Election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2018

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2018.

   Officers of the Council

   Rule 5

   1. The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.

   2. The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.

   3. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.

   4. The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.

2. Although Rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

3. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General on 8 August 2017, the Minister of Tourism of Zambia presented his country’s candidature for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2018.

4. Also, in a letter addressed to the Secretary-General on 12 September 2017, the Minister of Tourism of Argentina presented his country’s candidature for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2018.

5. No candidates for the posts of Vice-Chairs have been received.

II. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

6. The Executive Council is invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs.