DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION

(Madrid, 21-24 April 1980)

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CE/DEC/1(XIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/13/2)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General, for which it thanks him.

CE/DEC/2(XIII)

WTO Commission for the Middle East

Agenda item 2 (document CE/13/2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken in pursuance of resolution 65(III) of the General Assembly, relative to the WTO Regional Commission for the Middle East,

Takes note of the efforts made by the Secretary-General to supply the Executive Council with the information it requires in order to take "appropriate measures to enable the Commission to function normally";

Observes that the consultations opened by the Secretary-General are still under way; and

Confidently hopes that the consultations will be successful and that the Council will be supplied at its next meeting with the information it requires to take the appropriate decisions.
CE/DEC/3(XIII)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents CE/13/3 and CE/13/3 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the membership of the Organization, contained in documents CE/13/3 and CE/13/3 Add.1,

Welcomes the new applications for full, associate and affiliate membership announced in said report;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing his approaches with a view to obtaining new applications for full membership; and

Further entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing his approaches to the Members who have withdrawn from the Organization with a view to their reconsideration of that decision.

CE/DEC/4(XIII)

Financial matters

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/13/4(a), CE/13/4(b), CE/13/4(b) Add.1, CE/13/4(c), CE/13/4(c) Add.1, CE/13/4(c) Add.2, CE/13/4(c) Corr.1 and CE/13/4(d))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, on financial matters relative to the Organization, on the one hand,

Having noted the comments made by the Secretary-General on the documents submitted to the Council under agenda item 4, on the other hand,
Approves the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and in particular his proposal to recommend to the General Assembly that Lebanon be exempted from its contribution for the financial year 1980;

Takes cognizance of the report of the Auditors on the accounts for the financial year 1979;

Takes note also of the following reports submitted to the Council by the Secretary-General and which were the subject of comments made by the Chairman of the CBF:

- Interim report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's financial position
- Administrative accounts for the financial year 1979

Requests the Committee on Budget and Finance to examine the various solutions which might be envisaged to bring Members regularly to settle their financial commitments to WTO;

Further requests the CBF to study and recommend to the Council solutions calculated to avoid the occurrence during the financial year of cash and even budgetary shortfalls and to examine, for that purpose, the Financial Regulations with a view to supplementing them where necessary with adequate provisions; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing his present economical management methods and with pursuing constantly his approaches aimed at ensuring that the Members of the Organization fulfil their financial commitments.

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CE/DEC/5(XIII)

Salary of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 4(a) (document CE/13/4(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the addendum to the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (document CE/13/4(a) Add.1),
Accepts the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning the increase in the salary of the Secretary-General by 10 per cent as well as the effect of this measure on common staff costs; and

Authorizes for this purpose the transfer of the necessary appropriations from Part VII (Other Budgetary Provisions) to Part II (General Management and Relations), Section 1 (General Management).

CE/DEC/6 (XIII)

Special Agreement on the Headquarters building between the World Tourism Organization and Spain

Agenda item 5 (document CE/13/5)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the conclusion of the Headquarters building Agreement, and

Having noticed with satisfaction the efforts made by the Spanish Government to enable the Organization to function in the best possible conditions, both material and psychological;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with conveying to the Spanish Government, on behalf of all the Members of the Organization, their warm gratitude for that gesture which does credit to Spain and which provides the Organization with the instrument appropriate to its level of responsibility in world tourism.

CE/DEC/7(XIII)

Negotiations for the Renewal of supplemental agreements concluded with countries hosting Regional Secretariats

Agenda item 6 (documents CE/13/6 and CE/13/6 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Takes cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress of negotiations for the renewal of supplemental agreements concluded with countries hosting Regional Secretariats;
Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing those negotiations and with keeping it informed thereof; and

Requests the Secretary-General to convey, on the Council's behalf, to the governments of the host countries concerned the Organization's gratitude for their generous contribution to the proper functioning of the Regional Secretariats and thereby of the entire Organization, in the general interest of tourism.

CE/DEC/8(XIII)

Relations with other international organizations

Agenda item 7 (documents CE/13/7 and CE/13/7 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on relations between WTO and other international organizations,

Instructs the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations and approaches in order to continue to emphasize the central and decisive role which WTO is required to play in the field of tourism within the international system of organizations, in accordance with its statutory terms of reference; and

Desires that the member States be regularly informed of the results of such consultations and of the participation of WTO in the activities of those organizations.

CE/DEC/9(XIII)

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of WTO

Agenda item 8 (document CE/13/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the procedure for consulting member States concerning preparation of the draft Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of WTO in the territories of its member States,
Having observed that differences of opinion persist in the draft Convention concerning sub-paragraph (b) of section 19 on the subject of establishing a system of internal taxation of salaries within WTO,

Having taken note of the suggestions made during the discussion on this subject, and of the comments concerning immunities on the occasion of traffic accidents,

Requests the Secretary-General

(a) to prepare an information document describing the different procedures recommended during the Council's discussion with regard to the possible establishment of a tax-exemption system for WTO personnel, bearing in mind similar systems within other international organizations and the financial repercussions which such a system would have upon WTO;

(b) to distribute that document to member States to enable them to communicate their views on the subject and to indicate, additionally and by way of ascertaining broader opinion, whether they would theoretically be disposed to subscribe to such a Convention;

(c) to prepare for submission to the Council's fourteenth session a report on replies received from member States following that survey, to enable the Council to take a decision on the matter based on full knowledge of the facts; and

Reserves the right to decide later, having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report, whether it would be appropriate to enlist a specialist to assist the Secretariat in preparing such a document which would ultimately have to be submitted to the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/10 (XIII)

Operational activities of the Organization

Agenda item 9 (document CE/13/9)

The Executive Council,

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

Noting with satisfaction that the Organization is entering with ever-increasing efficiency into the operational phase of its activity, using to advantage in the field the results of its research work,
Takes cognizance of progress made in the general programme of work as decided by the General Assembly at its third session; and

Requests the Secretary-General to continue implementing this programme with the flexibility required to deal with the constraints and unpredictable conditions of contemporary tourism, in order to achieve the aims set by the General Assembly.

CE/DEC/11(III)

Vocational training activities

Agenda item 10 (document CE/13/10)

The Executive Council,

Recalling that tourism is based essentially on the delivery of services and therefore relies on the human qualities and professional skills of personnel in all the tourism professions and that WTO, following IUOTO, has placed this activity among its priority concerns,

Bearing in mind the legitimate interest of Members of the Organization, especially developing countries, in vocational training,

Emphasizing that vocational training should not be regarded solely as a technical cooperation activity but normally should be an aspect of the Organization's ordinary programme of work,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on the overall vocational training activities of the Organization, in particular CEBST operations and the project to be carried out, in cooperation with the Government of Venezuela, to set up a World Hotel Training Centre,

Considering that in spite of the praiseworthy efforts of the Organization resources continue to be inadequate to fund the establishment of vocational training programmes at all levels of the tourism sector to satisfy the needs of Members, particularly the developing countries,

Having heard the various statements made by the Members of the Council concerning this agenda item,

Observing with satisfaction the consensus and constructive attitude which has emerged from these statements,
Seeking to permit the Organization to set up a feasible WTO programme of vocational training to meet, so far as available means allow, its Members' needs,

Keeping in view the requirements of regionalization of vocational training acknowledged unanimously by the Members of the Executive Council,

Takes note of the offer by the Government of the Philippines to conclude an agreement with WTO to prepare a vocational training programme meeting the needs of Members of the region by making use of the installations, services and facilities of the Asian Institute of Tourism at Manila;

Takes note also of the offer by the Government of Morocco to make available to WTO a centre duly built and equipped by said Government for vocational training activities at regional level;

Conveys its thanks to Morocco and the Philippines for these offers;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking a survey among member States of the Organization to identify the priorities and opportunities for cooperation in vocational training at the subregional, regional and intraregional levels by making use, so far as possible, of existing establishments which desire to add an international activity to their own aims;

Requests the Secretary-General

(a) to examine the most appropriate ways and means of taking due action on these offers at the earliest opportunity;

(b) to quantify opportunities for cooperation in vocational training which might arise from the survey mentioned in the fourth operative paragraph above, based on the choices and policies which might emerge from the conclusions of that survey;

(c) to prepare proposals on financing such projects, if possible, on the basis of the Organization's resources and any other voluntary, bilateral resources or the grant of funds under multilateral cooperation, and equally by use of such material and human resources as may be made available to the Organization by all its Members and in conjunction with a special appeal for the purpose to the Affiliate Members who have so volunteered; and
(d) to report concerning action taken on the above decisions to the Council at its next ordinary session, according priority to the offers by Morocco and the Philippines.

CE/DEC/12(XIII)

Vocational training activities—Technical Cooperation

Agenda item 10 (document CE/13/10)

The Executive Council,

Bearing in mind the utmost priority the Members of the Organization attach to the development of manpower and vocational training in all sectors of tourist activity at all levels,

Considering the vast experience and expertise acquired by the Organization, and by its predecessor IUOTO, in all domains of tourism, particularly manpower development and vocational training,

Aware of the activities of the Organization in the field of vocational training in the successive programmes of work, both of WTO and, earlier, of IUOTO,

Appreciative of the field work being carried out by the Organization through the various completed and ongoing technical cooperation projects in several parts of the world,

Taking into consideration the increasing number of requests that are continuously being addressed to the Organization for assistance in the field of vocational training in tourism,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 2529 and subsequent resolutions on the same subject which called upon the World Tourism Organization to play the decisive and central role in the field of tourism,

Further recalling that the United Nations Development Programme has since May 1976 designated the World Tourism Organization as its Executing Agency for the implementation of UNDP-financed projects in the field of tourism,
Expressing its satisfaction at the manner in which the Organization has since then carried out its mandate in close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme,

Calls upon the member States to support the laudable efforts that are being carried out by the Organization by trying to obtain for vocational training the priority it deserves among the various national and regional schemes;

Urges them to benefit from the experience and the expertise of the Organization in this domain by designating it as the Executing Agency for the implementation of vocational training projects; and

Requests the Secretary-General to pursue his approaches to the United Nations Development Programme with a view to obtaining recognition by the latter of the importance of vocational training and having it included in more and more UNDP-financed projects at regional, subregional and national levels, in the interest of developing countries.

CE/DEC/13(XIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory work for the World Tourism Conference
Agenda item 11 (document CE/13/11)

The Executive Council,

Registers its satisfaction at the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory work for the World Tourism Conference, to be held at Manila in September 1980 at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

Takes note of the various arrangements made to supply participants in the Conference with all necessary information for their fully informed participation in the best conditions;

Is of the opinion that the meeting of liaison officers designated by the States to take responsibility for communications with the Secretariat General concerning the Conference should improve knowledge of its aims and facilitate statements by participants during discussion on the various provisional agenda items;
Thanks the delegation of the Philippines for the appreciable information it has kindly supplied to the Council concerning measures taken by the Government of the Philippines to guarantee to participants in the Conference the best possible reception and accommodation facilities;

Requests the delegation of the Philippines to convey to its Government the Council's gratitude for the important contribution already made; and

Further requests the Secretary-General to pursue work undertaken in accordance with the established programme and to distribute invitations and background papers to participants within the scheduled deadlines, to enable them to prepare their participation both on that basis and also in the light of information which may emerge from the liaison officers' meeting to be held at Madrid at the end of May 1980.

CE/DEC/14(XIII)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 12 (documents CE/13/12 and CE/13/12 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Takes cognizance of the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members, for which it thanks him; and

Observes with satisfaction the positive and constructive attitude guiding the CMA in its action taken in the interests of the Organization, through fruitful dialogue between public and private sectors, thereby reflecting the spirit of the Organization's Statutes.

CE/DEC/15(XIII)

Draft Tourism Bill of Rights and draft Tourist Code

Agenda item 13 (document CE/13/13)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and the Tourist Code,
Commends the Chairman and the Members of the Working Party for the way in which they have carried out and completed their work;

Entrusts the Secretary-General

(a) with preparing a draft Bill of Rights and Code on the basis of the work of the Party's first and second meetings; and

(b) with distributing said draft to the Members of the Organization in order to obtain their comments and suggestions, and with submitting the latter, as an analytic document, to the Working Party;

Instructs the Working Party to prepare the draft Bill of Rights and the draft Code, taking due account of comments and suggestions received from Members of the Organization at its third meeting due to take place at the beginning of 1981 to enable consideration to be given also to the recommendations of the World Tourism Conference;

Requests the Working Party to report to the Council concerning action undertaken.

CE/DEC/16 (XIII)

Membership of the Facilitation Committee
and of the Environment Committee

Agenda item 14 (document CE/13/14)

The Executive Council,

Considering the action taken by the Regional Commissions in pursuance of its decision 12(X) concerning the membership of the Facilitation Committee and the Environment Committee,

Takes note that membership of these two Committees will be:

Facilitation Committee: Algeria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Iran, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Togo, United States of America, Yugoslavia
Environment Committee: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Gabon, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Venezuela, Zambia

Takes note further that the WTO Commission for the Middle East has not yet designated representatives to these Committees, and that the Committee of Affiliate Members will be represented on the Facilitation Committee by the International Touring Alliance (ITA) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and on the Environment Committee by the Club Méditerranée.

CE/DEC/17(XIII)

Renewal of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and appointment of their Chairmen

Agenda item 15 (Document CE/13/15)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decisions 3(II) and 4(II),

Considering that the term of office of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination may not exceed the normal duration of terms of office of Council Members,

Bearing in mind that Members of the two above-mentioned bodies were appointed in April 1976,

Appoints the following States as Members of those two subsidiary bodies of the Council:

Members of the Committee on Budget and Finance: German Democratic Republic, Haiti, India, Lebanon, Netherlands, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Togo, United States of America;
Members of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination: Chile, Costa Rica, Iraq, Italy, Nigeria, Poland, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand;

Appoints France to the chairmanship of the Committee on Budget and Finance and Jordan to the chairmanship of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination;

Congratulates the outgoing Members of those two bodies of the Council for their exemplary performance of the duties assigned to them.

CE/DEC/18 (XIII)

Place and date of the fourteenth session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its fourteenth session at the Organization's Headquarters at Madrid from 9 to 13 December 1980
4. Participants in the thirteenth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zaire.

2. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (France) was present.

3. The Committee of Affiliate Members was represented by its Chairman and one of its Vice-Chairmen.

4. The Chairman of the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code (Greece) was present.

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

6. Representatives of Lebanon, the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme attended the session as observers.