



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION
(Madrid, 27-30 April 1982)

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3. Decisions taken by the Council

CE/DEC/1 (XVIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/18/2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the progress report of the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note of the information provided and the observations made on WTO's situation at the present stage of its existence;
2. Urges the Secretary-General to introduce changes in the approach to carrying out the programme and to adapt the working methods to enable WTO, in accordance with its legal nature as an inter-governmental organization, to achieve its aims and play its role in the interest of all its Members; and
3. Thanks him for his report.

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CE/DEC/2 (XVIII)

Draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure
of the Executive Council

Agenda item 2 (document CE/18/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/18/2 Add.1 concerning the procedure which would permit Full Members of the Organization which are not Members of the Council to participate in Council sessions as observers,

Having considered the draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Council contained in the aforementioned document,

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a document for its next session based on a study of this matter, so as to make available to the Council further information which will enable it to take a decision with full knowledge of the facts.

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CE/DEC/3 (XVIII)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents CE/18/3 and CE/18/3 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Takes note with satisfaction of Finland's accession to the Organization and the two new applications for affiliate membership;
 2. Records with satisfaction the requests for information from private tourism organizations and bodies concerning their possible accession to WTO; and
 3. Notes that the Secretary-General is pursuing his constant efforts to increase the membership of WTO so as to enhance its universal nature.
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CE/DEC/4 (XVIII)

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

Agenda item 4(a) (documents CE/18/4(a), CE/18/4(a) Add.1,
CE/18/4(a) Add.2, CE/18/4(a) Add.3,
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The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization and of the five addenda thereto which were submitted to it,

1. Takes note of the said report and of addendum 5 on the statement of contributions received by the Organization between 1 January and 19 April 1982;
2. Expresses once again its concern at the delays by certain Members of the Organization in paying their contributions;

3. Decides to authorize Bangladesh and Lesotho to pay their contributions in accordance with their financial periods, as provided for in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes;
4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing his consultations with Iran with a view to securing payment of that country's outstanding contributions to the Organization's budget and to solicit further information concerning its request for a reduction in its annual contribution to the Organization's budget;
5. Decides to recommend to the Assembly that, owing to the natural disaster which has affected Mali, it comply with that country's request to be exempted from application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and to be permitted to participate in the Organization's activities as a Member with full rights, though the amount due from Mali to the Organization's budget makes it liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes; and
6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with requesting further information from Honduras which has also requested exemption from application of paragraph 13 of the said Rules.

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CE/DEC/5 (XVIII)

Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 4(b) (document CE/18/4(b))

The Executive Council,

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

1. Notes with concern the information it contains on the financial situation of the Organization;
2. Considers that, as a general rule, the proposals contained in the said report are such as to encourage the payment of contributions due to the Organization for the current financial year as well as for previous financial years;
3. Approves, in this connection, paragraph 31 of the said report, under the terms of which the Secretary-General is entrusted with making further official approaches to the States liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes;

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting back to it on the outcome of these approaches, so that the Executive Council has all the necessary information to enable it to take the measures it deems appropriate at its next session;
5. Considers it necessary, before taking any action on paragraph 26 of the aforementioned report, to know, on the one hand, the outcome of the approaches made by the Secretary-General to the States with accumulated contribution arrears and, on the other, how it would be possible to draw up a programme budget for the period 1984-1985 comprising two aspects, one relating to priority activities and the other to a series of activities which, if cash shortfalls were to occur, might not be carried out;
6. Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing a report on this subject and ensuring strict application of the present regulations in a spirit of equity in regard to all the Members of the Organization;
7. Takes note of the revised budget for the financial period 1982-1983, as recommended by the Committee on Budget and Finance and contained in document CE/18/4(c); and
8. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Members of the Committee for their services which are much appreciated.

CE/DEC/6 (XVIII)

Auditors' report on the accounts of the
Organization for the financial year 1981

Agenda item 4(e) (document CE/18/4(e))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Auditors' report on the Organization's accounts for the financial year 1981 intended for the General Assembly,

1. Takes note of their satisfactory observations concerning the financial year in question;
2. Also takes note of the accounts for the financial year 1981 intended for the General Assembly; and
3. Thanks the Auditors for the work carried out.

CE/DEC/7 (XVIII)

Estimates of the costs of holding a
diplomatic conference to draft a convention
on the privileges and immunities of the Organization

Agenda item 5 (document CE/18/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the information prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 98(IV) on the estimate of the costs of holding a diplomatic conference to draft a convention on the privileges and immunities of the Organization in the territories of its member States,

Considering that the discrepancy between the approved budget and actual receipts totalled more than 1 million dollars at 19 April 1982,

Aware that WTO has experienced a pattern of arrearages, has faced liquidity problems as a result of these arrearages, and that the Secretary-General was obliged in 1981 to reduce expenditures by more than 571,000 dollars due to arrearages and may have to make similar reductions in future years,

Recognizing that only eight member States responded to the question of whether they would be prepared to subscribe to a convention on privileges and immunities,

Recognizing further that only three of those eight stated that they were, in principle, prepared to subscribe to the convention,

Considering that so few States are prepared to accede to a convention on privileges and immunities,

Believing that the Assembly would not have voted to hold a conference if it had been in full possession of these facts,

1. Decides to ask the Assembly to reconsider its decision to hold a diplomatic conference; and
 2. Entrusts the Secretary-General meanwhile, in response to the General Assembly's main concerns about the conditions offered to the Organization when it holds meetings in the territories of its member States, with drawing up, for transmission to the Council at its next session, a list of essential conditions, on the basis of which it will be possible to negotiate the rights and obligations of each of the two parties concerned in each instance.
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CE/DEC/8 (XVIII)

Proposed amendment to the Statutes to create
a seat on the Council for the host State

Agenda item 6 (documents CE/18/6 and CE/18/6 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 114(IV) by which Spain was invited to sit on the Council as a privileged Member as host State of the Headquarters of the Organization,

Having examined the proposed amendment drawn up pursuant to the aforementioned General Assembly resolution,

1. Recommends that the amendment as worded below be introduced as paragraph 1(a) of Article 14 of the Statutes concerning the Executive Council:

"The host State of the Headquarters of the Organization shall have a permanent seat on the Executive Council, without thereby affecting the principle of just and equitable regional representation."

2. Instructs the Secretary-General to initiate the amendment procedure prescribed in Article 33 of the Statutes of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/9 (XVIII)

Proposed amendment to the Statutes to introduce the principle
of ineligibility for immediate re-election to the Council^{1/}

Agenda item 7 (document CE/18/7)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 115(IV) relative to the rotation of the Members of the Executive Council,

- ^{1/}Note: The Executive Council, in its discussion of agenda item 7 concerning the proposed amendment to the Statutes to introduce the principle of ineligibility for immediate re-election to the Council, agreed to inform the Members of the Organization of a proposal put forward by the delegation of the United States of America regarding this item, according to which proposal it would be preferable for the last sentence of Article 15 to be amended to read as follows:

"Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years with due consideration given to the principle of rotation in electing Members."

Having discussed this question on the basis of a draft amendment,

1. Decides to recommend the addition of the following sentence at the end of Article 15 of the Statutes:

"The terms of office of the Members of the Council shall not be immediately renewable upon expiration."

2. Proposes also to the Assembly that it delete the transitory provision of Article 15 of the Statutes relating to the terms of office of the Members of the first Executive Council, which provision has ceased to serve any purpose; and
3. Instructs the Secretary-General to initiate the amendment procedure prescribed in Article 33 of the Statutes of the Organization.

1/Note (cont.): This proposal was put forward by the United States as a substitute for the draft amendment submitted by the Secretary-General and contained in paragraph 1 above so as to ensure that the right to representation (on the Council) of small regions and subregions would be fully protected and ensured under all circumstances.

The US delegation pointed out that:

- (a) a significant number of Members are now in arrears;
 - (b) some of these Members are concentrated in small Regional Commissions or in subregions;
 - (c) some regions or subregions would thus face the alternative - unless the US amendment is adopted - of having no representative on the Council or of having to ask a sitting Member to serve a consecutive term;
 - (d) to ensure fair treatment of all regions, as well as the right of representation, the wording of the amendment called for by Assembly resolution 115(IV) ought to be flexible enough both to establish the principle of rotation and to provide for exceptional circumstances in which a Regional Commission, for reasons related to rightful representation, deems it advisable to renominate a present Member to serve another term;
 - (e) the Executive Council has the right, and under certain circumstances the responsibility, to ask the Assembly to reconsider or modify a decision.
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CE/DEC/10 (XVIII)

Powers and fields of competence of
subsidiary organs of the Council (CBF, TCPC)

Agenda item 8 (document CE/18/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report issued following General Assembly resolution 103(IV) relating to the rationalization and presentation of the programme of activities of WTO,

1. Recognizes the usefulness of undertaking a study to facilitate the Secretariat's task and enable the Members of the Organization better to assess the projects carried out under the general programme of work;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to plan such a study within the limits of available funds and, in so doing, to appeal to the good will of the Members, asking them to designate persons who can offer their services and technical knowledge for that purpose;
3. Appeals to the Members of the Council which have expressed their interest in this matter to act on that interest by making an appropriate technical contribution;
4. Considers that the subsidiary organs charged with assisting the Council with advice and comments on both the programme of work and financial matters are functioning satisfactorily;
5. Is of the opinion that the functions and tasks assigned to the Committee on Budget and Finance and to the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination are broad enough for those two subsidiary organs of the Council to play the role expected of them without restrictions or limitations; and
6. Recommends closer cooperation between these two Committees in the preparation of the draft programme and budget of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/11 (XVIII)

Preliminary survey on the status of
tourism representations abroad

Agenda item 9 (document CE/18/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report on the preliminary study on the status of tourism representation abroad, submitted to it by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 99 (IV),

1. Declares its satisfaction at the document as a whole;
2. Decides, in order for a new document to be submitted to the Assembly on this subject, that:
 - (a) the Secretary-General will carry out a new survey of the fifty-two States which have not yet made known their position on this matter, so as to complete the information necessary for reaching a decision, with full knowledge of the facts, on the action called for by this survey;
 - (b) an analysis, together with a summary, of the replies received from the various States will be submitted to it at its next ordinary session in 1982;
 - (c) upon receipt of this information, it will take what further steps are necessary to complete this project; and
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with following up on this decision.

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CE/DEC/12 (XVIII)

Implementation of the general programme
of work for the period 1982-1983

Agenda item 10 (document CE/18/10)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the progress report on implementation of the general programme of work for the period 1982-1983 submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

Having discussed the various issues covered in the document in question and the comments arising out of the analysis of the general programme of work by the member States of the Council,

1. Believes that, generally speaking, the general programme of work and the methods followed in executing it, both in theory and practice, reflect a satisfactory degree of efficacy given the limits on the human and budgetary resources involved;
 2. Emphasizes the importance of the most rapid possible distribution of statistics on tourism traffic and receipts, with particular reference to domestic tourism, for which the Secretariat has been instructed, in the framework of the present period, to prepare a definition;
 3. Emphasizes also the importance of disseminating information on latest global tourism trends and similar regional and country trends;
 4. Recognizes the shortcomings in the means available to the Secretariat for collecting the information necessary to it as it attempts to prepare all aspects of the general programme of work;
 5. Recommends to the Secretary-General that he not hesitate, in any appropriate case, without prejudice to the safeguarding of governmental interests, to appeal to private entities, particularly Affiliate Members and other international organizations, for their collaboration;
 6. Takes note with interest of the possibilities of utilizing, in all sectors of tourism activity, advanced techniques including automated data processing procedures such as computerization and remote data processing, preserving, in the practical introduction of such advanced technologies, the interests of the developing countries for which technology transfer may, under certain conditions, require a phased approach enabling said countries to assimilate and utilize such techniques under the conditions prevailing in them;
 7. Takes note with pleasure of the fact that the Secretariat has already computerized tourism statistics;
 8. Expresses its wish that increasing use of automated techniques may be made by the Secretariat within budgetary limits;
 9. Observes that the Secretariat's activities in the field are constantly expanding at the collective and individual levels, as described in document CE/18/10; and
 10. Recommends that actions designed to ensure better transfers of know-how to States in the different regions of the world be stressed so that the Members may derive the greatest benefit from the expertise accumulated within the Secretariat in the framework of the general programme of work.
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CE/DEC/13(XVIII)

Decentralization of the Organization's activities

Agenda item 11 (document CE/18/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 101(IV) concerning the decentralization of the Organization's activities, of its Annex on the operational activities for 1982 and of the additional explanations provided by the Secretary-General,

Having heard the statements of certain delegations concerning the steps taken by the Secretary-General to implement the aforementioned resolution,

Noting that in these statements the Secretary-General was requested to take account, in the new working conceptions for field operations, of the remarks made on this subject,

Recognizing the need to maintain and enhance the present level of activities of the various Regional Commissions so as to achieve greater efficiency,

Having heard the explanations provided by the Secretary-General concerning all the steps taken to implement most effectively and rationally the aforementioned General Assembly resolution 101(IV) and his assurances in this regard,

1. Declares its satisfaction at the overall situation; and
2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed in the most appropriate manner and to consult the Regional Commissions to obtain their recommendations so that the new approach to the decentralization of the Organization's activities yields the fruits hoped for by all the member States, while maintaining in the field the regional units of WTO so as to ensure the Organization's presence at the regional level.

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CE/DEC/14(XVIII)Preparatory work for the World Tourism Meeting

Agenda item 12 (document CE/18/12)

The Executive Council,

Having noted with interest the document on the preparatory work for the World Tourism Meeting,

Having heard the additional explanations provided by the Secretary-General on this subject,

Noting that all the preparatory work has proceeded in accordance with the guiding principles provided by the Fourth General Assembly on the basis of document A/4/16 prepared on this subject,

Having heard the statements made in this regard,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the draft provisional agenda for the Acapulco Meeting into line with the proposals put forward by certain delegations and concerning in the main items 7, 8(a) and 8(c) of the provisional agenda;
2. Confirms that the Acapulco Meeting is primarily an international meeting of plenipotentiaries at the ministerial level and will be concerned with policy rather than technical matters;
3. Recalls that the Meeting in question is placed under the jurisdiction of the WTO General Assembly which must be reported back to, and to which must be submitted the final legal instrument embodying the discussions of the said Meeting;
4. Recalls further that the final instrument will not be of a binding nature, but will essentially constitute a common stand on the part of all the participants, since the aim is to offer guidance to the States for the formulation of their tourism policies so that they reflect the spirit of the Manila Declaration confirmed by resolution 106(IV) of the General Assembly of WTO and by resolution 36/41 of the United Nations General Assembly;
5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with proceeding in accordance with the specified guidelines, taking into account the comments made by the Council on this subject; and
6. Thanks the Government of Mexico for the exemplary measures already taken to secure the best possible working conditions for all the participants in this international gathering.

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CE/DEC/15 (XVIII)

Plan of action for World Tourism Day

Agenda item 13 (document CE/18/13)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note with interest of the document concerning World Tourism Day, the celebration of which is chiefly aimed at furthering knowledge of the extent to which the need for holidays, travel and movements for leisure purposes is satisfied, so as to foster awareness among the authorities, professionals and users of tourism services,

Emphasizing the importance of the following theme decided upon by the General Assembly for 1982: Pride in travel: good guests and good hosts;

1. Invites the member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members to take the appropriate action at all levels, so far as possible and within the limits of their fields of competence, for the celebration of World Tourism Day;
2. Requests them to take all the necessary steps in this connection to foster awareness of the social, cultural, educational, and economic values of tourism;
3. Invites them to take into account for this purpose the list of ideas, suggestions and proposals contained in section C of document CE/18/13; and
4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with circulating this decision, together with the aforementioned list of suggestions, to all the Members of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/16 (XVIII)

Draft WTO-UNEP joint declaration

Agenda item 14 (document CE/18/14)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/18/14 concerning the relations between the World Tourism Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),

Recalling that an arrangement for consultation and cooperation has already been established between the Secretariats of these two Organizations,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the outcome of the consultations which took place between the Secretary-General of WTO and the Executive Director of UNEP;
 2. Also notes with satisfaction the joint WTO-UNEP declaration established between the Secretary-General of WTO and the Executive Director of UNEP; and
 3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing this cooperation with UNEP, within the framework also of the work assigned to the Environment Committee, a subsidiary organ of the Council.
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CE/DEC/17(XVIII)

Fifth session of the General Assembly at New Delhi

Agenda item 15 (document CE/18/15)

The Executive Council,

Having taken careful note of document CE/18/15 on the preparatory work for the fifth session of the General Assembly of WTO to be held at New Delhi at the invitation of the Government of India,

Having noted that in the negotiations under way between the Secretary-General of WTO and the representatives of the Government of India some questions have appeared to merit more sustained attention,

Having heard the additional information provided by the Secretary-General on this matter,

Having also heard the statements of the head of the Indian delegation on the preparations already initiated by the Government of India for hosting the General Assembly of WTO in the best possible conditions,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the progress made and the assurances furnished by the head of the Indian delegation;
2. Is of the opinion that the fifth session of the General Assembly will take place in the best possible conditions as is consistent with the Indian tradition of hospitality and efficiency;
3. Notes, having heard the delegation of India, that the Government of that country will make every effort to ensure that all the States Members of WTO take part in the proceedings of the fifth session of the General Assembly;
4. Decides that the fifth session of the General Assembly will be held from 3 to 14 October 1983; and
5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing his consultations with the representatives of the Government of India and to follow the usual procedure for imparting to all the Members all the information necessary to enable them to participate in the fifth session of the General Assembly in the best possible conditions.

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CE/DEC/18 (XVIII)

Activities of the subsidiary organs of the Council

Agenda item 16 (document CE/18/16)

The Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report on the activities of the subsidiary organs of the Council;
 2. Decides that Syria and Lebanon shall participate as Members with full rights in the Environment Committee and the Facilitation Committee, respectively.
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CE/DEC/19 (XVIII)

Activities of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 17 (document CE/18/17)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members on the activities of the Committee,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the positive results achieved by the Affiliate Members and at the spirit that pervades their work, which justify their membership of the Organization;
2. Requests the Affiliate Members to respond in the most positive manner to the requests for information which may be made to them where appropriate by the Secretary-General, with a view to obtaining from the various sectors of tourism that they represent the information required for the preparation and execution of the general programme of work;
3. Encourages the Affiliate Members to continue the work of the specialized Working Parties set up within their Committee;
4. Recommends that the Affiliate Members cooperate with the Secretary-General with a view to securing the accession to the Organization of an increasingly representative number of bodies from the travel sector so as to ensure fuller dialogue between the administrations on the one hand and the operational sector that they represent on the other;

5. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members for his comprehensive statement; and
 6. Requests him to acquaint the Affiliate Members with the Council's appreciation at the next meeting of their Committee to be held at Madrid in May 1982.
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CE/DEC/20(XVIII)

Dates of the nineteenth session of the
Council, the fifth meeting of the TCPC
and the ninth meeting of the CBF

Agenda item 18

The Executive Council,

1. Decides to hold its nineteenth session at the Organization's Headquarters from 7 to 10 December 1982;
 2. Further decides that the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (TCPC) will hold its fifth meeting from 20 to 22 October 1982 and that the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) will hold its ninth meeting from 1 to 3 December 1982. These two meetings will take place at the Organization's Headquarters.
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4. Participants in the eighteenth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Algeria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Germany (Federal Republic of), India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, 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 Auditors of the Organization (Kenya and Spain) were present.
4. The Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members was present.
5. Representatives of Belgium and Panama attended the session as observers.