DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS 107TH SESSION

Chengdu, China, 16 September 2017

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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/107/1 prov.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat,

Declares to adopt the agenda of its 107th session as proposed.

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Declaration of loyalty by the Secretary-General (Regulation 6(a) of the Staff Regulations)

Agenda item 2
(document CE/107/2)

The Executive Council,

Meeting in public session in accordance with Staff Regulation 6(a),

1. Welcomes the solemn declaration of loyalty made and signed by Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili following his appointment as Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2018-2021 by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, pursuant to Article 22 of the Statutes; and

2. Thanks the current Secretary-General Mr. Taleb Rifai, who faithfully served the Organization during the present term 2014-2017.

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Appointments to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council  

(a) Programme and Budget Committee  

Agenda item 3  
(document CE/107/3(a))  

The Executive Council,  

Considering the rules of procedure of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC),  

Having taken note of the results of the election of Council members,  

Recalling that two members of the Executive Council, namely Angola and India, representing Africa and South Asia, finished their term in the Council and in the PBC at the 22nd session of the General Assembly,  

1. Elects the following two Executive Council members to serve in the PBC until the 24th session of the General Assembly:  
   (a) Africa: Zimbabwe  
   (b) South Asia: India  

Having also taken note of the candidatures proposed by the Regional Commissions and the meeting of Associate Members for the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council, as well as the results of the elections of the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members,  

2. Takes note that Peru was elected to the PBC by the Regional Commission for the Americas until the 23rd session of the General Assembly;  

3. Welcomes the nomination of Flanders as representative of the Associate Members in the Executive Council and in the PBC until the 23rd session of the General Assembly;  

4. Also welcomes the nomination of Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, as representative of the Affiliate Members in the PBC; and  

5. Thanks the former members for their valuable work.  

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Appointments to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council

(b) Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership

Agenda item 3
(document CE/107/3(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the candidatures proposed by the Regional Commissions for the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council, as well as the results of the elections of the Board of Affiliate Members,

1. **Appoints** the following Members to the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2017-2019:

   (a) Africa: Tunisia

   (b) Americas: Mexico

   (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Thailand

   (d) Europe: Croatia

   (e) Middle East: Egypt

   (f) South Asia: India

   (g) Representative of the Affiliate Members: Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members; and

2. **Thanks** the former members for their valuable work.

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Appointments to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council

(c) Committee of Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC)

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the results of the elections of the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members,

Having also taken note of the candidatures proposed by the meeting of Associate Members for the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council,

1. Welcomes the nomination of Macao, China, as representative of the Associate Members in the CTC until the 23rd session of the General Assembly; and

2. Also welcomes the nomination of Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, as representative of the Affiliate Members in the CTC.

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Appointments to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council

(d) Committee of Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the results of the elections of the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members,

Having also taken note of the candidatures proposed by the meeting of Associate Members for the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council,

1. Welcomes the nomination of Puerto Rico as representative of the Associate Members in the CTS until the 23rd session of the General Assembly; and

2. Also welcomes the nomination of Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, as representative of the Affiliate Members in the CTS.

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Appointments to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council

(e) Committee of Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account (CSTSA)

Agenda item 3

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the results of the elections of the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members,

Having also taken note of the candidatures proposed by the meeting of Associate Members for the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council,

1. Welcomes the nomination of Macao, China, as representative of the Associate Members in the CSTSA until the 23rd session of the General Assembly; and

2. Also welcomes the nomination of Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, as representative of the Affiliate Members in the CSTSA.

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

Agenda item 4
(document CE/107/4)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having considered the candidatures from Argentina and Zambia received for the chairmanship and without setting any precedent,

1. Decides to elect Argentina as Chair of the Council for 2018;
2. Decides to elect Zambia as Chair of the Council for 2019;

Having taken note of Zambia’s acceptance to serve as first Vice-Chair in 2018 and of India’s willingness to serve as second Vice-Chair for 2018,

3. Decides to maintain Zambia as first Vice-Chair of the Council and to elect India as second Vice-Chair of the Council for 2018;
4. Requests the Full Members elected to the chairmanship/vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties in accordance with Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure; and
5. Pays special tribute to the outgoing Chair His Excellency Mr. Abulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan, and the second Vice-Chair Her Excellency Ms. Renata Pindzo, Deputy Minister of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of Serbia, for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

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Place and dates of the 108th session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 5
(document CE/107/5)

The Executive Council,

Taking into consideration the guidelines it has adopted for the selection of venues of its sessions (CE/DEC/11(XCIV)),

Recalling in particular paragraph 14(a) of document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev.1, which states:

“The next Executive Council meeting following the one held immediately after the General Assembly must be held at the Headquarters of the Organization. It decides the places of the meetings of the Council up to the next General Assembly.”

Taking note of the invitation of Spain to host the 108th session of the Executive Council,

1. Approves the proposal of the Secretary-General to hold its 108th session (first half of 2018) in Spain; and

2. Invites the Member States to send their candidatures to host the 109th and 110th sessions of the Council to the Secretariat, at the latest, 90 days before the 108th session of the Executive Council.

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