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing it at its twenty-first session of the outcome of his approach in this connection to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

CE/DEC/12(XX)

The role of WTO in recording tourism treaties and agreements

Agenda item 8 (document CE/20/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document submitted by the Secretary-General on the collection of international tourism treaties and agreements,

Recognizing that it is useful for the Members of the Organization to have rapid access to information on legal instruments concluded between States in the field of tourism on a bilateral or multilateral basis,

Aware that the registration of treaties is the responsibility of the United Nations in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter,

1. Decides, without prejudice to the aforementioned consideration, to make a systematic collection of international tourism agreements and treaties concluded by the States Members of the Organization as well as non-member States which are members of the United Nations system;

2. Considers that it is not appropriate to draw up specific regulations for this purpose but that a simple procedure for the collection of such treaties could be implemented by the Secretary-General without entailing any expense;

3. Invites the States Members of the Organization and of the United Nations system to do all they can to comply with the requests they receive from the Secretary-General with a view to completing and updating the documentation already held by the Secretariat of WTO in this field by sending him the texts of such instruments in at least one official language of the Organization;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to collect from either the United Nations or any other appropriate source the international treaties and agreements already concluded;

5. Recommends that such a collection should record the date of entry into force and expiry of the international treaties and agreements, as well as that of any amendment to which they are subject; and

6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the list of collected texts is brought to the attention of the Members of the Organization at least once a year so that they may request any texts that interest them.
World Tourism Day

Agenda item 9 (document CE/20/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the information report on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1983,

1. Notes with satisfaction the success of that event thanks to the participation of prominent individuals from the political, cultural, social and economic world and the operational sector of tourism;

2. Invites each Member of the Organization to become involved in this celebration and plan the most appropriate events to foster awareness among the general public and the various sectors of national and international life of the importance of travel, leave and holidays; and

3. Notes that the theme selected for 1983, Travel and holidays are a right but also a responsibility for all, logically follows on from and is consistent with the themes of previous years and reflects the concepts of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism.

CE/DEC/14(XX)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 10 (document CE/20/10)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note with interest of the report submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members as document CE/20/10;

2. Records with satisfaction the contribution of the Affiliate Members to the work of the Organization in the various operational fields of tourism services and the assistance they are prepared to offer in favour of the developing countries and vocational training; and

3. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members for his report.
Recommendation to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General of the Organization

Agenda item 11 (document CE/20/11)

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 6(IX) taken at its ninth 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,

Recommends to the General Assembly that it renew the term of office of Mr. Robert C. Lonati (France) as Secretary-General of the Organization for a period of two years, 1984 and 1985, in accordance with his own request.

Proposal for a possible reorganization of the work of the General Assembly

Agenda item 12 (document CE/20/12)

The Executive Council,

Having taken due note of the proposals contained in document CE/20/12 for reorganizing the work of the Assembly, in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of decision 7(XIX) taken at its nineteenth session,

1. Acknowledges that to streamline the work of the various organs meeting in conjunction with the General Assembly it is necessary to reorganize the timetable of the Assembly;

2. Is of the opinion that the document submitted by the Secretary-General warrants concerted examination at the national level;

3. Invites the Members of the Council to inform the Secretary-General before 31 July 1983 of their suggestions in this regard; and

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to it at its twenty-first session a document, if necessary amended in the light of the suggestions received, for possible transmission to the General Assembly at its fifth session.
Preparatory work for the fifth
session of the General Assembly

Agenda items 13(a) and 13(b) (documents CE/20/13(a) and CE/20/13(b))

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the documents submitted to it on the preparatory
   work for the fifth session of the General Assembly;

2. Notes that the criteria governing the preparation and organiza-
   tion of the General Assembly are consistent with the statutory
   provisions and rules and regulations of the Organization and
   the General Assembly;

3. Thanks the head of the delegation of the Republic of India
   for his communication and assurances concerning the facilities
   to be granted to delegations and participants as well as to
   the Secretariat on that occasion;

4. Recalls that, in accordance with the established practice, the
   Assembly will be given a list at its opening of the Members
   liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules
   attached to the Statutes and of regulation 8(2) of the Finan-
   cial Regulations, with particular reference to the right to
   vote; and

5. Approves the list of international organizations to be invited
   to the fifth session of the General Assembly, as contained in
   document CE/20/13(b).

CE/DEC/18(XX)

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

Agenda item 14

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its twenty-first session in conjunction with the
fifth session of the General Assembly and in accordance with the
timetable of meetings contained in document CE/20/13(a).
Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having discussed the various items on the agenda of its twentieth session in conditions of efficiency and comfort, thanks to the facilities provided by the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Algerian Government; and

2. Requests the Minister of Tourism of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Mr. Abdelmadjid Alahoum, to convey to the Head of State the deepest appreciation and gratitude of all the participants who have been able to witness at first hand the traditional hospitality of the Algerian people.

4. Participants in the twentieth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cuba, Gambia, Germany (Federal Republic of), India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, 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 Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members was present.

4. The Auditors of the Organization (Kenya and Spain) were present.

5. The representative of the United Nations and the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme attended the session as observers.