DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS SECOND SESSION
(Acapulco, 26-30 April 1976)

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2. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL

Decision 1 (II)

Secretary-General's report on the establishment of the
Secretariat at the Organization's Headquarters at Madrid
Agenda item 3 (document CE/2/3)

The Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the establishment of the Secretariat at the Organization's Headquarters at Madrid,

Addresses to the Government of Spain its warm congratulations; and

Expresses its sincere gratitude for the facilities it generously made available to the Organization for allowing it to move from Geneva and establish at Madrid the Secretariat of WTO in optimum conditions of hospitality and efficiency, thus avoiding any break in the Organization's activities.

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Decision 2 (II)

Secretary-General's report on the Organization's activities
Agenda item 4 (document CE/2/4)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the Organization's activities.

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Decision 3 (II)

Setting up of the Council's subsidiary organs
Agenda item 5 (document CE/2/5)

The Council,

Decides to set up a Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (TCPC) and a Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 (f) of the Organization's Statutes and rule 8 (1) of its own Rules of Procedure;
Decides that each of these Committees will be composed of nine Members appointed by the Council from among the Organization's Members on the recommendation of representatives of the regions belonging to the Council so as to ensure equitable regional representation within the Committees, and that the Committee of Affiliate Members will be invited to send an observer to the meetings of each Committee;

Decides that the Chairman of each Committee will be appointed directly by the Council from among the Organization's Members;

Decides that these two Committees will apply, mutatis mutandis, the Council's Rules of Procedure, pending approval by the Council of their own rules of procedure;

Decides that the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance will meet immediately before the appropriate meetings of the Council to consider documents submitted to the Council which fall within their competence and report to it on the matters which they have considered;

Invites States Members of these Committees to appoint suitably qualified experts as their representatives thereon.

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Decision 4 (II)

Appointment of members of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 5 (document CE/2/5)

The Council,

Decides to appoint the following countries as members of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance:

Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination

Chairman: Mexico
Members: Chile
          Indonesia
          Kenya
          Pakistan
          Spain
          Tunisia
          United States
          Yugoslavia
Committee on Budget and Finance

Chairman: France
Members: Bahamas
         Bangladesh
         Haiti
         Nigeria
         Philippines
         Senegal
         Switzerland
         USSR

Decides to appoint at a future session the member of the TCPC and the member of the CBF to represent the Middle East, after consultation with the representative of that region to the Council.

Decision 5 (II)

Organization's budget for the period 1976-1977

Agenda item 6 (document CE/2/6)

The Council,

Having taken note of the Organization's budget for the period 1976-1977 submitted to it by the Secretary-General (document CE/2/6),


Decision 6 (II)

Organization's general programme of work
for the period 1976-1977

Agenda item 7 (document CE/2/7)

The Council,

Having taken note of the general programme of work for the period 1976-1977 submitted to it by the Secretary-General (document CE/2/7),

Approves the general programme of work for the period 1976-1977.
Decision 7 (II)

Interim report on the Organization's financial position

Agenda item 8 (document CE/2/8)

The Council,

Having taken note of the interim report on the Organization's financial position (document CE/2/8) submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

expresses its concern about the delay of certain Members of the Organization in paying their contributions;

invites the Governments of the member States concerned to take prompt action to ensure payment of their contributions without further delay.

Decision 8 (II)

Justified contribution arrears of Members of the Organization resulting from various budgetary systems and dates of different financial years

Agenda item 9 (document CE/2/9)

The Council,

takes note of cases of justified arrears resulting from various budgetary systems and dates of different financial years;

accepts the cases of justified arrears of Israel, Indonesia, Pakistan and Turkey.

Decision 9 (II)

Contribution adjustment for countries with a small population and a low national income

Agenda item 10 (document CE/2/10)

The Council,

Having taken note of the requests made by some Members of the Organization,
Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting to it at its next session on:

(a) the reasons that may justify such requests for contribution adjustments made by some countries with a small population and a low national income, together with the financial implications of such adjustments;

(b) requests for contribution adjustments made by certain member States because of natural disasters or other exceptional circumstances, together with the financial implications of such adjustments;

(c) the possible duration of such adjustments;

(d) the series of statistical data on which the weighting for the assessment of contributions of member States is based.

Decision 10 (II)

Negotiations with the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the conclusion of agreements

Agenda item 11 (document CE/2/11)

The Council,

Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the negotiations under way with the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the conclusion of agreements (document CE/2/11),

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the negotiations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme along the lines set forth in document CE/2/11 and with reporting back to it at its next session.
Decision 11 (II)

Negotiations with the Italian Government for the conclusion of an agreement for the establishment of CIEST in Italy
Agenda item 12 (document CE/2/12)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the negotiations under way with the Italian Government for the conclusion of an agreement for the establishment of CIEST in Italy (document CE/2/12);

Takes note of the declarations made by the delegates of Mexico and Venezuela about the possibilities and facilities which those two countries could offer in connection with the Organization's vocational training activities;

Reaffirms the importance which the Organization attaches to tourism vocational training programmes;

Entrusts the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination with studying arrangements for the possible creation of a universally recognized diploma in tourism studies.

Decision 12 (II)

Report on the Regional Commissions
Agenda item 13 (document CE/2/13)

The Council,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting to it at its next session on the role and activities of the Organization's Regional Commissions;

Entrusts the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination with considering the possibility of including in the Organization's general programme of work the studies undertaken by the Regional Travel Commission for the Americas of IUOTO on seaside and cultural tourism in the Americas and on the imbalance of tourism between Latin America and Europe.
Decision 13 (II)

Draft agreement concerning the legal status of the Regional Secretariats
Agenda item 14 (document CE/2/14)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the draft agreement concerning the legal status of the Regional Secretariats (document CE/2/14);

Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the negotiations and with reporting back to it at its next session.

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Decision 14 (II)

Regional Secretariat for the Pacific and East Asia
Agenda item 15 (document CE/2/15)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's statement about the activities of members of the Pacific and East Asia region;

Congratulates the Government of the Philippines on the aid in human and material resources which it is prepared to grant the Organization for the development of tourism operational activities in the region as part of the Organization's responsibilities;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting to it at its next session on the financial, administrative and legal implications of setting up the Regional Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization for the Pacific and East Asia.
Decision 15 (II)

Secretary-General's report on the implementation of Article 44 of the Statutes
Agenda item 16 (document CE/2/16)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of Article 44 of the Statutes (document CE/2/16).

Decision 16 (II)

IUOTO Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions
Agenda item 17 (document CE/2/17)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on IUOTO Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions (document CE/2/17);

Entrusts the Secretary-General with sending a communication to States Members of the World Tourism Organization whose national tourist organizations have not yet discharged their financial obligations to IUOTO, inviting them to take the necessary steps to see that their arrears are settled as soon as possible;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with requesting national tourist organizations former Members of IUOTO and former Associate Members of IUOTO which still have financial obligations to IUOTO to discharge them as soon as possible, if necessary by a system of instalments to be determined and decided upon in agreement with the Secretary-General;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting back to it on this matter at its next session, mentioning the former Associate Members of IUOTO which will then have ceased to exist so that the Council may write off the receivables now shown in the balance-sheet.
Decision 17 (II)

Secretary-General's report on the execution of IUOTO's programme of work for the period 1974-1975

Agenda item 18 (document CE/2/18)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's report on the execution of IUOTO's programme of work for the period 1974-1975 (document CE/2/18).

Decision 18 (II)

Setting up and composition of a Working Party to examine the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Executive Council and to draft rules of procedure for the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda items 19 and 20 (documents CE/2/19 and CE/2/20)

The Council,

Decides to set up a Working Party to examine the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Executive Council and to draft rules of procedure for the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance;

Appoints as members of the Working Party:

Cameroon
France
Pakistan
Peru
Thailand
Tunisia
USSR
United States

Invites the States Members of the Working Party to appoint suitably qualified experts as their representatives thereon;
Decides that the Working Party will meet at the Organization's Headquarters as soon as possible and will report to the Council at its next session.

Decision 19 (II)

Proposed amendment to the Financial Regulations

Agenda item 21 (document CE/2/21)

The Council,

Having taken note of the difficulties which might be entailed by the application of regulation 5 (3) (c) of the Financial Regulations of the Organization, as set forth in document CE/2/21 submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to it at its next session proposals concerning appropriations to be transferred from the first to the second financial year.

Decision 20 (II)

Proposed amendment to the Staff Regulations

Agenda item 22 (document CE/2/22)

The Council,

Decides to propose to the General Assembly the adoption of the amendment to regulation 54 of the Staff Regulations of the Organization as proposed in document CE/2/22.

Decision 21 (II)

Draft Temporary Staff Rules

Agenda item 23 (document CE/2/23)

The Council,

Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting to it at its next session revised draft Temporary Staff Rules taking into account the proposals which certain members of the Council stated that they would send him by 31 July 1976.
Decision 22 (II)

Report on measures taken by the Secretary-General concerning the retirement of officials
Agenda item 24 (document CE/2/24)

The Council,

Approves the measures taken by the Secretary-General concerning the retirement of officials (document CE/2/24).

Decision 23 (II)

Establishment of the travel subsistence allowance
Agenda item 25 (document CE/2/25)

The Council,

Adopts for the travel subsistence allowance of the Organization's officials the schedule established for this purpose by the International Civil Service Commission of the United Nations (document CE/2/25).

Decision 24 (II)

Geographical distribution of the staff of the Organization's Secretariat
Agenda item 26 (document CE/2/26)

The Council,

Takes note of the Secretary-General's statement concerning the statutory consideration that the Organization's officials are to be recruited on as wide a geographical basis as possible while at the same time ensuring that the paramount consideration shall be the standards of efficiency, technical competence and integrity;

Requests the Secretary-General to give, without prejudice to the primary consideration of technical competence, priority in future recruitments to candidates from regions which as yet are under-represented in the Secretariat.
Decision 25 (II)

Selection of the auditors
Agenda item 27 (document CE/2/27)

The Council,

Takes note of the two candidates presented by Egypt for the post of auditor to which that country was elected;

Considering that, since the procedure for the accession of the Netherlands to the Organization is not yet completed, the candidatures of that country have not yet been presented,

Decides to examine at its next session the candidatures presented by Egypt and the Netherlands to the posts of auditors of the Organization.

Decision 26 (II)

Consideration of General Assembly decision 8 (I)
concerning the participation of the Assembly's Officers and the Chairman of the Regional Commissions in the Council's work
Agenda item 28 (document CE/2/28)

The Council,

Decides to refer General Assembly decision 8 (I) to the Working Party set up to examine the Rules of Procedure so that it will be taken into account in preparing the final text of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

Decision 27 (II)

Quality control certificate for tourism activities and services in the world
Agenda item 29

The Council,

Having heard the proposal of the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination concerning the possibility of awarding a quality control certificate for tourism activities and services in the world,
Entrusts the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination with considering this matter and reporting back to it on the subject.

Decision 28 (II)

Vote of thanks to Mexico as the host country of the second session of the Executive Council
Agenda item 29

The Council,

At the end of its second session held at Acapulco, Mexico, from 26 to 30 April 1976,

Notes with satisfaction the efforts made and part played by Mexico for the development of world tourism;

Aware that the physical and moral conditions in which the work was conducted contributed appreciably to its smooth running,

Expresses to the Secretary of State for Tourism, the Mexican Government and the authorities responsible for hosting this session its profound gratitude;

Requests those authorities to convey to the Mexican Republic the deep appreciation of the delegations of States that took part in this session.

Decision 29 (II)

Place and date of the Council's third session
Agenda item 30

The Council,

Takes note of the invitation of the delegate of Tunisia to hold its third session in Tunisia;

Accepts that invitation with gratitude;

Entrusts the Secretary-General with determining, in agreement with the Tunisian authorities, the date on which that session should be held.
3. **States attending the second session of the Council**

1. Representatives of the following States Members of the Organization and members of the Executive Council attended the session: Bangladesh, Cameroon, France, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Senegal, Thailand, Tunisia, USSR, United States, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zambia.

2. The Council decided to allow the representative of Belgium, member and Vice-Chairman of the Council, whose procedure for accession to the Organization was under way at the time of this session, to attend the debates of the Council.

3. The representative of Mexico, host country of this session, State member of the Organization and non-member of the Council, was authorized to attend the debates of the Council until being appointed Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination, when he became an ex officio Member of the Council (rule 8 (3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

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