DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS FIFTH SESSION
(Torremolinos, 23-31 May 1977)

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1. **Members represented at the fifth session**

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, France, Indonesia, Jordan, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Poland, Senegal, Thailand, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia 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 its Chairman.

5. An observer represented the Philippines.
2. Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda


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CE/DEC/1(V)

Report of the auditors for the financial year 1976

Agenda item 2 (document A/2/7(b))

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the auditors' report for the financial year 1976 contained in document A/2/7(b), for which it thanks them.

CE/DEC/2(V)

Report of the Working Party on regionalization

Agenda item 3 (document A/2/8(e))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Working Party on regionalization (document A/2/8(e)),

Considering it to be essential that the Working Party should continue its proceedings,

Requests the Regional Commissions to meet, consult and convey to the said Working Party, through the Secretary-General, the observations that they deem of use for the Working Party's proceedings;

Requests the Working Party on regionalization to hold a meeting one week before the seventh session of the Executive Council;

Invites the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions to take part in the proceedings of the Working Party; and

Entrusts the Working Party with continuing its examination of regional matters initiated at the first meeting on the basis, inter alia, of the observations of the Regional Commissions.
CE/DEC/3(V)

Applications for contribution adjustments
by Costa Rica and Romania

Agenda item 4 (documents CE/5/4 and CE/5/5)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the documents submitted in support of the applications by Costa Rica and Romania for an adjustment in their contributions to the Organization's budget,

Having considered the reasons and circumstances in favour of those applications,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that the contributions of Costa Rica and Romania should be fixed at the level of the lowest contribution of Full Members of the Organization, permanently in the case of Costa Rica and for the financial years 1977, 1978 and 1979 in the case of Romania.

CE/DEC/4(V)

Introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization

Agenda item 6 (document A/2/17(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the request that Arabic should be introduced as an official language of the Organization;

Endorses the said request;

Recommends to the present session of the General Assembly the adoption of the request and the initiation of the necessary action for the amendment of Article 38 of the Statutes so as to include Arabic as an official language of the Organization;
Trusts the Secretary-General with implementing this decision taking into account the statutory amendments and financial and technical implications it entails for the Organization; and

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

CE/DEC/5 (V)

Correction to Council decision 16(IV)

Agenda item 6

The Executive Council,

Having noted that the amounts for the draft budget for the financial period 1978-1979 given in the second operative paragraph of its decision 16(IV) differ from those it had actually decided to recommend to the General Assembly,

Rectifies as follows the said paragraph:

"Recommends the General Assembly to adopt for 1978-1979 a budget of 2,613,700 dollars for the first financial year and of 2,650,700 dollars for the second, having regard to the amendments proposed by the Committee on Budget and Finance and the recommendations contained in the preceding paragraph."

CE/DEC/6 (V)

Place and date of the sixth session

Agenda item 7

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its sixth session on 2 June 1977 at the Palacio de Congresos, Torremolinos, after the closure of the second session of the General Assembly.
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Decision on the introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General informs the Members of the Executive Council that the text of decision 4(V) (Introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization) as reproduced in document CE/5/DEC should be replaced by the following text, being the one which the Assembly in fact considered.
Introduction of Arabic as an official language of the Organization

Agenda item 5 (document A/2/17(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the request that Arabic should become one of the official languages of the Organization;

Endorses the said request;

Recommends the second session of the General Assembly to adopt that request in principle;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the necessary steps for the amendment of Article 38 of the Statutes to have Arabic included among the official languages of the Organization and with preparing without delay the statutory, financial, administrative and technical measures which the application of said amendment requires;

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