DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS NINTH SESSION

(Madrid, 20-23 November 1976)

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CE/DEC/1(IX)

Agenda of the Executive Council
Agenda item 1 (document CE/9/odj_prov.)

The Executive Council,

Approves the provisional agenda of its ninth session; and

Requests the Secretary-General, in drawing up the agenda of subsequent Council sessions, to place the items by order of importance.

CE/DEC/2(IX)

Progress report of the Secretary-General
Agenda item 2 (documents CE/9/2 and CE/9/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

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

Entrusts the Secretary-General with completing all necessary steps (1) for transferring the deposit of the Statutes of WTO from the Swiss Federal Government, provisional depositary, to the Government of Spain as the permanent depositary, and (2) for finalizing the text of the draft Convention on the privileges and immunities of WTO in the territories of its member States, so that these matters may be included in the agenda of the third session of the General Assembly; and

Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code in the first ten days of February 1979.
CE/DEC/3(IX)

Meetings of the Committee on Budget and Finance before the tenth session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/9/2 and CE/9/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the volume of work to be completed by the Committee on Budget and Finance before the tenth session of the Council,

Noting that the Committee should in normal circumstances meet only immediately before the appropriate session of the Council,

Considers that the Committee should hold a meeting at least six weeks before the tenth session of the Council without prejudice to a second meeting immediately before that session; and

Invites the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, after consulting the Members of the Committee, to call that organ’s next meeting for a date at least six weeks before the holding of the Council and to make provision, if appropriate, for a second meeting of the Committee immediately before the tenth session of the Council.

CE/DEC/4(IX)

Collection of basic documents of WTO

Agenda item 2 (documents CE/9/2 and CE/9/2 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the financial implications of printing the collection of basic documents of WTO in the four official languages of the Organization, provided for by Council decision 19(VII),

Entrusts the Secretary-General with producing the collection in all the official languages of the Organization by the most economical method after making a cost comparison of printing, offset reproduction, and roneo multicopying by the services of the Secretariat.

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CE/DEC/5(IX)

Membership of the Organization
Agenda item 3 (documents CE/9/3, CE/9/3 Add.1, CE/9/3 Add.2 and CE/9/3 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

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

Congratulations him on the steps taken to secure the accession of new Members and the encouraging results obtained; and

Entrusts him with continuing his action.

CE/DEC/6(IX)

Procedure for the nomination and appointment of the Secretary-General
Agenda item 23 (documents CE/9/23, CE/9/23 Add.1 and CE/9/23 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having duly considered the proposals submitted by the delegation of the United States in documents CE/9/23 and CE/9/23 Add.1,

Having considered the advice of the Legal Counsel on these matters,

Decides that the following rules and procedures shall govern the selection of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General by the Council at its tenth session:

(a) only nationals of States Members of WTO may be candidates;

(b) candidates shall be formally proposed to the Council, through the Secretariat, by their home governments, as soon as possible but in any case before the opening of the tenth session of the Executive Council;
(c) voting shall be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with the Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot attached to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;

(d) the vote shall be decided, in accordance with Article 30 of the Statutes and rule 28 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, by simple majority, defined as fifty per cent plus one of the valid ballots cast;

(e) the selection of one nominee by the Council shall be conducted, in accordance with rule 29 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, during a private meeting, part of which shall be a restricted meeting, as follows:

(i) discussion of candidates shall be conducted during a restricted private meeting at which only voting delegations and interpreters shall be present; there shall be no written record and no tape recording of the discussions;

(ii) during the balloting Secretariat staff necessary to assist with the voting shall be admitted;

(f) the Council shall select only one nominee to recommend to the Assembly.

CE/DEC/7 (IX)

Interim administrative accounts for 1978

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/9/4 and CE/9/4 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the interim administrative accounts for 1978;

Notes the delays in the payment of contributions to the Organization's budget;
Invites Members which are in arrears in the payment of their contributions to take every appropriate step to discharge their financial obligations to the Organization as quickly as possible; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking appropriate action to follow up this decision.

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CE/DEC/8(IX)

Contributions of Romania for the financial years 1976 and 1979

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/9/4 and CE/9/4 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the request by Romania concerning payment of its contributions for the financial years 1976 and 1979, as transmitted by the Secretary-General in document CE/9/4,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that Romania pay its contribution for the financial year 1979 at the normal level calculated in accordance with the formula for fixing contributions and make payment for 1976 at the level of the lowest contribution of Full Members of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/9(IX)

Contributions in arrears due to differences in budgetary systems and financial years

Agenda item 5 (documents CE/9/5 and CE/9/5 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on contributions in arrears due to differences in budgetary systems and financial years,

Accepts the cases of justified arrears of the Arab Republic of Yemen, Colombia and Japan; and
Invites said Members, in view of the exception granted to them, to discharge their financial obligations to the Organization within the shortest possible time after the beginning of their respective financial years.

CE/DEC/10(IX)

Establishment of a reserve fund for terminal grants payable to staff on separation from service

Agenda item 6 (document CE/9/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the establishment of a fund for terminal grants payable to staff on separation from service,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing the Committee on Budget and Finance at its next meeting of the practices adopted by other intergovernmental organizations to meet the financial requirements arising from the payment of terminal grants to staff on separation from service; and

Requests the Committee on Budget and Finance to examine the most appropriate measures for following up this matter.

CE/DEC/11(IX)

Draft amendment to paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 7 (document CE/9/7)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 25(VII),
Considering that it is necessary to modify the periods provided for in paragraphs 9 and 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes only in respect of years in which an ordinary General Assembly is held,

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Full Members, at least six months before the date of the third session of the General Assembly, a draft amendment to paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules reading as follows:

"The Members of the Organization shall pay their contribution in the first month of the financial year for which it is due. Members shall be notified of the amount of their contribution, as determined by the Assembly, six months before the beginning of the financial years in which the General Assembly is held and two months before the beginning of the other financial years. However, the Council may approve justified cases of arrears due to different financial years existing in different countries."

CE/DEC/12(IX)

Draft amendment to Article 38 of the Statutes

Agenda item 7 (document CE/9/7)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45(II) and previous Council decisions on this matter,

Notes that the Secretary-General, pursuant to the said decisions and in accordance with the provisions of Article 33 of the Statutes, will circulate to the Members of the Organization a draft amendment to Article 38 of the Statutes, to read:

"Article 38
   "The official languages of the Organization shall be English, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish."

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CE/DEC/13(IX)

Supplemental agreement with Spain provided for in Article 16(2) of the Headquarters Convention

Agenda item 8 (document CE/9/8)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the conclusion of the supplemental agreement provided for in Article 16(2) of the Headquarters Convention between WTO and Spain,

Expressions its gratitude to the Spanish Government for the satisfactory terms of said agreement; and

Thanks the Secretary-General for the results obtained.

CE/DEC/14(IX)

Building for the Organization's Headquarters

Agenda item 9 (documents CE/9/9 and CE/9/9 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having been informed by the Secretary-General of the offer by the Spanish Government for the Organization's Headquarters to be permanently installed in an already completed building in Madrid,

Takes note with satisfaction and gratitude of the generous offer by the Spanish Government;

Takes note with satisfaction that the Secretary-General will without delay enter into negotiations with the competent authorities of the Spanish Government on the special agreement provided for in Article 24 of the Headquarters Convention between the Organization and Spain;

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Spanish authorities the deep gratitude of the Council for the generous offer by the Spanish Government; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting to the forthcoming sessions of the Council on the progress and outcome of the negotiations.

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CE/DEC/15(IX)

Regional Secretariat agreements and negotiation of supplemental agreements

Agenda item 10 (documents CE/9/10 and CE/9/10 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the Regional Secretariat agreements and supplemental agreements concluded and under negotiation;

Requests the Secretary-General to continue the negotiations in hand for the conclusion of the outstanding draft agreements referred to in his report;

Invites Nigeria, Peru and Sri Lanka to expedite negotiations on this subject, thanking them for the generous facilities which they provide at present;

Warmly thanks the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the supplemental agreement signed with that Government, the second such agreement following that previously concluded with the Republic of the Philippines; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with carrying out a study on the needs and problems of the Regional Secretariats and communicating the results to the Council at its eleventh session.

CE/DEC/16(IX)

Election of the Executive Council's Officers for 1979

Agenda item 24

The Executive Council,

Elects the following Officers for the year 1979:

Chairman: Iraq
Vice-Chairmen: Bangladesh, Kenya
Notes that the order in which the Vice-Chairmen will be called, as fixed by the Chairman on their election, shall be (1) Bangladesh and (2) Kenya.

CE/DEC/17(IX)

Agreements of WTO with organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies

Agenda item 11 (document CE/9/11)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on agreements of WTO with organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

Expresses satisfaction at the agreements concluded with certain United Nations bodies and at the negotiations in hand with others concerning activities closely connected with the interests and aims of WTO;

Takes note with interest of the proposal to set up working parties to deal with special projects within the framework of WTO, where applicable in close conjunction and cooperation with other organizations; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with examining, within the framework of WTO's general programme of work and relations with other international organizations, appropriate arrangements for the establishment of such working parties, and with reporting to the Council.
CE/DEC/18(IX)

Report of the World Tourism Organization
to the thirty-third session of the United
Nations General Assembly on the promotion of tourism

Agenda item 12 (document CE/9/12)

The Executive Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the report of WTO to the thirty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly on the promotion of tourism,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with circulating said report as widely as possible and with drawing up the final report referred to in resolution 32/157 of the United Nations General Assembly for its presentation to the thirty-fourth session of that Assembly.

CE/DEC/19(IX)

Progress report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 13 (documents CE/9/13, CE/9/13 Corr.1 and CE/9/13 Corr.2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members,

Noting with satisfaction the scope of the activities carried out by the Committee since the eighth session of the Executive Council, including the Committee's second meeting held at Madrid on 26 and 27 October 1978,

Invites the Affiliate Members to encourage as many representatives of the travel trade as possible to join the Organization under Article 7(4) of the Statutes by way of strengthening the steps taken by the member States and the Secretary-General to this end;
Requests the Affiliate Members to contribute to the fullest possible extent to all of the Organization's activities and to the proceedings of any of its organic and technical meetings to which they are invited;

Takes note of the establishment of a small working party composed of the Officers of the Committee of Affiliate Members and a representative of Iberia to study the advisability of establishing appropriate technical structures within the Committee of Affiliate Members for ensuring more effective participation of the Affiliate Members in the work of WTO organs;

Takes note of the establishment of a Working Party of the Committee of Affiliate Members on the World Tourism Conference;

Also takes note of the designation by the Committee of Affiliate Members of a representative to the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code; and

Invites the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members to submit a detailed report to it at its tenth session on the progress made in implementing the decisions and recommendations of the Committee's second meeting.

CE/DEC/20 (IX)

Proposed study on the needs of Affiliate Members
Agenda item 14 (documents CE/9/14 and CE/9/14 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 2(VIII),

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on the negotiations under way for the preparation of the study on Affiliate Members referred to in said decision,

Having taken note of the recommendation of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination concerning said study,
Confirms the usefulness of the study; and

Entrusts the Committee on Budget and Finance with drawing up at its next ordinary meeting proposals concerning:

- the disposition of the Affiliate Members' contributions for 1978,
- the budgetary items of the Organization's budget for 1979 under which the study on the needs of Affiliate Members could be financed.

CE/DEC/21(IX)

General programme of work for the period 1978-1979

Agenda item 15 (document CE/9/15)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's progress report on the general programme of work for the period 1978-1979,

Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efficiency with which the Organization's activities under the general programme of work for 1978-1979 are being carried out;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing and intensifying his efforts to strengthen the Organization's general action in the interest of all its Members, with special attention to the situation of the developing countries in the field of tourism; and

Requests the Secretary-General to communicate to all the Members of the Organization the findings of regional technical meetings held in conjunction with the programme of operations.
Preparatory work for the World Tourism Conference

Agenda item 16 (documents CE/9/16, CE/9/16 Add.1 and CE/9/16 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on the preparatory work for the World Tourism Conference,

Expresses its satisfaction at the interest aroused by the Conference in the various circles contacted as part of the preparatory work;

Notes with satisfaction the progress made in preparing for the Conference; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the work and with reporting to it at its tenth session.

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Draft general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1980 - 1981

Agenda items 17 and 18 (documents CE/9/17, CE/9/17 Corr.1, CE/9/17 Doc.Trav. and CE/9/18)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the draft general programme of work prepared by the Secretary-General for the period 1980-1981,

Having heard the statements of the Secretary-General concerning the need for a new approach to future programmes of work geared to the intergovernmental character of the Organization, with which various delegations, the representative of the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the representative of the Committee of Affiliate Members concurred,
Having taken note of the report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination,

Having heard the suggestions and comments of the Committee's representative about the draft general programme of work,

Decides for the sake of efficiency and in order to ensure that the results of the research work and operational activities are of a higher standard, taking due account of the needs of developing countries, to adopt the draft general programme of work with the following changes:

B.1.4. Tourism's position in present-day society  Retained after discussing proposed deletion.

B.3.2.3. Motivations for off-season tourism  Deleted as this study is to be incorporated into the six regional studies on markets in other regions.

B.3.2.4. NTA budgets  Converted into a permanent activity of the Secretariat.

B.3.2.6. Promotion programmes in the WTO regions  Retained after discussing proposed deletion.

B.4.2.1. Guidelines on management techniques for tourist enterprises, with particular reference to the governmental and quasi-public sectors  Retained after discussing proposed deletion, because of its interest to the developing countries.

B.5.2.1. Guidelines for using national resources in the construction and maintenance of tourist plant  Retained after discussing proposed deletion, because of its interest to the developing countries.

B.5.2.2. Tourism saturation and physical planning  Merged with study B.3.2.1. on saturation of tourist destinations.
B.6.2.1. Job creation through tourism

 Converted into a permanent activity. The information collected will be communicated regularly to the Organization's Members.

B.6.2.2. Economic costs and benefits of tourism

 Retained after discussing proposed deletion.

B.8.2.1. International convention on formality-free access to tourist destinations for limited periods

 Replaced by establishment of a Facilitation Committee to analyse the situation and draft recommended standards and practices as the subject of a draft convention.

B.8.2.2. Survey on the possible revision of certain tourism conventions

 Deferred to a subsequent programme.

C.2.1. Conferences

 Deleted.

Entrusts the Secretary-General with recasting the draft general programme of work according to the aforesaid changes and submitting the readjusted version, with the corresponding cost estimates, to the Council at its next session.

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CE/DEC/24(IX)

Facilitation Committee and Environment Committee

Agenda item 18 (document CE/9/18)

The Executive Council,

Considering the statement of the Secretary-General, supported by various delegations, the representative of the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the representative of the Committee of Affiliate Members, on the need for a new approach to the Organization's activities as a whole in line with its intergovernmental status,
Having already considered useful, as stated in decision 17(IX), the establishment of working parties to liaise with other intergovernmental organizations,

Believes that certain spheres of the Organization's activities require the direct participation of its Members through working parties established by the Members and assisted by the Secretariat,

Decides for that purpose to establish the following two Committees:

(a) Facilitation Committee;

(b) Environment Committee;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with calling upon each of the Regional Commissions to designate a representative to each of these Committees, whose term of office shall be fixed by the Council at its next session;

Invites the Committee of Affiliate Members to designate a representative to each of these Committees; and

Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on these matters at its next session.

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CE/DEC/25(IX)

Vocational training

Agenda item 19 (documents CE/9/19(a), CE/9/19 (a) Corr.1 and CE/9/10 (b))

The Executive Council,

Having noted with satisfaction the transfer of CIEST from Turin to Mexico City and the facilities offered by the Mexican authorities for the installation of the Centre there,

Expresses to the Mexican authorities its satisfaction at and gratitude for the generous manner in which they have complied with the decision of the Second General Assembly;
Takes note with interest of the operational projects to be carried out for launching the correspondence courses and holding the specialized multidisciplinary study cycles with due allowance for the needs of the developing countries;

Requests the Secretary-General to provide for the most appropriate means of financing said vocational training projects;

Expresses its gratitude to the Mexican Government for its financial contribution to said operations in addition to the contribution it has already made in human and material resources;

Stresses the need for systematic programming of vocational training activities;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with seeking regional or interregional funding from the United Nations Development Programme for the vocational training programme of CIESST;

Invites delegates (a) to seek within their own governments backing for the WTO request in the form of instructions to their representatives to UNDP to support said request at the next meeting of the Governing Council of UNDP and (b) to ask their governments to write direct to the Administrator of UNDP supporting the WTO request; and

Requests the Committee on Budget and Finance to examine at its next meeting the Organization's regulations in order to determine if and how budgetary assistance can be provided to CIESST by WTO.

CE/DEC/26(IX)

World Tourism Day

Agenda item 20 (document CE/3/20)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Secretary-General's proposals concerning the celebration of World Tourism Day,
States its satisfaction with said proposals, which are in line with international practice for the celebration of days devoted to priority objectives of the international community; and

Decides to recommend the General Assembly:

(a) to institute a World Tourism Day to be observed on 27 September of each year, beginning in 1980, by appropriate celebrations on the themes chosen for the purpose by the Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Council;

(b) to adopt the plan of action proposed by the Secretary-General in document CE/9/20, it being understood that the only expenses incurred for the Organization would be those entailed by the Secretariat's activities mentioned in paragraph 10 of said document.

CE/DEC/27(IX)

Place and date of the Third General Assembly
Agenda items 21 and 22 (documents CE/9/21 and CE/9/22)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's recommendation concerning the opening and closing dates of the third session of the General Assembly,

Having examined the communication of the Spanish Government proposing the Convention Centre of Torremolinos for the venue of said session,

Decides that the General Assembly will hold its third session at the Convention Centre of Torremolinos from 17 to 28 September 1979.
CE/DEC/28(IX)

Replacement of the Bahamas by the United States of America in the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 25 (document CE/9/25(b))

The Executive Council,

Takes note that as from 14 December 1978 the Bahamas, having ceased to be a Member of the Organization, will be replaced in the Committee on Budget and Finance by the United States of America, as recommended by the WTO Commission for the Americas.

CE/DEC/29(IX)

Place and date of the tenth session

Agenda item 26

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its tenth session at Headquarters from 23 to 27 April 1979.
4. Members represented at the ninth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Bangladesh, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Poland, Spain, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United States of America, Venezuela and Zambia.

2. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Mexico) was represented.

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

4. The Committee of Affiliate Members was represented by one of its Vice-Chairmen.

5. Representatives of Japan, Jordan and Pakistan attended the session as observers.
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Corrigendum 1

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Replace operative paragraph 3 of decision 24(IX) by the following text:

"Entrusts the Secretary-General with calling upon each of the Regional Commissions to designate a representative to each of these Committees, whose terms of reference shall be fixed by the Council at the next session;".