

WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION (Madrid, 9-13 December 1980)

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CE/DEC/1 (XIV)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/14/2)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the progress report of the Secretary-General,

Takes note with satisfaction of the various sections of the report relating to the increased services provided by the Organization and to the development of tourism in 1980, as well as to the overall priorities to be established for the future to enable WTO to play its vital role, in particular following the adoption of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism by the World Tourism Conference (Manila, September-October 1980);

Further notes the Secretary-General's statements concerning the particular attention paid in all the activities of the Organization to the interests of the developing countries, in accordance with Article 3(3) of the Organization's Statutes;

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the WTO Commission for the Middle East and the parties concerned, to appoint representatives of this region to the Facilitation and Environment Committees:

Is of the opinion that the Organization's Members should not only benefit from the services and assistance provided by the Organization, but should also take a most active part in applying the findings of research work and the results of technical meetings, to enable WTO increasingly to adapt its working methods to the needs of Members in the most effective manner;

Takes note of the ratifications received of the amendments to be made to Article 38 of the Statutes and paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes:

<u>Invites</u> Members to send their instruments of ratification to the Depositary of the Statutes as soon as they are able; and

Requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement the general programme of work in all its stages and to take the necessary follow-up action in accordance with the relevant Assembly resolutions and Council decisions, and in particular to take the appropriate measures to achieve greater rationalization in carrying out the study and operations programmes.

CE/DEC/2(XIV)

WTO Commission for the Middle East

Agenda item 2 (document CE/14/2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the measures taken by the Secretary-General with a view to applying both General Assembly resolution 65(III) and Executive Council decision 2(XIII) concerning the WTO Commission for the Middle East,

<u>Having observed</u> that the efforts made to enable the member States of that region to meet for purely technical purposes, without prejudice to the composition of the WTO Commission, have been unsuccessful,

Notes that a new initiative has been taken to that same end;

<u>Having heard</u> the opinions expressed by Members of the Council concerning this question,

<u>Endorses</u> the proposal of the Secretary-General to postpone examination of this question to the fifteenth session of the Executive Council which will recommend, for the approval of the General Assembly, a procedure for handling this issue;

<u>Is of the opinion</u> that only the General Assembly is in a position to arrive at a decision on this situation;

Requests the Secretary-General to bring it up to date at its next session on the results obtained by the current initiative and to report to it on the situation as a whole.

CE/DEC/3(XIV)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents CE/14/3 and CE/14/3 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having taken note</u> of the Secretary-General's report on the membership of the Organization,

Notes the approaches made by the Secretary-General to non-member States with a view to their accession to WTO:

Expresses its satisfaction at the applications for full membership announced in the Secretary-General's report;

Expresses its satisfaction also at the applications for associate and affiliate membership announced in the said report;

<u>Takes note</u> of the approaches made by the Secretary-General to those governments which have withdrawn from the Organization requesting them to reconsider their decision; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing his action in that sense.

CE/DEC/4 (XIV)

Interim report on the administrative accounts for 1980

Agenda item 4(a) (documents CE/14/4(a) and CE/14/4(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the interim report on the administrative accounts for 1980 submitted by the Secretary-General in documents CE/14/4(a) and CE/14/4(a) Add.1.

CE/DEC/5 (XIV)

Arrears in contributions and advances
to the Working Capital Fund

Agenda item 4(b) (document CE/14/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/14/4(b) on the arrears in contributions and advances to the Working Capital Fund,

Recognizing that non-payment of member-assessed contributions seriously impedes the operation of WTO,

Believing that this problem must be solved,

Recognizing that the Executive Council is empowered to "submit reports and recommendations on the Organization's accounts and budget estimates to the Assembly" (Article 19(e) of the Statutes) and to "take such administrative and technical decisions as may be necessary" between sessions of the Assembly and in the absence of any contrary provisions in the Statutes (Article 20),

Recognizing further that the Assembly is empowered to "approve the Financial Regulations of the Organization" (Article 12(d) of the Statutes) and to "supervise the financial policies of the Organization and to review and approve the budget " (Article 12(i)),

Noting that the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, mandated by two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, require that "a Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization's expenditure shall be deprived of the privileges enjoyed by Members in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years..." (paragraph 13),

Observing that six Full Members as of December 1980 are five years in arrears and that seven are four years in arrears,

Observing further that four Members of the Council are in arrears in the payment of their financial year 1980 assessments,

Requests the Secretary-General to inform the thirteen Full Members which are four or more years in arrears that, in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, they are deprived of the privileges enjoyed by Members in the form of services and of the right to vote unless they have settled their arrearages, or explained the circumstances surrounding their failure to pay, by 31 March 1981;

<u>Asks</u> the Secretary-General, insofar as is practicable, to transmit this notification to those Members through their respective embassies in Madrid:

Suggests that when the Secretary-General, in accordance with regulation 8 of the Financial Regulations, reminds Full Members which are one or more years in arrears of the provisions of regulation 8(2), he use formal diplomatic channels:

Recommends that the Assembly amend the Financing Rules to prohibit (1) Members which are one or more years in arrears from serving on the Executive Council or holding offices within the General Assembly; and to require that (2) Members which are one or more years in arrears and which have failed to explain the nature of the circumstances surrounding their failure to pay and to indicate the measures to be taken to settle their respective arrearages, shall be assessed a penalty amounting to not less than 2 per cent of their respective contributions due;

Requests the Secretary-General to circulate this suggested amendment to all Full Members at least six months prior to the convening of the Fourth General Assembly.

CE/DEC/6(XIV)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the general programme of work for the period 1980-1981

Agenda item 5 (document CE/14/5)

The Executive Council,

<u>Fakes note with satisfaction</u> of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the general programme of work for the period 1980-1981;

Requests the Secretary-General to continue to carry out the programme in pursuance of the decisions of the General Assembly and taking due account of the comments made by the Members of the Council on the various sections of the said programme.

CE/DEC/7(XIV)

Report on vocational training activities Agenda item 6 (document CE/14/6)

The Executive Council,

<u>Having noted with satisfaction</u> the Secretary-General's report on the overall vocational training activities of the Organization by means of studies, technical meetings, operational missions, technical cooperation projects and CIEST operations,

Bearing in mind the emphasis that Members of the Organization have continuously placed on the vital importance of tourism training and manpower development,

Recalling its earlier decisions in this field, particularly decision 12(XIII), affirming the decisive and central role of the Organization in vocational training, and emphasizing the need for member States to designate it as the executing agency for the implementation of vocational training projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting the various measures taken by the Secretary-General to implement the decisions mentioned in the preceding paragraph,

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Having taken cognizance of the recommendations made by the World Tourism Conference held at Manila from 27 September to 10 October 1980 urging the World Tourism Organization to set forth new objectives in regard to vocational training in order to meet adequately the future needs of the tourism sector and to continue fully to assume the fundamental role and responsibilities, in respect of vocational training for tourism in particular, in its capacity as an executing agency of UNDP :

Reiterates its conviction that the World Tourism Organization must justify the expectations placed in it by its Members by playing effectively a decisive and central role in the field of tourism, particularly in the matter of vocational training and manpower development to which they attach the utmost priority;

Views with concern any duplication of effort in the area of tourism training provided by international technical agencies which may lead to the creation of training facilities and capabilities not in keeping with the overall tourism policy and the integrated planned development of the countries concerned:

<u>Urges</u> the member States, UNDP and other international and regional bodies concerned with the developmental endeavour of the international community in favour of the developing countries, to take the measures they may deem appropriate to ensure the pre-eminent and leading position of the World Tourism Organization in the field of vocational training in tourism.

CE/DEC/8 (XIV)

Vocational training activities Agenda item 6 (document CE/14/6)

The Executive Council,

Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on vocational training activities and thanks him for it;

Takes cognizance of the implementation of the Council's decisions concerning the establishment of a long-term WTO policy in the field of vocational training;

y de la companya de l Takes cogrizance also of the specific measures already under way to take up the offers by the Governments of Morocco and the Philippines concerning the establishment of regional vocational training centres;

Notes with satisfaction the offer of Kenya to place at the disposal of nationals of English-speaking African countries, on a regional basis, the tourism and hotel training facilities of Utalii College;

Thanks the Governments of Kenya, Morocco and the Philippines for the generous act of solidarity performed by them;

Also thanks the Romanian Government for having placed at the Organization's disposal the Centre for the Training and Development of Hotel and Tourism Personnel, thus making possible two study cycles for African nationals;

Also addresses its thanks to UNDP, particularly the Regional Director for Africa, for having contributed in an original manner to the realization of this WTO initiative;

Congratulates the new leaders of Mexican tourism for the new responsibilities entrusted to them;

Expresses its gratitude to the Mexican Government for having made it possible to carry out the eleventh study cycle of CIEST;

Expresses the hope that all may look forward to continued growth of CIEST's vocational training activities in the interests of developing countries, thanks to the generous contribution of the Mexican Government;

Requests the Secretary-General to

- (1) continue the project undertaken with the aid of consultants to establish a long-term WTO vocational training policy, in accordance with the guidelines of the plans transmitted to the Council, and
- (2) take all other steps within the scope of the Organization's human and financial resources in implementation of former Council decisions concerning short-term WTO activities in the field of vocational training and, with particular reference to CIEST, the strengthening of the Secretariat General's Vocational Training Unit and the setting up of regional centres in Kenya, Morocco and the Philippines:

Requests the Secretary-General to explore, as previously suggested, any other possibilities that might accelerate and strengthen WTO's vocational training activities in conjunction with those existing in the context of the member States, international organizations and multilateral cooperation.

CE/DEC/9 (MIV)

<u>Draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code</u>

Agenda item 7 (document CE/14/7)

The Executive Council,

<u>Takes note</u> of the Secretary-General's report on the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code and of the remarks expressed by delegations on this report:

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the said remarks to the Working Party and to ensure that the factors included in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism are incorporated in the appropriate manner in the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code, in accordance with the request made to the Council by various delegations; and

Further requests the Secretary-General to inform the Organization's Members that the time limit for receiving comments on the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code has been extended to 17 January 1981 to give all the Members of the Organization sufficient time to make known their views, comments and suggestions concerning this document, the aim of which is to guide the Organization's activities and inspire member States in the formulation of their domestic policies.

CE/DEC/10(XIV)

Study on the needs of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8 (document CE/14/8)

The Executive Council,

<u>Takes note with satisfaction</u> of the Secretary-General's report on the study on the needs of Affiliate Members;

Considers that the Affiliate Members' appraisals resulting from the survey concluded on the aforementioned study are extremely encouraging for the Organization, which finds therein a fitting response to the concern expressed by governments when they conferred upon the public and private operational sector, both commercial and non-commercial, membership rather than a purely consultative status;

Requests the Secretary-General to take due account of the findings of the survey with a view to improving the services provided to Affiliate Members to enable them to contribute ever more fully to the general activities of the Organization, viewed as a set of measures designed to meet the common needs of the national tourism administrations and the travel trade; and

Requests the A	Affiliate Members	to continue	to show the	same interest
that emerged f	from the survey i	n their parti	cipation in	the Organization,
by maintaining	g their positive	contribution	to all the	Organization's
work.	==			

CE/DEC/11(XTV)

World Tourism Day

Agenda item 9 (document CE/14/9)

The Executive Council,

Takes cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1980; and

Recalls to the Members of the Organization the wish expressed by the General Assembly that the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1981 on the theme "Tourism and the quality of life" should be made to arouse the widest interest in collaboration with the national and international authorities concerned.

CE/DEC/12(XIV)

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Draft general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1982-1983

Agenda items 10 and 11 (documents CE/14/10, CE/14/10 Add.1 and CE/14/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the draft general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1982-1983 prepared by the Secretary-General,

<u>Having taken cognizance</u> of the report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination concerning that draft,

Having heard the various remarks delivered on that draft programme, particularly concerning the need to set goals and priorities as well as to continue the standard-setting role which the Organization is called upon to play,

<u>Instructs</u> the Secretary-General to draw up, in accordance with the usual procedure, figures indicating the costs of the studies and operations provided for in the general programme of work in the framework of the programme budget;

Reserves for a later date, when it has acquainted itself with the overall financial implications of such a programme for the period 1982-1983, its final decision on the draft programme budget to be submitted to the General Assembly;

Notes that at the fourth session of the General Assembly the draft general programme of work will be accompanied by the financial data contained in the aforementioned document entitled draft programme budget of the Organization for the period 1982-1983.

CE/DEC/13(XIV)

Property and

World Tourism Conference

Agenda item 12 (document CE/14/12)

The Executive Council,

<u>Takes cognizance</u> of the report of the Secretary-General on the World Tourism Conference and thanks him for it;

Requests the Secretary-General to make known at its next session the plans, action and strategy contemplated to implement the Manila Declaration on World Tourism within and outside WTO, in tourism circles, and in circles having an interest in the objectives of the said Declaration, in Conformity with the additional data furnished by him upon presentation of his report;

Recognizes that the detailed and long-range application of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism will by its nature actively commit WTO in the years ahead to continuing and diligent action designed to affirm steadily and through the most appropriate means the validity of the decisions taken by the States at Manila.

CE/DEC/14 (XIV)

WTO Headquarters building

Agenda item 13 (document CE/14/13)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the application of the Agreement between the Organization and the Spanish Government concerning the Headquarters building of the Organization,

Requests the Secretary-General to convey to the Spanish Government its gratitude for the quality of the building and equipment placed at WTO's disposal and to transmit its great satisfaction and appreciation concerning the particularly generous conditions under which this measure has been taken;

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the next session of the Council a report on the financial consequences of operating and maintaining the building and the equipment.

CE/DEC/15 (XIV)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 14 (document CE/14/14)

The Executive Council,

<u>Takes cognizance</u> of the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members; and

Expresses its satisfaction at the activities carried out and the efforts made by the Affiliate Members in the general framework of the Organization's endeavours in furtherance of tourism, and encourages them to continue their activities.

CE/DEC/16(XIV)

Date of the fourth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 15

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 82(III) by which it accepted the offer of the Italian Government to hold the fourth session of the General Assembly at Rome,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the arrangements proposed by the Italian Government for the exact place and dates of this meeting,

<u>Decides</u> that the fourth session of the General Assembly will be held at the EUR Centre at Rome from 14 to 25 September 1981.

CE/DEC/17(XIV)

Place and date of the fifteenth session

of the Executive Council

Agenda item 18

The Executive Council,

Has decided to hold its fifteenth session from 12 to 16 Key 1981:

Takes cognizance of the invitation of the Moroccan Government to hold that session in Morocco;

<u>Accepts</u> that generous invitation and expresses its gratitude to the Moroccan Government;

<u>Instructs</u> the Secretary-General to enter into the necessary consultations and negotiations with the appropriate representatives of the Moroccan Government with a view to holding the fifteenth session within the financial limits provided for in the budget.

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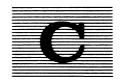
4. Participants in the fourteenth session

- 1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Cuba, Egypt, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zaire.
- 2. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Jordan) was present.
- 3. The Committee of Affiliate Members was represented by its Chairman and one of its Vice-Chairmen.
- 4. The representative of Gibraltar, Associate Member, was present.

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Addendum

CE/DEC/18(XIV)

Include in the decisions taken by the Executive Council at its fourteenth session, decision 18(XIV) which was omitted.

Election of the Executive Council's Officers for 1981

Agenda item 16

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the fact that the term of office of its present
Officers is due to expire on 31 December 1980,

<u>Elects</u>, in accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, the following Officers for the year 1981:

Chairman:

Nepal

First Vice-Chairman:

Iraq

Second Vice-Chairman:

Romania

Warmly congratulates Mrs. Zahia Essakali, Chairman-in-office of the Executive Council on the exemplary course of action adopted.

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