DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS FOURTH SESSION
(Madrid, 21-25 February 1977)

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CE/DEC/1(IV)

**Progress report of the Secretary-General**

Agenda item 2 (document CE/4/2)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General covering the period since the third session of the Council.

CE/DEC/2(IV)

**Members of the Organization**

Agenda item 3 (document CE/4/3)

The Executive Council,

Having recalled that the formula for fixing the contributions of States Members (A/DEC/15(I)) is not open to reconsideration by the Council,

Having expressed deep regret at the announcement of the withdrawals from the Organization of Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago as notified by these Members to the provisional depositary,

Having voiced grave concern at the announcement of proposals to withdraw from the Organization communicated in letters to the Secretary-General by the Bahamas and Jamaica,

Requests the Secretary-General to analyse the reasons inducing the said Members to withdraw from the Organization;

Requests the Secretary-General to study ways and means of encouraging States which, through lack of information or for any other reason, have not yet applied for membership of the Organization, to present their candidatures.
Report on financial matters: interim administrative accounts for the financial year 1976

Agenda item 4 (document CE/4/4)

The Executive Council,

Considering that the periods laid down in paragraphs 9 and 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes compel the Committee on Budget and Finance to examine the budget estimates before it has received the report on the administrative accounts of the Organization for the last financial year,

Decides to recommend the General Assembly:

(a) to suspend the effects of paragraph 12 of the said Financing Rules for the third financial period (1980-1981), by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting;

(b) to amend the said paragraph 12 to reduce to three months the period of six months provided for therein, by the procedure laid down in Article 33(2) of the Statutes;

(c) in the event of the amendment recommended in subparagraph (b) above being adopted, to call upon the Full Members of the Organization to ratify it so that it may come into force, in accordance with Article 33(3) of the Statutes, without delay;

(d) exceptionally to waive the period provided for in Article 33(1) of the Statutes when considering the amendment recommended in subparagraph (b) above.
CE/DEC/4(IV)

Report on applications for contribution adjustments
by certain member States

Agenda item 5 (document CE/4/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on applications for contribution adjustments by certain member States,

Having noted with satisfaction the declaration of the delegate of Panama that Panama and El Salvador withdraw their applications for a contribution adjustment,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing Costa Rica that its application for a contribution adjustment will be examined subsequently in the light of the steps taken by the Secretary-General pursuant to Executive Council decision 2(IV).

CE/DEC/5(IV)

Report on unutilized appropriations
for the financial year 1976

Agenda item 6 (document CE/4/6)

The Executive Council,

Notes that the balance of 835,662.88 United States dollars referred to in document CE/4/6 represents, for the financial year 1976, the appropriations cited in the last paragraph of Executive Council decision 5(III), and

Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry forward 212,242.25 United States dollars as he requested in the said document CE/4/6.
CE/DEC/6(IV)

Draft Convention concerning privileges and immunities granted to the World Tourism Organization in the member States

Agenda item 8 (document CE/4/E)

The Executive Council,

Considering that the adoption of a Convention concerning privileges and immunities granted to the World Tourism Organization in the member States is essential for the proper functioning of the Organization,

Having taken note of the draft Convention prepared to that end by the Secretary-General (document CE/4/E),

Considers that all member States should be sent the said draft and invited to forward their observations on the text to the Secretary-General by 15 April 1977 and

Entrusts the Working Party which it set up by decision 18(II) with meeting at Headquarters immediately before the second session of the General Assembly, studying the draft Convention in the light of the observations received from member States, and proposing a revised draft Convention to the Assembly.

CE/DEC/7(IV)

Draft supplemental agreements between the Organization and the Spanish Government concerning certain immunities and facilities granted to officials of the Organization and concerning the Parties' cooperation under Articles 16(2) and 25 of the Headquarters Convention

Agenda item 9 (document CE/4/E)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the negotiations on supplemental agreements between the Organization and the Spanish Government concerning certain
immunities and facilities granted to officials of the Organization and concerning the Parties' cooperation under Articles 16(2) and 25 of the Headquarters Convention,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the said negotiations.

CE/DEC/E (IV)

Report on negotiations with member States hosting Regional Secretariats of the Organization for agreements concerning their legal status in those countries

Agenda item 10 (document CE/4/10)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on negotiations with member States hosting Regional Secretariats of the Organization for agreements concerning their legal status in those countries (CE/DEC/9 (III)),

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the said negotiations.

CE/DEC/9 (IV)

Report on the negotiations for an agreement concerning the establishment of CIEST

Agenda item 11 (document CE/4/11)

The Executive Council,

Asks the Secretary-General to cease negotiations with the Italian Government for an agreement concerning the establishment of CIEST in Italy;
Entrusts the Secretary-General:

(a) with ascertaining possible interest among member States in the establishment of CIEST in their respective countries, having regard to the statements of readiness made in this respect by Mexico and Venezuela and the indication by the Zambian delegation of similar readiness on the part of Kenya;

(b) with collecting all appropriate information on invitations that may be made;

(c) with making a comparative study of the advantages of locations proposed.

CE/DEC/10(IV)

Report of the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 12 (document CE/4/12)

The Executive Council,

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

Requests the Committee of Affiliate Members to be represented throughout each session of the Executive Council and the meetings of its subsidiary bodies; and

Invites the Committee to continue the publication of Touriscope, the liaison bulletin for Affiliate Members, with the material support of the Secretariat, it being understood that such support shall not entail additional expenditure by the Organization.
CE/DEC/11(IV)

Examination of document CE/3/DEC

Agenda item 13

The Executive Council,

Having regard to difficulties with correspondence reported by certain Members,

Requests the Secretary-General to submit the provisional text of its decisions, prior to the close of each session, for approval.

CE/DEC/12(IV)

Draft general programme of work for the period 1978-1979
prepared by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 14 (document CE/4/13)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Working Group which met under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the TCPC to examine written suggestions by certain Members of the Council concerning the draft general programme of work for the period 1978-1979 (document CE/4/13),

Decides to communicate all the said suggestions, together with the suggestions of the Working Group itself, to the Secretary-General as guidelines for the execution of the general programme of work for 1978-1979;

Accepts the suggestions of the Working Group (document CE/4/13 (Pres. CTPC)) to include a further activity in the draft general programme of work for 1978-1979 and to amend the titles or aims of certain activities in that programme;
Takes note with satisfaction of the generous offer of the delegate of Belgium to prepare a report on mass tourism for distribution to Members of the Organization;

Trusts that other Members will follow the example of Belgium in making their technical competence in tourism available to the Organization;

Decides to include a revision by the Secretariat of the Handbook on the Calculation of the Travel Item in the Balance of Payments prepared under the 1976-1977 programme, in the draft general programme of work for 1978-1979; and

Recommends the General Assembly to adopt the draft general programme of work for 1978-1979 (document CE/4/13) subject to the amendments mentioned above.

CE/DEC/13(IV)

Experts made available to the Organization by Members

Agenda item 14 (document CE/4/13)

The Executive Council,

Fully aware of the valuable contributions of expertise and technical competence in the field of tourism that the Members of the Organization are in a position to make,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with calling upon Members to make experts available to the Organization to assist in the execution of the general programme of work.
CE/DEC/14(IV)

Recommendation for a World Conference on Tourism in 1980, proposed by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 14 (document CE/4/13)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its recommendation to the General Assembly that a World Conference on Tourism be convened in 1980 (CE/DEC/15(III)),

Considers that the said Conference might be held in September 1980, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Organization's Statutes by the Extraordinary General Assembly of IUOTO;

Recommends to the General Assembly that the business of the Conference should cover social, cultural and economic aspects of tourism; and

Further recommends to the General Assembly that, in the event of its agreeing to convene a World Tourism Conference in 1980, Mr. Robert C. Lonati should be President if he is no longer Secretary-General of the Organization at that time, in which case he should receive remuneration not less than his present remuneration during the preparatory period and until the end of the said Conference.

CE/DEC/15(IV)

Draft programme budget of the Organization for the period 1978-1979 prepared by the Secretary-General

Agenda item 15 (document CE/4/16)

The Executive Council,

Recalling that under Article 24(3) of the Statutes, the paramount consideration in the recruitment of staff and in the determination
of the conditions of service is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, technical competence and integrity, and that subject to that consideration recruitment should be on as broad a geographical basis as possible.

Requests the Secretary-General to fill vacant posts in the Secretariat at the earliest opportunity;

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at each session a list of the Secretariat's staff stating the grade and nationality of each;

Invites the Secretary-General to study the possibility of recruiting Secretariat staff on three- or four-year contracts in order to ensure a degree of staff rotation;

Earnestly requests the Secretary-General to recruit only nationals of member countries of the Organization, calling also upon Affiliate Members in the case of consultants, and to apply the principle of fair and equitable regional distribution in recruitment; and

Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Second General Assembly on the steps taken pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

CE/DEC/16(IV)

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Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the Organization's draft programme budget for the period 1978-1979

Agenda item 16 (document CE/4/15)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the draft programme budget for the period 1978-1979 (document CE/4/14),
Having also taken note of the statement by the Chairman of the CBF and the report of that Committee,

Accepts the recommendations of the Committee contained in documents CE/4/15 and CE/4/15 Add. 1;

Recommends the General Assembly:

(a) to appropriate 15,000 United States dollars a year (salary: 12,000; expenses: 3,000) for recruitment of a part-time liaison officer at Geneva, and

(b) to increase the appropriation for communications expenses from 65,000 to 80,000 United States dollars for each of the two financial years, and

Recommends the General Assembly to adopt for 1978-1979 a budget of 2,583,000 United States dollars for the first financial year and 2,620,000 United States 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/17(IV)

Request for exoneration from contributions by the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Agenda item 16 (document CE/4/15)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of a communication, referred to it by the Committee on Budget and Finance, from the Lao People's Democratic Republic requesting that the said Member of the Organization should be exonerated from its arrears in contributions to IUOTO for 1974-1975 and its arrears in contributions to WTO for 1976-1977,
Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing the said member State that the Council did not endorse its request.

Preparations for the Second General Assembly

Agenda item 17 (document CE/4/16)

The Executive Council,

Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General concerning preparations for the Second General Assembly, in particular the recommendation for the establishment of a committee on administrative, financial, legal and budgetary matters (Committee A) and of a committee on matters related to the Organization's general programme of work (Committee B); and

Requests the Secretary-General to take account of the views expressed in the Council when considering invitations to international organizations.

Appointmet of the representative of the Middle East to the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 18 (document CE/4/17)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decisions 4(II) and 18(III),

Taking note of the statement by the Members representing the Middle East in the Council, by which Jordan undertakes within thirty days to communicate to the Secretary-General the name of the member State belonging to the Middle East region which is to represent that region in the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Decides that the Member so designated shall be deemed to represent the Middle East region in the Committee on Budget and Finance.
CE/DEC/20(IV)

Recommendation to the General Assembly concerning the
election of the Auditors for the period 1976-1979

Agenda item 19 (document CE/4/10)

The Executive Council,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with the relevant provision of Article 26 of the Statutes, the term of office of the Auditors elected for the period 1976-1977 should be renewed for the period 1976-1979.

CE/DEC/21(IV)

Implementation of decision 8(I) of the General Assembly concerning invitation of the President and nine Vice-Presidents of the First General Assembly

Agenda item 20 (document CE/4/1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the request of the Egyptian Government that an item entitled "Implementation of decision 8(I) of the General Assembly concerning invitation of the President and nine Vice-Presidents of the First General Assembly" be included in the agenda for the fourth session,

Considering that by adopting its Rules of Procedure at the third session it took a decision on that matter,

Confirms that decision.
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CE/DEC/22(IV)

Depositary of the Statutes of the Organization

Agenda item 21

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Article 37 of the Statutes of the Organization,

Recommends the General Assembly to express its gratitude to the Government of the Swiss Confederation for having acted as provisional depositary of the Statutes, especially after Madrid was chosen as the Headquarters of the Organization; and

Entrusts the Secretary-General with transferring the said functions from Switzerland to Spain.

CE/DEC/23(IV)

Cooperation between the World Tourism Organization and the Arab Tourism Union

Agenda item 21

The Executive Council,

Affirming the principle of cooperation between the World Tourism Organization and regional intergovernmental organizations wholly or partly concerned with tourism,

Having regard to the particular nature of the Arab Tourism Union, which is an intergovernmental organization, and to the common interests of the two bodies in tourism,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with examining with the Secretary-General of the Arab Tourism Union the most appropriate ways and means of strengthening cooperation between the two bodies and with reporting on the matter to the fifth session of the Executive Council and to the Second General Assembly.
CE/DEC/24(IV)

Period for conclusion of agreements concerning the Regional Secretariats

Agenda item 21

The Executive Council,

Decides that the Secretary-General shall cease negotiations with those States hosting Regional Secretariats of WTO with which agreements have not been reached by the time of the second session of the General Assembly; and

Further decides that in the event of such cessation of negotiations with any of the said States, the Secretary-General shall approach the other member States in the region in question concerning the possibility of their hosting the Regional Secretariat.

CE/DEC/25(IV)

External audit of the accounts of the Organization

Agenda item 21

The Executive Council,

Noting that for material reasons and on account of the Organization's audit schedule the auditors have to date been unable to present their report on the financial year 1976,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with forwarding the said report to Members of the Organization when drawn up by the auditors;

Decides to examine the report at its fifth session.
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CE/DEC/26(IV)

Technical communications of the Organization

Agenda item 21

The Executive Council,

Considering that it is desirable and necessary for the national tourism administrations or organizations of all the member States to be regularly informed of the Organization's activities to allow them to benefit from its work,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with requesting, whenever appropriate, Full Members of the Organization for their consent that technical communications sent to them should also be sent to their national tourism administrations or organizations.

CE/DEC/27(IV)

Place and date of the fifth session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 22

The Executive Council,

Considering that it must examine the Auditors' report before the latter is submitted to the second session of the General Assembly and any other matter on which it has to report to the Assembly,

Decides to hold its fifth session on 23 May 1977 at the Organization's Headquarters.
Place and date of the sixth session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 23

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its sixth session at the Organization's Headquarters during and immediately after the General Assembly.
4. Members represented at the fourth session of the Council

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, France, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, 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.