



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION
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3. Decisions taken by the Council

CE/DEC/1 (VIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/8/2)

The Executive Council,

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

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CE/DEC/2 (VIII)

Study concerning Affiliate Members

Agenda item 2 (document CE/8/2)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the role which the Affiliate Members play in
the expansion and promotion of tourism throughout the world,

Considering it desirable to supply Affiliate Members with
services that will allow them to benefit from the Organization's
activities and make technical contributions,

Supports the principle of a study for identifying the needs
of Affiliate Members with a view to supplying them with serv-
ices in line with their operational requirements;

Believes that this study should be conducted with their coopera-
tion;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing his consulta-
tions with the consultancy firm selected in order to ensure
that the planned study adequately meets the needs of the
Organization and with reconsidering with all due attention
the cost of the study; and

Further entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to the ninth session of the Executive Council, in consultation with the Technical Committee on Programme and Coordination, the study proposal as so revised, also reporting on the new financial implications that will arise and proposing if possible appropriate sources of finance under the existing rules and regulations.

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CE/DEC/3(VIII)

Vocational training fund

Agenda item 2 (document CE/8/2)

The Executive Council,

Having duly considered the advisability of ensuring adequate financing for the vocational training activities of the Organization, in order to meet the latter's obligations,

Considering that a consensus emerged during the discussion of this matter in favour of the provision of financial resources for this activity,

Believes, on the one hand, that those resources should appear in the budget of the Organization and, on the other, that voluntary contributions from the Organization's Members and outside bodies may usefully be received; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with preparing a scheme concerning both the establishment of a fund intended to finance the vocational training activities of the Organization and the procedures to be followed for establishing and administering this fund, giving appropriate priority to the allocation of appropriations for carrying out the main activities in this field, and with reporting to the Executive Council on the matter at its ninth session.

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CE/DEC/4 (VIII)

Headquarters building

Agenda item 2 (document CE/8/2)

The Executive Council,

Desirous of ascertaining the progress of construction work on the building which the Spanish Government has undertaken to erect for the services of the Secretariat General and the conference and meeting rooms and equipment,

Having heard the statement of the delegation of Spain and the observations of the Secretary-General on this matter,

Recognizes that the delay in the construction of said building is due to administrative difficulties;

Notes with satisfaction the positive spirit which the delegation of Spain demonstrated towards the settlement of this important question; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the consultations and negotiations with the competent Spanish authorities, especially with reference to the offer made to erect a building in an expanding residential district of the Spanish capital, and with examining in particular the constraints arising from said location of the Headquarters building, bearing in mind that the delegation of Spain in its statement did not rule out the possibility of other solutions to allow the Organization to hold its next General Assembly in its Headquarters building.

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CE/DEC/5 (VIII)Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (document CE/8/3)

The Executive Council,

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

Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the necessary steps to help to implement resolution 32/157 of the United Nations General Assembly inviting those States Members of the United Nations which are not yet Members of WTO to become Members.

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CE/DEC/6 (VIII)

Financial matters

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/8/4(a),
(b), (c) and (d), and CE/8/4 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance concerning the documents presented under item 4 of the agenda,

Takes note of the said report and expresses its thanks to the Chairman and the Members of the Committee; and

Decides the following, in connection with the paragraphs of the report:

(a) paragraph 11

Observing that the budget appropriations for post adjustments for the financial period 1978-1979 will be insufficient,

Authorizes the Secretary-General to make such transfers as may be necessary to cover the shortfall under this item of the budget for the same financial period;

(b) paragraph 13

Authorizes the Secretary-General to transfer the sum of 34,020.97 dollars from Part VII, section 1, of the budget to Part III, section 4, "Information and publications";

(c) paragraph 15

Appreciating the consequences that might flow in the immediate future from strict application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Believes that the provisions of the said paragraph 13 should be applied not later than at the next session of the General Assembly; and

Considers it desirable for the Regional Commissions to exert their efforts to ensure that Members in arrears make good their outstanding contributions and for the Secretary-General and the Regional Secretaries to make direct personal approaches to the authorities of the States concerned;

(d) paragraph 16

Having noted the 1977 receipts entered under miscellaneous income, which include the receipts from sales of the Organization's publications,

Referring to Article 20 of the Statutes,

Considering that in 1977 budgetary appropriations did not fully cover the printing expenditure referred to in Part III, section 4, headings 1 and 2, and will not do so in 1978 or 1979,

Decides that receipts from the sale of publications shall henceforward appear in a separate account which will also receive the budgetary appropriations for printing;

(e) paragraph 18

Having noted the unobligated funds from the financial year 1977, additional to those resulting from the financial year 1976,

Recalling the provisions of regulation 5(2) (a) of the Financial Regulations and the applicability of subparagraph (b) of the same regulation,

Decides that the unobligated funds from the financial years 1976 and 1977 be closed as of 1 January 1979 and be credited to Members, under regulation 10(1) (c) of the Financial Regulations, as soon as possible after the 1979 meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance and if necessary of the Executive Council;

(f) paragraph 20

Having noted the liquid assets resulting from the liquidation of IUOTO accounts,

Considering the effort and expenditure that would be involved in continuing to collect the moneys outstanding to that organization;

Recommends to the General Assembly that the IUOTO accounts be closed and that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 25(I), the liquid assets from IUOTO be transferred to the Working Capital Fund and receivables from IUOTO be written off as losses; and

Further recommends the General Assembly to instruct the Secretary-General to credit to the Working Capital Fund any payment received for the account of IUOTO after the closing of its accounts;

(g) paragraph 21

Having noted the increase in the premiums for insurance against sickness, disability and injury under the policy taken out by the Organization for the benefit of the staff,

Considering that the relevant budgetary appropriations would be slightly exceeded in 1979,

Authorizes the Secretary-General to make the appropriate transfers in due course;

(h) paragraph 22

Having regard to the difficulties that have arisen so far in the application of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and the Financial Regulations, due to contradictions and omissions in those Rules and Regulations,

Recommends the General Assembly to call an ad hoc working party to draft revisions of the Financial Regulations and, if necessary, the Financing Rules.

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CE/DEC/7(VIII)

Reserve fund for repatriation grants

Agenda item 4(c) (document CE/8/4(c))

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Auditors' report on the financial year 1977; and

Having heard their proposal that a reserve fund be established to meet the financial requirements arising from regulation 56 of the Staff Regulations, concerning repatriation grants,

Accepts the principle of establishing such a reserve fund; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with making the calculations necessary for this purpose and with reporting to the ninth session of the Council so that due allowance for the fund may be made in the preparation of the next draft budget.

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CE/DEC/8 (VIII)

Implementation of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the
Financing Rules attached to the Statutes concerning
arrears in the payment of Members' contributions

Agenda item 5 (document CE/8/5)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision 8(VII),

Expresses its concern at the delays in the payment of outstanding contributions by Members of the Organization;

Reiterates its call to Members in arrears with their contributions to discharge their financial obligations as quickly as possible;

Observes that the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes have become applicable, since 1 January 1978, to thirteen Full Members and five Affiliate Members;

Confirms its decision to endorse the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance not to apply said provisions prior to the third session of the General Assembly; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking all necessary steps to obtain full or partial payment of amounts outstanding to the Organization.

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CE/DEC/9(VIII)

Report of the Legal Working Party on the draft
Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of
WTO in the territories of its member States

Agenda item 6 (document CE/8/6)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decisions 4(VI) and 11(VII) pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37(II),

Having noted the report of the Legal Working Party on the draft Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of WTO in the territories of its member States,

Entrusts the Secretary-General,

- (1) with collecting in a single document the observations contained in analytical document GT/3(1) and addenda 1 and 2;
- (2) with having revised the draft Convention submitted to the second General Assembly in the light of comments, observations and remarks received from the member States, indicating where necessary any comments, observations or remarks which may be in contradiction or conflict;
- (3) with submitting the said revised draft to the Legal Working Party, which should be convened as soon as possible so that it may examine the revised draft Convention and draw up the detailed report requested by the General Assembly in resolution 37(II).

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CE/DEC/10(VIII)

Introduction of Arabic as an official
language of the Organization

Agenda item 7 (document CE/8/7)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of document CE/8/7 concerning the introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46(II) and with collecting all the administrative, technical and financial elements needed to supplement those contained in the aforesaid document so that the General Assembly at its third session may with full knowledge of the facts follow up as appropriate the decision taken on this matter at its second session.

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CE/DEC/11(VIII)

Request by the Government of the Netherlands concerning
that Member's participation in the activities
of the WTO Commission for the Americas

Agenda item 8 (document CE/8/8 and CE/8/8 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the request by the Government of the Netherlands concerning the participation of the Netherlands Antilles, as an observer without the right to vote, in the activities of the WTO Commission for the Americas,

Having given favourable consideration to this request,

Transmits the request to the Commission for the Americas.

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CE/DEC/12(VIII)

Negotiation of agreements for the establishment
of WTO Regional Secretariats

Agenda item 9 (document CE/8/9)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of document CE/8/9 on the position of negotiations for the establishment of WTO Regional Secretariats; and

Recalling the suggestions made during the discussion of this matter at its seventh session to the effect that the Regional Secretariats should be able to operate without having to depend too much on the generosity of the States where they are located,

Having heard the expression of appreciation for Mr. José D. Aspiras, Secretary of Tourism of the Philippines, and for the Secretary-General of the Organization,

Having heard the request made by Members of the Council that a post of Regional Secretary for Europe should be created at the Secretariat General so that all the Commissions will have a Regional Secretariat,

Reserves the right to take a decision on these various questions, especially the matter of the expenditure involved for the Organization, when the negotiations for supplemental agreements with the host States of the Regional Secretariats have been concluded.

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CE/DEC/13(VIII)

Agreements of the World Tourism Organization with the United Nations and United Nations specialized agencies

Agenda item 11 (document CE/8/11)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the agreement concluded with the United Nations and the working arrangements concluded or to be concluded with the Secretariats of certain United Nations specialized agencies.

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CE/DEC/14(VIII)

Implementation of the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 19 December 1977 concerning WTO's activities for the promotion of tourism

Agenda item 12 (document CE/8/12)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the report on the implementation of the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 19 December 1977 concerning WTO's activities for the promotion of tourism.

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CE/DEC/15 (VIII)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the general
programme of work for 1978-1979 in the fields
of research, operations and information

Agenda item 13 (document CE/8/13)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General
on the general programme of work for 1978-1979 in the fields
of research, operations and information.

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CE/DEC/16 (VIII)

Working Party on the Tourism Bill
of Rights and the Tourist Code

Agenda item 13 (document CE/8/13)

The Executive Council,

Having noted the progress report of the Secretary-General
on the general programme of work for 1978-1979 in the fields
of research, operations and information, and in particular
paragraphs 28 to 39 thereof, concerning the Tourism Bill of
Rights and Tourist Code which are to be drawn up under the
Organization's general programme of work,

Decides to establish a Working Party entrusted with the
preparation of these two documents; and

Decides:

(a) that each Regional Commission of the Organization shall
designate one or two of its member States to represent it on
the Working Party,

(b) that each of the member States thus designated shall
appoint an expert to participate in the activities of the
Working Party,

(c) that a representative designated by the Affiliate Members
may participate in said activities.

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CE/DEC/17(VIII)

Report of the Chairman of the
Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 10

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the interim oral report of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members on the activities of the Committee.

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CE/DEC/18(VIII)

Vocational training activities

Agenda item 14 (document CE/8/14)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the Organization's vocational training activities, particularly as regards CIEST and the International Hotel Training Centre;

Expresses its satisfaction at the progress made in transferring CIEST from Turin to Mexico City;

Thanks the Mexican Government for the facilities offered for the establishment of CIEST at Mexico City;

Notes the difficulties in reaching Mexico City from many developing countries;

Trusts that the measures outlined by the Mexican national coordinator for CIEST, Mr. Julio Gallardo, will be implemented in time to allow the nationals of developing countries to benefit from the activities of CIEST;

Further trusts that every necessary step will be taken for the resumption of CIEST's activities at the earliest possible date and that for this purpose everything will be done to accelerate the operations under way;

Reiterates its desire to see regional vocational training programmes established with the collaboration of the countries concerned and with the financial and technical assistance of multilateral technical cooperation sources; and

Requests the Secretary-General to continue preparing the vocational training programmes for CIEST, taking due account of the study undertaken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 40(II), and to accord appropriate priority to CIEST in drawing up the necessary budget for carrying out such programmes in 1978 and 1979.

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CE/DEC/19(VIII)

Preparatory work for the
World Tourism Conference

Agenda item 15 (document CE/8/15)

The Executive Council,

Having noted the progress report on the preparatory work for the 1980 World Tourism Conference,

Considering on the one hand the importance of the objective set by the Organization in convening said Conference and on the other the extremely modest human and material resources available to it for this task,

Reiterates its call to the Members of the Organization to second experts and consultants to assist the Secretary-General in carrying out his task; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the work already undertaken.

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CE/DEC/20(VIII)

Establishment of a World Tourism Day

Agenda item 16 (document CE/8/16)

The Executive Council,

Having noted the report on the establishment of a World Tourism Day,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with proposing to the next session of the Council a date for the annual celebration of such a day and a plan of action for the events held in connection with the celebration to be carried out primarily at the national level by the member States, to which the Organization will supply all appropriate information.

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CE/DEC/21(VIII)

Recommendations of the International Conference on Tourism and Air Transport (Mexico City, 17-21 April 1978) concerning the establishment of a joint WTO-IATA working party
Agenda item 17(a) (document CE/8/17(a))

The Executive Council,

Having noted the recommendation of the International Conference on Tourism and Air Transport held at Mexico City from 17 to 21 April 1978, concerning the establishment of a joint WTO-IATA working party,

Decides to establish a Working Party with the following membership, so as to reflect adequate regional representation :

Africa	2 Members
Americas	2 Members
Asia and the Pacific	1 Member
Europe	2 Members
Middle East	1 Member
South Asia	1 Member;

Invites the Regional Commission to appoint their representatives in accordance with the distribution so decided;

Notes that the Commission for the Americas and the Commission for Europe have already appointed their representatives, being Brazil and the United States of America and Spain and Poland respectively;

Further decides that the Working Party shall be a subsidiary consultative organ of the Executive Council, to which it shall report on its activities; and

Decides moreover:

- (a) that the general powers of the Working Party, subject to instructions it may receive in particular cases from the Executive Council, shall be those set out in the recommendations of the Conference on Tourism and Air Transport; and
- (b) that in negotiations with IATA the Working Party shall be empowered to discuss all matters on a consultative basis for referral to the Council, but shall not be able to commit the Organization unless it receives appropriate powers from the Council, which alone will take the decisions in each instance.

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CE/DEC/22(VIII)

Recommendations of the International Conference on
Tourism and Air Transport (Mexico City, 17-21 April 1978)
concerning the situation of the Tourism Projects Department
of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Agenda item 17(a) (document CE/8/17(a))

The Executive Council,

Having noted that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) plans to abolish its Tourism Projects Department,

Having been informed of the appeal made by the International Conference on Tourism and Air Transport, held at Mexico City in April 1978, that IBRD maintain a department dealing with tourism to meet the needs for financing tourism projects, especially in the developing countries,

Concerned about the effects which the abolition of a multi-lateral source of tourism financing might have on the development of tourism,

Invites the States Members of WTO which are Members of IBRD to approach that institution, through their competent authorities, with a view to reconsideration of the planned abolition of the Tourism Projects Department or, if that should not be possible, the adoption of appropriate measures to ensure that financing of tourism projects continues to be provided for in the IBRD programme.

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CE/DEC/23(VIII)

Place and date of the ninth session

Agenda item 18

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its ninth session at Headquarters from 20 to 23 November 1978.

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4. Members represented at the eighth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Poland, Spain, Thailand, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Venezuela and Zambia.
2. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Mexico) was present.
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 Belgium and Jordan attended the session as observers.