DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS NINTEENTH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(XIX)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/19/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the progress report of the Secretary-General,

1. Appreciates the quality of the information contained therein, particularly the analyses of modifications in the Organization's strategies and policies entailed by tourism trends throughout the world;

2. Recognizes that the Organization must still further adapt its activities to its legal nature and accordingly tailor its programme of work and specific projects to the obligations implicit in the services which it must offer its Members as an intergovernmental organization;

3. Considers that the visit of Pope John Paul II to the Organization's Headquarters has enhanced the Organization's image and its influence in the world, thus furthering tourism and travel and holiday activities as a whole;

4. Is of the opinion that it would be desirable, in the context of the general effort at clarification which tourism activities call for in the world today, to encourage action by the Holy See along the lines of Pope John Paul II's message;

5. Views with interest the proposal to sensitize policy-making, governmental and religious forces and circles, public opinion and tourism professionals in connection with the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas, so that a wide-ranging promotional action can be undertaken on that occasion with a view to encouraging all persons to travel the world in search of knowledge and in the spirit of the Manila Declaration;

6. Appreciates the statement of the Spanish delegation which announced that it stands ready to give its full support to the initiatives to be taken in connection with that anniversary;

7. Entrusts the Secretary-General with commencing now with the establishment of the most useful contacts relevant to the Americas as well as Spain and the other regions which constitute the peripheral structures of WTO;

8. Appreciates the analyses and comments contained in the Secretary-General's report concerning the practical transfer of services to which the Members are entitled, bearing in mind the remarks made on this subject concerning studies, statistics, documentation and regional administrative and technical meetings, as well as individual missions conducted either in conjunction with UNDP or under WTO's operational programme;
9. Notes that the tourism situation in the Middle East is still handicapped by circumstances beyond the control of the Organization or of the tourism administrations of that region's member States;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to take every opportunity to see to it that the member States of the Middle East region are not deprived of the services to which they are entitled as Members of the Organization and to renew all the initiatives that have already been taken in response to this legitimate expectation of the member States of the Middle East region;

11. Urges the member States of the Middle East region to cooperate in the most positive fashion with the Secretary-General and to reply in the most constructive fashion to the proposals addressed to them so that they might benefit from their membership in WTO;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, finally, to circulate to the Members of the Organization the document submitted to the fourth session of the General Assembly concerning the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code, at the same time outlining the various stages followed in drawing up that text; and

13. Considers that this document, together with comments from Members, should be submitted to the fifth session of the General Assembly for discussion and approval.

CE/DEC/2(XIX)

Membership of the Organization
Agenda item 3 (document CE/19/3)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Notes that since its last session, held at Madrid in April 1982, no application for full or associate membership has reached the Secretary-General;

2. Places on record the membership applications already endorsed by the governments concerned of three Affiliate Members;

3. Takes note of the requests for information from potential Affiliate Members;

4. Takes note also of recorded withdrawals which bring the number of Affiliate Members having decided to withdraw from the Organization to fifteen since the beginning of 1982; and

5. Urges that member States requested to endorse the candidature of Affiliate Members apply that formality very vigilantly in order to prevent the Committee of Affiliate Members from being
more quantitative than qualitative and to avoid the need for the Organization to bear communication costs with entities which, after two or three years, either withdraw or become liable to application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, thus forfeiting all the services to which their membership in the Organization normally entitles them.

CE/DEC/3(XIX)

Financial matters:

(a) Report on measures taken in respect of States with contribution arrears

Agenda item 4(a) (document CE/19/4(a))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the steps taken by the Secretary-General to collect unpaid contributions owed by certain States,

Having heard, furthermore, the comments of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance regarding the part of his report which deals with that issue,

1. Reiterates, once more, its deep concern over accumulated contribution arrears which, in the long term, threaten to place all the Organization's operations in serious difficulties;

2. Duly takes note that at the present time paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules is being applied to nine countries, although three additional countries which are also liable to application of this provision were exempted from such application by the General Assembly;

3. Notes with satisfaction, on the other hand, that Jamaica and the Dominican Republic have discharged their financial obligations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to apply with utmost stringency the provisions of said paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, in order to avert deterioration of a situation which already involves a total of 2,700,000 dollars in round figures due to the Organization since the first financial period 1976-1977;

5. Reserves the right to review the arrears situation once more at its twentieth session, in connection with the recommendations which it will be required to make to the fifth session of the General Assembly, while keeping in mind that the financial difficulties currently besetting the world affect not only WTO but also other organizations of the international system; and

6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the effort already under way to recover, to the greatest possible extent
and in the shortest possible time, the amounts owed to the Organization by using every means of regulatory persuasion to ensure that the debtors may avoid becoming liable to application of the relevant rules and regulations.

CE/DEC/4(XIX)

Financial matters:

(b) Interim report on the administrative accounts for the financial year 1982

Agenda item 4(b) (documents CE/19/4(b) and CE/19/4(b) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of documents CE/19/4(b) and CE/19/4(b) Add.1 submitted by the Secretary-General and covering financial matters relating to the current state of the administrative accounts for the financial year 1982,

Having heard the comments of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Desiring to maintain a necessary equilibrium between budget allocations and liquid assets,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to let himself be guided by the pertinent comments made by the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance before the Council following the meeting of that Committee, and to ensure that, both by persuasion and by strict application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, it will be possible to recover the arrears whose accumulation over the years gives cause for concern;

2. Concurs in the view of the Committee on Budget and Finance that the situation is not critical but that, if the present trend were to persist during the years ahead, it could become extremely harmful, especially if a large number of Full Members were to become liable to application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing his actions consistently and with the greatest administrative rigour in respect of all the Members, particularly those who are behind in the payment of their contributions, in order to avert further deterioration of the situation regarding arrears;

4. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Committee Members for their work; and

5. Invites the Full Members to ratify at the earliest opportunity the amendments adopted by the General Assembly to paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes.
Financial matters:

(c) Request by Iran for a contribution adjustment

Agenda item 4(c) (documents CE/19/4(c) and CE/19/4(c) Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Having received documents CE/19/4(c) and CE/19/4(c) Corr.1 prepared by the Secretary-General concerning the request by the Islamic Republic of Iran for a contribution adjustment,

Having heard the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance on that Committee's recommendations concerning the request by Iran for an adjustment,

1. Considers that before reaching a final decision on this request it is appropriate to pursue efforts to clarify the matter with the country in question, owing to the fact that the request it has made implies an interpretation of the statistical series used for fixing the contribution of Iran rather than an adjustment owing to a particular state of affairs in the country; and

2. Entrusts the Secretary-General accordingly with pursuing his consultations with the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and reporting back to the Council at its next session.

Financial matters:

(d) Funds in trust - Members of the South Asia region

Agenda item 4(d) (document CE/19/4(d))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of document CE/19/4(d) submitted to it by the Secretary-General concerning the proposal that the relevant services of the Secretariat administer, as a fund in trust, an operational fund currently administered by the Commission for South Asia,

1. Assents to this request; and

2. Decides, after hearing the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and various delegations of the Council, that no fee should be charged to the Commission for South Asia for administering this fund in trust, given the modest sums involved which should not entail substantial administrative operations.
Draft programme budget of the Organization for the period 1984-1985, prepared by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 5 (document CE/19/5)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1984-1985, prepared by the Secretary-General,

Having taken note of the reports of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Having heard the various statements, comments and requests for clarification from the various delegations,

1. Adopts the draft programme budget prepared by the Secretary-General for the financial period 1984-1985, as amended by the proposals made by the Committee on Budget and Finance and agreed to by the Council, in accordance with which:

   (a) an amount of 30,000 dollars is allocated for the operation of the Regional Commissions;

   (b) two international seminars will be held during the period 1984-1985, for which an appropriation of 20,000 dollars is allocated;

   (c) 50,000 dollars are assigned to field missions to improve the effectiveness of the Operations Service in its present form of regional decentralization;

   (d) the total budget for the period 1984-1985 amounts to 8,998,600 dollars, a decrease of 0.023 per cent in respect of the previous period 1982-1983;

2. Considers that, to ensure better participation by Members in the General Assembly through higher-level representation, the Regional Commissions, the Committee of Affiliate Members and other bodies which have to meet at the time of the General Assembly should do so either before or after it opens, though apart from the Assembly itself, so as to limit the length of the General Assembly in a manner compatible with its agenda; and

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with circulating to all Members of the Organization the draft programme budget for the period 1984-1985, as so amended and adopted.
CE/DEC/8(XIX)

Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme
and Coordination on the draft programme budget of
the Organization for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 6 (document CE/19/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Chairman of the Technical
Committee for Programme and Coordination on the draft programme
budget of the Organization for the period 1984-1985,

1. Considers with interest the constructive comments contained in
the report of the Committee in regard both to the presentation
of the Secretary-General, the Introduction to the draft pro-
gramme budget, and Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Part III;

2. Is of the opinion that, so far as the Operations Service is
concerned, the proposed amendments to the programme, entailing
an increase in expenses of some 145,000 dollars, should be re-
viewed on the basis of the proposals of the Committee on Budget
and Finance for, while recognizing the merits of the said pro-
posed amendments, they should nevertheless be reviewed in the
light of the new trends which have emerged within the Organiza-
tion concerning meetings of the organs and technical meetings;

3. Endorses the views of the Committee on Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and
9 concerning, respectively, vocational training, technical co-
operation, public information, publications and sales and con-
sultants, travel expenses and temporary staff in Part III; and

4. Congratulates the Chairman and the Members of the Technical
Committee for Programme and Coordination on their work.

CE/DEC/9(XIX)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee on
Budget and Finance on the draft programme budget
of the Organization for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 7 (document CE/19/7)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Chairman of the Commit-
te on Budget and Finance, document CE/19/7, and the illustrative
comments accompanying it,

Having grasped the premises of that report, which reflects a concern
for economy compatible with the Organization's needs in terms of the
services to be rendered to the Members,
1. Shares the conclusions set forth in that document;

2. Endorses its recommendations concerning amendments to be made to Part III, Operations, of the draft programme budget;

3. Appreciates the recommendation made to the Secretary-General that external funding sources be sought to finance Operations; and

4. Thanks and congratulates the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance for the work performed by him and the Members of the Committee.

CE/DEC/10(XIX)

Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Council

Agenda item 8 (document CE/19/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on draft amendments applicable to the Rules of Procedure of the Council,

Having heard the additional explanations furnished by the Secretary-General on current practices in international organizations concerning the participation of Members of the Organization in its organs without the right to speak or to vote,

Considering that the document and the additional explanations have clarified the question of "observers" in the organs of the Organization, a term applicable only to States that are not Members of those organs and to international organizations,

1. Endorses the amendment proposed in paragraph 13 of document CE/19/8; and, simultaneously,

2. Adopts the additional provisions specifying, in accordance with Article 18 of the Statutes of the Organization, that the Council alone is competent to adopt amendments to its Rules of Procedure.

CE/DEC/11(XIX)

Essential conditions for holding meetings of the Organization in the territories of its member States

Agenda item 9 (document CE/19/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of document CE/19/9 prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to decision 7(XVIII), taken by the Council at its
previous session, on the conditions for holding meetings in the territories of member States,

1. Endorses the views expressed in the said document, it being understood that it concerns recommended, but not essential, conditions for holding meetings in the territories of member States;

2. Is of the opinion that paragraph 5(a) of Section B on conditions in respect of representatives of Members should read as follows: "the inviolability of their person, place of residence and possessions as applies to the staff of diplomatic missions"; and

3. Is also of the opinion that paragraph 5(b) of Section B concerning representatives of Members should read as follows: "Immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken and written and all acts performed by them in the exercise of their official functions";

4. Decides that these recommended conditions should constitute negotiable guidelines, with a view to facilitating the preparation of any agreement with the States Members of the Organization, in respect of the Organization as well as delegates, staff and experts, for the holding of meetings in their territories;

5. Takes note of the concerns expressed by a certain delegation about the human, material and financial facilities to be provided for regional meetings; and

6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with transmitting document CE/19/9, as so amended, to the fifth session of the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/12(XIX)

Preliminary survey on the status of tourism representations abroad

Agenda item 16 (document CE/19/10)

The Executive Council,

Having duly taken cognizance of the report prepared by the Secretary-General on the preliminary survey relating to the status of tourism representations abroad, completed in implementation of decision 11(XVIII),

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the additional information which it has been possible to collect and which brings to sixty-one the number of States that have made known their positions concerning this issue, with regard either to the establishment of such representations in their territory or to the conditions offered them in the territory of other States for the establishment of their own offices;
2. Decides that it is no longer necessary to conduct an additional survey and that the sample collected is sufficiently representative to permit the drafting of recommended practices on the various matters relating to that survey;

3. Considers further that the Secretariat is capable, without the help of an outside consultant, to proceed with the drafting of the recommended practices;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the action which this decision calls for, by gathering all such opinions as he may deem necessary from either the member States or, with the agreement of the interested States, from those in charge of tourism representations abroad; and

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to it, at its next session at the beginning of 1983, draft recommended practices, in order to consider their submission to the fifth session of the General Assembly with the understanding that, in conformity with the latter's resolution 99(IV), the recommended practices in question can be adopted as such and without prejudice to the possibility of eventually drawing up an international convention.

CE/DEC/13(XIX)

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Tourism Meeting

Agenda item 11 (document CE/19/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General on the convening, proceedings and conclusions of the World Tourism Meeting held at Acapulco from 21 to 27 August 1982,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the gratifying concordance of views which emerged on the concepts and criteria set forth in the Manila Declaration and the conclusions contained in the final document of the World Tourism Meeting of Acapulco;

2. Is of the opinion that the Acapulco Meeting is an important milestone in the history of tourism, to the extent that it fittingly endorsed the strategy outlined for the implementation of the Manila Declaration;

3. Is also of the opinion that the delegations of States and observers participating in the Acapulco Meeting acted constructively and positively, a fact that can only heighten the effects, significance and impact of such exchanges of views in favour of the development of tourism, as set forth in the Manila Declaration;
4. Expresses its satisfaction at this welcome unanimity of views and action, which has once more united governments in their efforts in favour of tourism;

5. Considers that the Acapulco Document deserves careful reflection so that States may, in complete sovereignty and with due consideration for their social, economic and political structures, draw their inspiration from both the Acapulco Document and the Manila Declaration in preparing their tourism policies at both the national and international level;

6. Emphasizes that, given the short period of time that had elapsed since the adoption of the Manila Declaration, the deliberations of the international community could not have been more positive than they were during the Acapulco Meeting; and

7. Invites the Secretary-General to consider, in the most fitting and satisfactory manner, the request made of him to ensure that a call for freedom of movement is assigned an appropriate place in all the documents and records resulting from the World Tourism Meeting of Acapulco.

CE/DEC/14(XIX)

Report on the measures taken for
the celebration of World Tourism Day

Agenda item 12 (document CE/19/12)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document submitted to it by the Secretary-General on the measures taken for the celebration of World Tourism Day,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the positive and constructive elements contained in the said report;

2. Expresses its satisfaction also that so many countries took particularly fitting measures to celebrate this Day, with the effective participation of Heads of States, heads of religious bodies, high-level political and governmental officials and tourism professionals, with a view to fostering public awareness of the manifold values of tourism, and in particular those stemming from the theme selected for 1982, which aimed at encouraging people to be both good guests and good hosts;

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with intensifying his efforts in 1983 to achieve the same level of participation by member States, the private operational sector and all political, religious and professional bodies concerned, so that the theme decided upon by the General Assembly for 1983, "Travel and holidays are a right but also a responsibility for all", is brought to the attention of the general public to foster its awareness of the values of travel;
4. Hopes that the same favourable response will be achieved next year;

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking all the necessary steps to ensure that this year's aims are attained and to arrange for tourism promotion material and folk arts and crafts to be exhibited in the entrance hall of the Headquarters building;

6. Invites the States Members of the Organization, non-member States and national and international bodies to follow up wherever possible, within their fields of competence, on the appeals made to them in this respect; and

7. Thanks those States and other bodies which already in 1982 responded so aptly and in a spirit of solidarity to the invitation of the General Assembly of WTO.

CE/DEC/15(XIX)

Report on the activities of the Facilitation Committee

Agenda item 13 (document CE/19/13)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report submitted to it by the Chairman of the Committee on Facilitation, the delegate of the United States of America, and the additional information provided orally,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the manner in which the activities of the said Committee continue to proceed in the interest of the States Members of the Organization and the development of world tourism;

2. Is of the opinion that the matters discussed by the Committee at its recent meeting from 24 to 26 November 1982 clearly indicate the competence of the Committee to handle the matters assigned to it as a subsidiary organ by the Executive Council;

3. Endorses the recommendations of the said Committee concerning the preparation of draft standards and recommended practices to be submitted to the Committee by the Secretariat at its third meeting in July 1983, as well as the need to carry out a survey on customs facilities and allowances with a view to updating the Convention of the United Nations of May 1954 concerning Customs Facilities for Touring;

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking the necessary consultations and talks to this end and with reporting back to the Council at its next session;

5. Considers that, as part of the overall activities of the Facilitation Committee, it is appropriate to pursue any action designed to foster awareness among the administrations concerned of the problems of easing travel formalities; and
6. Considers particularly opportune the measure of systematically including facilitation in the agendas of the Regional Commissions;

7. Further entrusts the Secretary-General, in accordance with the recommendation of the Facilitation Committee, with encouraging accession to bilateral and multilateral agreements on tourism facilitation;

8. Is of the opinion that the establishment of national committees in which the administrations concerned could discuss facilitation and travel facilities, is an appropriate measure which would make it possible to coordinate and harmonize nationally and, hence, internationally, through WTO and its regional organs, the various regulations to which travellers are subject or which govern group and private means of transport;

9. Notes that the Committee has provided the Secretariat with guidelines on draft reports on facilitation; and

10. Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing the first edition of a biennial report on facilitation which would evaluate the status of facilitation worldwide and examine and analyse conditions and practices existing in the States Members of WTO in the area of facilitation;

11. Takes note of the matter submitted to the Committee by the Secretary-General concerning a situation existing between two Member States, which falls within the scope of facilitation;

12. Considers that the mandate conferred on the Committee by the Executive Council in decision 12(XI), taken at Torremolinos in September 1979, is sufficiently explicit but that, nevertheless, matters concerning amicable conciliation between States or between States and tourism professionals should be dealt with by procedures that lie outside the scope of the Committee; and

13. Expresses its great appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their work.

CE/DEC/16(XIX)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 14 (document CE/19/14)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the representative of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members, the delegate of ITA,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the role being played by the Affiliate Members, individually or in groups within their Committee, in the context of the Organization's general activities;
2. Commends the work accomplished thus far by the Working Parties which were most appropriately set up by the Committee of Affiliate Members;

3. Encourages the leaders of those Working Parties, acting under the ongoing guidance of the officers of the Committee of Affiliate Members, to carry on with their investigative efforts and to communicate the results thereof to the Secretary-General for circulation to all the Members of the Organization; and

4. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members, his representative and the Committee's officers for their helpful contribution to WTO's endeavours and for their moral support of the Organization through their participation and team spirit.

CE/DEC/17(XIX)

Procedure for the nomination of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 15 (document CE/19/15)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the document submitted to it by the Secretary-General on the procedure for the nomination of the Secretary-General,

1. Decides to follow the same procedures adopted in 1978 and applied in 1979 for the election of the Secretary-General;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all Members are informed of this procedure and that as candidatures are received these are brought to the attention of the Members of the Council.

CE/DEC/18(XIX)

Preparatory work for the fifth session

of the General Assembly

Agenda item 16 (document CE/19/16)

The Executive Council,

Having received the information report on the preparatory work for the fifth session of the General Assembly at New Delhi,

1. Expresses its appreciation for current progress in the preparatory work undertaken by the Indian Government and particularly for the facilities planned in the interests of the participants in this Assembly session;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the Indian Government intends to take all appropriate measures ensuring the avoidance of any logistic, technical or political difficulty; and

3. Thanks the Indian Government for this further evidence of its adherence to the principle of international solidarity.

CE/DEC/19(XIX)

Election of the Council's Officers for 1983

Agenda item 17

The Executive Council,

Faced with the need to replace its Officers, whose terms of office expire on 31 December 1982,

Bearing in mind the terms of rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure according to which the Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for a term of one year,

1. Elects, in accordance with that rule, the following Officers who will assume their functions on 1 January 1983:
   Chairman: Algeria
   First Vice-Chairman: Bulgaria
   Second Vice-Chairman: Syrian Arab Republic

2. Addresses to the representative of the Philippines, Chairman of the Council in 1982, and his Vice-Chairmen, the delegates of Costa Rica and Lebanon, its very warm congratulations and gratitude for their performance.

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Place and date of the twentieth session
of the Executive Council

Agenda item 18

The Executive Council,

Anxious to limit the amount of travel of representatives of member States assuming functions within the Organization,

Having examined the difficulties with which it is faced to see to it that the Executive Council and the Committee on Budget and Finance meet on dates as close to each other as possible,
Having received the kind invitation of Algeria to hold its twentieth session in that country,

1. Decides to accept this invitation, and thanks the Algerian Government for its generous offer;

2. Decides that its twentieth session will be held from 3 to 6 May 1983;

3. Further decides, after consulting with the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, that the latter will meet from 27 to 29 April 1983 at Madrid or Algiers, depending on the outcome of the consultations on this subject between the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Secretary-General.

4. Participants in the nineteenth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cuba, Germany (Federal Republic of), India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, United States of America, Zaire, 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 representative of the International Touring Alliance, Affiliate Member, attended the session as an observer.