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**GENERAL  
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ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SESSION

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1. Full Members represented at the sixth session

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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A/RES/154 (VI)

Election of the President

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly,

Having been informed by the President of its fifth session that the various geographical regions had decided in favour of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for the presidency of the Assembly and that, on this assumption, Mr. Latchezar Avramov would perform the duties of President,

1. Elects by acclamation Mr. Latchezar Avramov, the representative of Bulgaria, to the presidency of the sixth session of the General Assembly of WTO;
2. Expresses its warm congratulations to Mr. Avramov on this token of the international community's confidence in him; and
3. Thanks Mr. Ashok Gehlot, Minister of State for Tourism and Civil Aviation of India, for his fine statement and for the much appreciated hospitality his country extended to the Assembly in 1983.

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A/RES/155 (VI)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 3 (documents A/6/odj.prov.  
and A/6/odj.prov.annot.)

The General Assembly,

Having before it the draft agenda of its sixth session,

Adopts it without amendment.

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A/RES/156 (VI)

Election of the Vice-Presidents

## Agenda item 4

The General Assembly,

Having heard its President announce the names of the representatives of the regions who were to perform the duties of Vice-Presidents of its sixth session,

1. Elects by acclamation the representatives of Cameroon, China, Ethiopia, Finland, Nepal, Peru, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela; and
  2. Congratulates these States on this display of confidence in them by the international community meeting within the sixth session of the General Assembly.
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A/RES/157 (VI)

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

## Agenda item 5

The General Assembly,

Having heard its President announce, in accordance with rule 13 of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the names of the States designated by the Regional Commissions to serve on the Credentials Committee,

1. Notes that the Credentials Committee is composed of the following States: Argentina, Brazil, Cyprus, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kuwait, Malawi, Romania and Sri Lanka; and
  2. Requests the Committee to draw up its report as soon as possible on the credentials presented by delegations of States and Associate Members and on the identification papers presented by Affiliate Members and invited observers.
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A/RES/158(VI)

Progress report of the Secretary-General  
since the fifth session of the General Assembly  
(New Delhi, October 1983)

Agenda item 6 (documents A/6/6,  
A/6/6 Add.1 and A/6/6 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the progress report of the Secretary-General since its fifth session held at New Delhi in October 1983, and

Having, in this context, considered the documents circulated under this agenda item, viz. the introduction to the report, the basic report, Addendum 1 on youth tourism and Addendum 2 on the powers, authority and responsibilities of travel and tourism administrations,

1. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the new approach, which has already been brought to the attention of the Council and been the subject of recommendations by the International Conference held in Paris on the adaptation of training for tourism and travel personnel and which is intended to shed light on the concept of tourism-holidays and to expand this field to its true dimensions as encompassing movements of persons, travel and tourism;
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the achievements of the Organization, as set forth in the documents provided by the Secretariat, and which prove how WTO has today consolidated its position within the international system of organizations and fully reflects the purpose for which it was created in that it constitutes the focal point for the formulation of all tourism policies and strategies for States and the private operational sector of tourism services alike;
3. Notes the remarks made in the report concerning the shortcomings of the Organization's bodies in their various activities;
4. Agrees that it will be necessary for all delegations to make a keener effort of involvement and to participate in the formulation of decisions and recommendations intended for implementation by governments or the private sector;
5. Appreciates the efforts under way to cooperate with other international organizations;
6. Declares its satisfaction at the results achieved at regional level and with respect to Africa and the Americas in particular;

7. Expresses the hope that the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific may shortly follow up on the proposals for the conclusion of an agreement of cooperation in pursuance of the agreement concluded between WTO and the United Nations;
8. Endorses the thinking of the Secretary-General concerning the preparation of the general programmes of work or regional or interregional programmes so as to ensure that in future they reflect a fresh approach and achieve practical implementation;
9. Welcomes the redoubled efforts of the Secretary-General in respect of field operations and the steps he has taken to transfer to States the expertise stemming from programmes of research into modern methods of communication;
10. Requests, in this context, that States increasingly entrust to WTO the execution of technical cooperation projects financed by UNDP;
11. Expresses its agreement on the problem of experts and consultants from the standpoint of their training and ability to transfer their knowledge in a way that is consistent with conditions in the field;
12. Invites member States to receive experts and consultants from the developing countries as they are more attuned to actual circumstances in the field than are theorists from other geographical areas;
13. Requests the UNDP Administrator to arrange for WTO to be entrusted, wherever appropriate and depending on the availability of funds, with projects for which it has the capacity of decision, with particular regard to the financing, without commission, of sectoral support missions;
14. Congratulates the management of UNDP and the Resident Representatives on the understanding they now show WTO as an executing agency for UNDP;
15. Agrees with the Secretary-General that certain malaises besetting the international system have not affected the Organization which has been able to operate with a very modest budget and limited human resources;
16. Joins the Secretary-General in acknowledging the merits of the prominent individuals whose action was decisive in transforming the former IUOTO into an intergovernmental organization, the present WTO, and conveys to them its feelings of gratitude;
17. Appreciates also the fact that Heads of State and other prominent individuals in member States have given sustained attention to WTO's activities;

18. Joins the Secretary-General in paying tribute to the men and women of the Secretariat who, with exemplary confidence and a determination to serve and strive for the noble ideals of the Organization, have spared no effort in their contribution to its work;
19. Considers that the Organization is now in a position to become far more involved and exercise more authority in its field of institutional competence and that Members should shoulder their responsibilities whenever their power of decision is required so that the Secretary-General is not obliged to take on tasks which lie outside his competence;
20. Takes note, lastly, with interest of the addenda to the report of the Secretary-General on youth tourism and on the powers, authority and responsibilities of travel and tourism administrations;
21. Requests States to ensure that the conclusions on youth tourism are brought to the attention of the interested parties so that they may, so far as possible, be considered for implementation; and
22. Thanks the Secretary-General and the staff of the Secretariat for their dedication and for the concrete results they have enabled the Organization to achieve.

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A/RES/159(VI)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 7 (documents A/6/7, A/6/7 Add.1  
and A/6/7 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/6/7 on membership of the Organization and Addenda 1 and 2 thereto,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the new applications for full, associate and affiliate membership submitted to it, which reflect the interest governments and the private operational sector take in the overall work and sectoral and regional activities of the Organization;
2. Notes with pleasure that the Republic of Guinea has resumed its activities within WTO, in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Statutes;

3. Notes and approves the applications for full membership of the Republic of Chad and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe;
4. Notes with pleasure the resumption of participation as an Associate Member of Puerto Rico, a Full Member of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations (IUOTO) when the Statutes of WTO were adopted, in the light of a declaration by the Government of the United States of America which has responsibility for the external relations of Puerto Rico;
5. Notes and approves the applications for affiliate membership under Article 7(4) of the Statutes, of the following bodies:
  - (a) International Association of Skat Clubs (AISC)
  - (b) International Association for Social Tourism and Workers' Leisure (AITSLT)
  - (c) Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations (FIYTO)
  - (d) Accor (France)
  - (e) Bohio Dominicano (Dominican Republic)
  - (f) Centro de Estudios Turísticos (Chile)
  - (g) Soci  t   du Palais des Congr  s de Montr  al (Canada)
  - (h) Society for the Advancement of Travel for the Handicapped (United States of America)
  - (i) Tourismplan (Egypt)
  - (j) University of the Sacred Heart (Puerto Rico)
  - (k) Federaci  n Espa  ola de Municipios y Provincias (Spain)
  - (l) Fundaci  n Miguel Alem  n, A.C. (Mexico)
  - (m) United States Tour Operators Association (United States of America)
  - (n) Patronato Provincial de Turismo de Granada (Spain)
  - (o) Social Security Company for Hotel Management (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
6. Also notes the withdrawal of the following Affiliate Members:
  - (a) Mercantile Tours (Ceylon) Ltd. (Sri Lanka)
  - (b) Walt Disney Productions (United States of America)
  - (c) Metz Consulting Corporation (Switzerland)
  - (d) Soci  t   nationale d'h  tellerie (Gabon)
  - (e) Caribbean Tourism Association (CTA)
  - (f) Cigahotels (Compagnia Italiana dei Grandi Alberghi)
  - (g) Italcongressi (Italy)
  - (h) Ecotour, S.A. Economie et tourisme (Switzerland)
  - (i) Assistance en recherche touristique (Switzerland)

- (j) Holiday Inns Inc. (United States of America)
- (k) Institut international de recherche Camping/Caravanning (Italy)
- (l) Centre d'enseignement et de recherche appliqués au management (France)
- (m) Triad Architects Planners (United Kingdom)
- (n) Maxwell Stamp Associates Ltd. (United Kingdom)
- (o) Egyptair (Egypt)
- (p) Giral, S.A. (Switzerland)
- (q) Centre des hautes études touristiques (France)
- (r) Federación Española de Hospedaje (Spain)
- (s) Corso di Perfezionamento in Economia del Turismo - Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy)
- (t) Nepal Association of Travel Agents (Nepal)

7. Has been informed that, in accordance with the statutory provisions, the withdrawal of the State of Bahrain, which announced its decision on 1 February 1983, took effect on 1 February 1984 and that, pursuant to a decision of the Executive Council, approaches have been made to the United Nations with a view to submitting to the International Court of Justice at The Hague the matter of the State of Bahrain which during its membership of WTO failed to pay any of its contributions.

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A/RES/160 (VI)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 8 (documents A/6/8 and A/6/8 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted to it by the Credentials Committee,

Approves the said report.

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A/RES/161(VI)

Interim administrative accounts  
for the financial year 1985

Agenda item 10(a) (documents A/6/10(a)  
and A/6/10(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the comments of the Secretary-General accompanying  
the presentation of documents A/6/10(a) and A/6/10(a) Add.1,

Considering the interim and informative nature of this documenta-  
tion,

1. Takes due note of the information it contains on the state  
of the Organization's finances at 16 September 1985;
2. Urges all Members of the Organization to be extremely punc-  
tilious in honouring their financial commitments in accord-  
ance with the Statutes, rules and regulations governing  
the financial administration of the Organization, with par-  
ticular regard to the time-limits set in paragraph 12 of the  
Financing Rules for the payment of contributions, so as to  
ensure that funds are available to preclude administrative  
difficulties that may be detrimental to the execution of the  
programme;
3. Similarly invites those Members of the Organization that have  
accumulated contribution arrears to announce as soon as pos-  
sible, in accordance with previous resolutions of the General  
Assembly and resolution 133(V) in particular, the arrangements  
that appear to them to be the most feasible for payment by  
instalments; and
4. Notes with satisfaction that by the time of the sixth session  
of the General Assembly some 64 per cent of contributions for  
the financial year 1985 had been received, reflecting a con-  
siderable willingness to help meet the Organization's financial  
requirements.

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A/RES/162(VI)

Interim administrative accounts  
for the financial year 1985

Agenda item 10(a) (documents A/6/10(a) and  
A/6/10(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having duly taken note of the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General on the interim administrative accounts for the financial year 1985,

Having taken cognizance of decision 5(XXV) taken by the Executive Council at its twenty-fifth session at Washington and referring to the opinion expressed by the Committee on Budget and Finance on delays in the payment of contributions,

Endorses the following decision:

"The strict application of the Organization's rules governing financial matters suffices to recover outstanding contributions, inasmuch as regulation 8 of the Financial Regulations and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules provide means for sanctioning Members which have accumulated contribution arrears, by depriving them of the right to vote and to enjoy the Organization's services, without prejudice to the power of the General Assembly to exempt, at the Council's request, any Member whose arrears are attributable to circumstances beyond its control"; and

Confirms the following provisions;

"When a Full Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations, the Assembly may restore that Member's right to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization, only on an exceptional basis, when:

- "1. the Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;
- "2. the Council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control;
- "3. the Council and the country concerned have agreed to the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears."

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A/RES/163(VI)

Auditors' report and administrative  
accounts for the financial year 1984

Agenda item 10(b) (document A/6/10(b))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Auditors' report on the administrative  
accounts for the financial year 1984,

1. Takes note of this report;
  2. Expresses its appreciation of the administrative tasks  
performed; and
  3. Thanks the Auditors for their work.
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A/RES/164(VI)

Auditors' report and administrative  
accounts for the financial year 1983

Agenda item 10(c) (document A/6/10(c))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Auditors' report on the administrative  
accounts for the financial year 1983,

1. Takes note of this report;
  2. Expresses its appreciation of the administrative tasks  
performed; and
  3. Thanks the Auditors for their work.
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A/RES/165 (VI)

Audited administrative accounts for the  
Organization's fourth financial period (1982-1983)

Agenda item 10(d) (document A/6/10(d))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the audited administrative accounts for the Organization's fourth financial period (1982-1983),

1. Takes note of the said report and audited administrative accounts for the financial period 1982-1983, which show a credit balance of 529,492 dollars appropriated for the said period but not used owing to late receipt of contributions;
2. Notes that the balance of the appropriations remaining unobligated will be apportioned among Members in proportion to their assessed contributions paid in full, in accordance with the provisions of regulations 5(2)(a) and 5(2)(b) of the Financial Regulations; and
3. Thanks the Secretary-General for the satisfactory way in which the administrative accounts have been kept and for their clear presentation, in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations.

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A/RES/166 (VI)

Assessment of the contributions of Affiliate  
Members for the period 1986-1987

Agenda item 10(e) (document A/6/10(e))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the contributions of Affiliate Members for the financial period 1986-1987,

Decides to maintain the contributions of Affiliate Members at the previous level of 840 United States dollars a year.

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A/RES/167(VI)

Recommendations of the Executive Council  
regarding requests for exemption from or  
postponement of payment of contributions

Agenda item 10(f) (documents A/6/10(f),  
A/6/10(f) Add.1, A/6/10(f) Add.2,  
A/6/10(f) Add.3, A/6/10(f) Add.4,  
A/6/10(f) Add.5 and A/6/10(f) Add.6)

The General Assembly,

Having received, from various States which have accumulated arrears of two years or more in their contributions to the Organization, requests for suspension of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and for exemption from the payment of contribution arrears,

Having given due consideration to the said requests and the reasons for them,

1. Wishes to show the greatest comprehension in every situation with regard to States experiencing financial difficulties, within the bounds of the Statutes and Financial Regulations which govern the Organization;
2. Decides to accede to the request for suspension of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules in the case of Burkina Faso, Democratic Kampuchea, Ecuador, Mali, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Zaire;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to determine with the said States to which suspension of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules has been applied the terms of payment of their contribution arrears within the framework of a debt recovery plan;
4. Specifies that the reinstatement of the full rights of the aforementioned Members relates to the period between one General Assembly and the next, in this case the Sixth and Seventh General Assemblies;
5. Expresses its appreciation to Honduras and Zaire for discharging part of their contribution arrears and putting forward a plan for discharging their outstanding debt, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 133(V);
6. Reminds Members that Costa Rica, Democratic Yemen, Gambia and Honduras are subject to the provisions of resolution 133(V) suspending application to them of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules until such time as they have regained their financial capacity;

7. Further specifies that the measure of suspension granted to the aforementioned States entails the resumption on their part of the prompt payment of their contributions as of the financial year 1986; and
  8. Notes that the ten States listed below are still subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules with regard to their voting rights and their enjoyment of the services of the Organization, viz. Afghanistan, Bolivia, Burundi, Grenada, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.
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A/RES/168(VI)

Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code

Agenda item 11(a) (document A/6/11(a))

The General Assembly,

Having noted with interest the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code, which was considered at length by the Members of the Organization,

Noting with satisfaction that the recent version submitted to it takes due account of the views expressed by the Members of the Organization at its fourth and fifth sessions, held respectively at Rome and New Delhi,

Convinced that the principles set forth in the text of the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code respond to the legitimate hopes of the official and private travel and tourism sectors and that the Organization is responsible for establishing principles of this kind,

1. Adopts the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code, the text of which is annexed to this resolution; 1/
2. Recommends that the States urge that all the sectors concerned by the text in question implement the principles enunciated therein as far as possible and without prejudice to legislation and regulations currently in force;
3. Is of the opinion that the observance of these principles will, in particular, provide for improved interpretation and harmonization of existing tourism policies and be conducive to conferring upon travel and tourism all the socio-economic and cultural dignity and value that they embody;

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1/ See page 43 of this compendium.

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the steps required under the terms of this resolution.
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A/RES/169(VI)

Recommended practices concerning the  
status of tourism representations abroad

Agenda item 11(b) (document A/6/11(b))

The General Assembly,

Having before it draft recommended practices concerning the status of tourism representations abroad,

Having duly considered and revised the aforesaid text as stipulated by the Members of the Organization,

Bearing in mind that the recommended practices provide a set of principles to guide consultations and negotiations with a view to setting up such representations,

Recalling that the text under consideration in no way poses binding obligations on member States but deals with the main questions which arise during negotiations for setting up such agreements, particularly on a bilateral basis,

Anxious to clarify such matters, especially for the developing countries,

1. Adopts the text before it as a code of conduct subject to the good will of the States;
2. Requests the States Members of the Organization to consider, where appropriate and within the bounds of national legislation, the application of the recommended practices contained in the annex to this resolution; 1/
3. Asks the Secretary-General to ensure that the text in question is effectively brought to the attention of member States and to report back to the General Assembly on the usefulness and appropriateness of this resolution; and
4. Invites the Secretary-General to report to it regularly on recommended practices adopted by member States with regard to the status of tourism representations abroad and in the light of the recommended practices referred to herein.

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1/ See page 49 of this compendium.

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A/RES/170 (VI)

State of amendments to the Organiza-  
tion's Statutes as of 30 June 1985

Agenda item 11(c) (documents A/6/11(c)  
and A/6/11(c) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the situation regarding ratification by States Members of the Organization of amendments adopted during its previous sessions and in particular those relating to Articles 14, 15, 37 and 38 of the Statutes and paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Bearing in mind that the Secretary-General has diligently invited member States to give effect to the resolutions of the Assembly contained in document A/6/11(c),

1. Notes that the pace of ratification of amendments adopted by the General Assembly is so slow as to hamper the smooth running of the Organization, particularly with regard to the amendment to Article 38 of the Statutes relating to the Arabic language, which needs to be enforced if those countries which use this language are to enjoy the full benefits of the Organization's work by using their mother tongue in every stage of the work, from the study stage right through to the operational stage;
2. Therefore invites the States Members of the Organization to do everything within their power to ratify all the amendments to the Statutes and the Financing Rules contained in document A/6/11(c) as soon as possible; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to call this resolution to the attention of Members of the Organization in the future when calling upon them to ratify the amendments adopted by the Assembly.

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A/RES/171 (VI)

Revised Rules of Procedure of the  
Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 11(d) (document A/6/11(d))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the revised Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members contained in the Annex to document A/6/11(d) and submitted to it by the said Committee,

Approves the said Rules of Procedure.

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A/RES/172 (VI)

Procedure for the submission of  
applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 11(e) (document A/6/11(e))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/6/11(e) drawn up by the Secretary-General on the request of the Executive Council (CE/DEC/8 (XXV)),

Aware of the contribution which the Affiliate Members can make to the work of the Organization as a whole,

Considering that it is important to establish appropriate procedures so that applicants for the status of affiliate membership of the Organization may know the obligations they are required to assume in order to enjoy the said status,

1. Decides to establish, by virtue of Article 19(g) of the Statutes of the Organization and within the framework of the Executive Council, a sub-Committee responsible for considering all applications for the status of affiliate membership of the Organization, duly referring to the criteria applied by the UN to international organizations requesting consultative status with ECOSOC, and for submitting the appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly on the suitability of these applications;
2. Decides furthermore that this sub-Committee will be composed of six Members of the Council, selected on a regional basis by the Council itself, allowing for the requirements of geographical distribution, and that it should elect its own chairman and authorize the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members to participate in its business without voting rights;
3. Decides finally that the criteria applied by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, annexed to this resolution<sup>1/</sup>, will be used in a spirit of equity in order to avoid any discrimination towards international intergovernmental, governmental and commercial organizations or associations and enterprises currently enjoying the status of Affiliate Member; and
4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the appropriate steps called for by this resolution.

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<sup>1/</sup> See page 55 of this compendium.



A/RES/173(VI)

Conventions and agreements

Agenda item 12 (documents A/6/12(a), A/6/12(b),  
A/6/12(c), A/6/12(d) and A/6/12(e))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted to it by the  
Secretary-General on the agreements concluded under Article 12(1)  
of the Statutes of the Organization,

1. Approves these agreements or working arrangements established  
between WTO and the following intergovernmental organizations:
    - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
    - Central African Customs and Economic Union (CACEU);
  2. Approves furthermore the agreements and working arrangements  
concluded with the following non-governmental organizations:
    - World Association for Professional Training in Tourism (WAPTT)
    - World Federation of Travel Writers and Journalists (FIJET);
  3. Has been informed, furthermore, that Committee A entrusted with  
financial, administrative and legal matters decided that the  
principles relating to an association or agreement between WTO  
and any private organization must be agreed upon by the  
Executive Council and ratified by the General Assembly before  
specific agreements are recommended for approval; and
  4. Has also been informed that the Executive Council, on the request  
of Committee A, has been invited to study this question at its  
twenty-seventh session, to be held at Sofia after the sixth  
session of the General Assembly.
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A/RES/174(VI)

Draft programme budget of the Organization  
for the financial period 1986-1987

Agenda item 13 (document A/6/13)

The General Assembly,

Having duly examined the draft programme budget of the Organization  
for the financial period 1986-1987, prepared by the Secretary-  
General and submitted to it as document A/6/13,

Mindful of the views expressed during the discussion of this vital document,

Noting the general feeling of approval which emerged from the debates,

1. Notes with satisfaction that, respecting the principles of budgetary austerity made necessary by the general economic climate, the programme budget for the period 1986-1987 remains at approximately the same level as the programme budgets for the periods 1980-1981, 1982-1983 and 1984-1985, which means that although appropriations are 1.06 per cent up in current dollars on the figure for the preceding period, their real value has in fact decreased;
2. Takes note that, in the present state of affairs, the Secretariat has been able to function satisfactorily and positively in spite of its limited budgetary appropriations and cash shortfalls which amount to 25 per cent of the total budget each year on average, and that this has been achieved through judicious management and a special effort on the part of the staff of the Secretariat General;
3. Appreciates the increasingly operational nature of the Secretariat's activities throughout the programme budget for 1986-1987, in response to concern to this effect expressed previously and also in relation to item 19 on the agenda of the sixth session relating to operational and technical cooperation activities;
4. Acknowledges that, although the operational activities of the Secretariat increase from one financial year to the next, helped by appropriations from the United Nations Development Programme for its sectoral support missions and by funds from other non-budgetary sources, studies, statistics and documentation still remain priority items since they provide the indispensable store of knowledge on which all field operations must be based;
5. Believes that the global conception underlying the draft programme budget for the period 1986-1987 matches the concerns of the Organization and will make it possible to achieve the various statutory objectives of WTO;
6. Endorses the remarks of the Secretary-General with regard to the need to reconsider the overall objectives of the programme budget in the light of the statutory aims of the Organization;
7. Approves the programme budget of the Organization for the period 1986-1987, as contained in document A/6/13;
8. Consequently sets the total budget of the Organization for the financial period 1986-1987 at 9,094,362 United States dollars, viz. 4,518,518 for the financial year 1986 and 4,575,844 for the financial year 1987; and
9. Appreciates the work done by the Secretary-General and the members of the Secretariat in carrying out the programme of work in spite of the difficult cash position.

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A/RES/175 (VI)

Draft programme budget of the Organization  
for the financial period 1986-1987

Agenda item 13 (document A/6/13)

The General Assembly,

Referring to the programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1986-1987,

Wishing to respond to the desire expressed both collectively and individually by Members of the Organization anxious to stress the operational side of the general programme of work,

Acknowledging that there are changes in the sums allocated to the various activities in the general programme of work for the period 1986-1987 by comparison with 1984-1985,

1. Asks the Secretary-General to draw up a draft programme budget of the Organization for the financial period 1988-1989 entailing a definite modification of funds allocated to comparatively theoretical work in favour of operational activities;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the programme budget for 1988-1989 a table comparing, in constant dollars, the appropriations for 1988-1989 with those of the previous period; and
3. Asks the Executive Council to take these concerns into consideration when it comes to examine the draft programme budget for the financial period 1988-1989.

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A/RES/176 (VI)

Report of the Secretary-General on the general  
programme of work for the period 1984-1985

Agenda item 15 (documents A/6/15/NS, A/6/15/B.1.1., A/6/15/B.1.2., A/6/15/B.1.3., A/6/15/B.1.4., A/6/15/B.2.1., A/6/15/B.2.2., A/6/15/B.2.3., A/6/15/B.2.4., A/6/15/B.3.1., A/6/15/B.3.2., A/6/15/B.3.3., A/6/15/B.4.1., A/6/15/B.4.2., A/6/15/B.5.1., A/6/15/B.5.2., A/6/15/B.5.3., A/6/15/C.1., A/6/15/C.2., A/6/15/C.3., A/6/15/C.4., A/6/15/C.5., and A/6/15/D.1.)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the studies B.1.1. to B.5.3., C.1. to C.5. and D.1. prepared under the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1984-1985 and detailed in document A/6/15/NS,

Considering that the Organization's programmes constitute a valuable means of achieving its statutory aims through assisting travel and tourism administrations to resolve, systematically and collectively the various problems they face in carrying out their tasks and promoting access to travel and tourism of all layers of the population,

Bearing in mind the key role played by studies in achieving a better understanding of all aspects of movements of persons regardless of motivation,

Considering also the possibilities of transferring the knowledge acquired through studies and research to the field by means of operational activities, technical cooperation and technical meetings,

1. Congratulates the Secretary-General for having clarified in the studies prepared under the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985 the true nature of travel and tourism which can no longer be considered solely in terms of holiday and leisure but as embracing all movements of persons regardless of motivation;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the more operational character of the studies prepared under the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985, at the reduction achieved in their length and the clear identification in appropriate cases of the relevant responsibilities incumbent upon travel and tourism administrations;
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with pursuing the suggestions made by Members concerning the priority they attach to the various permanent activities and the follow-up that might be given under future programmes to the studies prepared under the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985;
4. Invites the Secretary-General to ensure the most effective collective implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of studies B.1.1. to B.5.3. through operational activities carried out within the framework of the Regional Commissions, and by other means;
5. Commends studies B.1.1. to B.5.3. to States for consideration at national level;
6. Expresses its satisfaction at the completion of the statistical studies C.1. to C.5. under the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985;
7. Requests the Secretary-General to give the necessary follow-up to these studies, particularly with regard to collection and dissemination of statistics on employment in travel and tourism and on the development of accommodation prices and rates;
8. Invites the Secretary-General to circulate these studies to the travel and tourism administrations of the member States and to other interested national and international organizations;

9. Entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting studies C.2., C.3., and C.5. to the Regional Commissions for consideration;
10. Notes with interest the decision taken by the WTO Commission for the Americas (CAM/DEC/7(XV)) concerning the establishment of a tourist information centre for Latin America;
11. Expresses its support for such regional initiatives in this field;
12. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the timeliness of study D.1. prepared under the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985;
13. Invites the Secretary-General to make an inventory of documentation, resources and systems for travel and tourism nationally and internationally and to circulate it to all the Members;
14. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen technical cooperation activities involving tourism studies, statistics and documentation especially so as to assist the developing countries through the organization of operational missions and other appropriate means;
15. Adopts studies B.1.1. to B.3.2. and B.4.1. to B.5.3. as submitted and study B.3.3. as amended;
16. Also adopts studies C.1. to C.5. and D.1. as submitted; and
17. Entrusts the Secretary-General, at the request of Members or non-members, with ensuring prompt, worldwide availability of all the studies prepared under the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1984-1985 in their published form so as to promote the widest possible dissemination of the ideas and concepts as well as the facts and information contained in them.

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A/RES/177(VI)

Report of the Secretary-General on the  
general programme of work for the period  
1984-1985

The security and legal protection of tourists (B.2.3.)

Agenda item 15 (document A/6/15/B.2.3.)

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned over the number of violent attacks perpetrated this year upon innocent travellers and the travel industry,

Noting that these attacks have included bombings of hotels, air terminals and airline offices, and illegal interference with public transport, and have resulted in the death, injury and illegal detention of travellers and travel industry personnel,

Grateful to those governments which have worked to obtain the freedom of travellers unlawfully detained, to assist the injured, and to improve and strengthen tourist security,

Expressing agreement with the Secretary-General's statement on the threat to the freedom and security of travel and with the decision of the WTO Commission for the Americas (CAM/DEC/19(XIV)) endorsing the Secretary-General's statement,

Believing that it is desirable within the framework of WTO to further identify measures that could be taken by the Organization to strengthen the security and legal protection of tourists as discussed under agenda item 15 (Report of the Secretary-General on the general programme of work for the period 1984-1985),

Aware that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), with which WTO has a cooperative agreement, has worked out a number of measures pertaining to airport and aircraft security,

Supporting ICAO's efforts in this field,

Recalling the international conventions on measures to combat certain acts of terrorism and unlawful intervention, such as the Convention on Offenses and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (Tokyo Convention), the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizures of Aircraft (The Hague Convention), the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation (Montreal Convention) and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime Against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents (UN),

Expressing full endorsement of the United Nations decisions on the struggle against terrorism, the recommendations of the Special Committee on International Terrorism as well as resolutions 33/145 of 1979 and 36/109 of 1981 adopted by the UN General Assembly on this subject,

1. Calls on member States which have not yet done so to accede to the major international conventions so as to create the necessary conditions for the elimination of terrorism and unlawful acts including those committed against travellers and travel industry enterprises and to help combat these acts within the framework of internationally organized cooperation, including WTO;
2. Calls on member States to safeguard the safety of travellers by strictly applying relevant international standards and recommended practices, and by abiding by their obligations under the international conventions to which they are a Party; and
3. Urges member States to consider additional steps which they can appropriately take to ensure the safety of international travel and the security of all kinds of travellers.

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A/RES/178(VI)

Report on the vocational training  
activities of the Secretariat General

Agenda item 16 (document A/6/16)

The General Assembly,

Having duly considered the report of the Secretary-General on the vocational training activities carried out by the Secretariat General of WTO,

Noting the reminders contained in the document on the main stages passed through by the former International Union of Travel Organizations (IUOTO) from 1947 until 1975 and, since then, by the World Tourism Organization,

Recognizing that the international Seminar on the general problems of vocational training at all levels and in all travel service sectors, held at Como in 1966, had the effect of alerting administrations to the problems of manpower training for the travel and tourism sector,

Considering that the activities of the former IUOTO and, from 1976 onwards, of WTO, which took on new dimensions with the activities carried out by the Secretariat General in cooperation with certain member States, involving the holding of seminars and technical meetings, the preparation of teaching methods and the organization of correspondence courses and courses for groups of African countries in particular with funds earmarked for technical cooperation in non-convertible currencies, thanks to the cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Romania, have given the Secretary-General a clearer insight into the scope of the issues at hand,

Expressing its appreciation of the role played by the Moroccan delegation in its capacity as Chairman of the Executive Council, which enabled the Organization to increase its involvement in this field by putting an end to the vacillations which had hitherto inhibited WTO's action in this field,

1. Recalls that resolution 143(V) adopted by the General Assembly at its fifth session in 1983 defined in more coherent terms the training needs of staff for travel and tourism services;
2. Draws the attention of States to the aforesaid resolution 143(V);
3. Takes note of the details contained in the document circulated under this item of the agenda and of the instructive information it contains;
4. Recommends that the Secretariat continue its activities in the field of training in pursuit of its statutory aims;

5. Thanks Mexico for its generous support of CIENT and requests that the Secretary-General present to the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Council a proposal laying out alternatives for the future location of CIENT;
6. Recommends States to inform the Secretary-General of any action they would like the Secretariat to take to meet their needs;
7. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the activities carried out in this field; and
8. Requests that new concepts be applied in this broad field with a view to meeting the needs of the developing countries as a priority.

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A/RES/179(VI)

International Conference on the adaptation  
of training for tourism and travel personnel:  
conclusions and recommendations

Agenda item 17 (document A/6/17)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note with interest of the document submitted to it by the Secretary-General on the International Conference on the adaptation of training for tourism and travel personnel, held in Paris in June 1985,

Considering that this Conference fully achieved its aims and shed light in a positive fashion on certain outdated interpretations that have so far prevailed in the formulation of vocational training programmes, especially at the level of government departments and medium-sized enterprises,

Aware that the conclusions and recommendations of the Paris Conference call for meditation and a period of reflection before the rational and realistic innovations that were adopted can be fully assessed,

Recalling that the Paris Conference, though necessarily technical in nature, was largely a policy-making conference concerned with the training of staff for travel and tourism services,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the clarity of the arguments developed by the Conference in the light of the eight reports submitted to it concerning, on the one hand, the new approach to travel as encompassing all movements of persons and, on the other, the differences it noted between training programmes in the developing countries and those prevailing in the industrialized countries;



2. Congratulates the rapporteurs who lent their assistance to this Conference;
3. Wholeheartedly thanks the French Government and the University of Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne for having worked so effectively with the Secretary-General on the plan and preparations for the Conference and for having provided the necessary reception and logistical services;
4. Expresses its particular thanks to Mr. Jean Pierre Harris, Inspector General of Tourism, and to Professor Bernard Morucci, Educational Director of the Conference;
5. Invites the member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members concerned to give careful consideration to the Final Act of the Conference so that, whenever possible, use may be made in the most appropriate fashion of the concepts contained in this document, from the standpoint both of the broader notion of the term "tourism" and of the new teaching methods for existing or new professions;
6. Recommends all interested parties to reflect on the fact that training must above all develop personal qualities, take account of economic, social, cultural and local realities and foster entrepreneurship and initiative in all sectors of travel and tourism;
7. Is of the opinion that the conclusions reached by the Paris Conference should have a decisive influence on the conception and preparation of WTO's programmes of work and of the documents produced by the Secretariat for technical meetings or meetings of the organs at the regional and interregional levels;
8. Expresses its appreciation of the work carried out by the Secretary-General and the staff of the Secretariat to achieve these results; and
9. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to follow up on this resolution.

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A/RES/180 (VI)

Report on facilitation activities

Agenda item 18 (documents A/6/18 and A/6/18 Corr.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the facilitation activities undertaken by the Secretariat General and of the work carried out by the Facilitation Committee of the Executive Council, as detailed in Section A of the report on facilitation activities,

Having also considered Section B of the said report containing the draft standards and recommended practices concerning passports and visas proposed by the Executive Council (decision 9 (XXIV)) and contained in the Annex to this resolution<sup>1/</sup>,

Recalling that, by its resolution 2802 (XXVI) adopted on 14 December 1971, the General Assembly of the United Nations recognized WTO's "central and decisive role in the field of world tourism",

Recalling also the need for WTO to play its institutional role and, by dint of its intergovernmental status, to engage in standard-setting activities particularly for the facilitation of movements of persons irrespective of obligation or motivation or the means of transport used,

Recognizing that the relaxation of rules and formalities pertaining to passports and visas contributes to the development of international travel and tourism,

Considering that it is for member States to foster the expansion of international movements of persons by so far as possible abolishing and/or relaxing and/or standardizing their national rules and administrative practices concerning the various travel formalities to which international travellers are subject on crossing frontiers, with particular reference to passport and visa formalities,

Believing that the proposed standards and recommended practices should allow a growing number of governments gradually to adopt measures aimed at furthering the expansion of international, regional and subregional travel,

Believing also that the said standards and recommended practices basically constitute criteria which will enable each State to gauge the progress made in this field,

1. Decides:

- (i) to accept the recommended standards and practices approved by the Executive Council (decision 9 (XXIV));
- (ii) to request the Secretary-General to draw up a formula, for consideration by the Executive Council, that would enable those States which wish to do so to commit themselves to implementing these standards and recommended practices;
- (iii) in the meantime to request States to consider these standards and recommended practices as a source of inspiration and guidance in formulating and implementing the regulations to which travellers are subject on crossing frontiers;
- (iv) to further presume that any decision on this matter shall be based on the principles of State sovereignty and respect for national laws and traditions in the field of tourism;

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<sup>1/</sup> See page 56 of this compendium.

2. Encourages the Executive Council to continue to develop standards and recommended practices to serve as guidelines for States for the further relaxation of regulations which govern international travel; and
3. Thanks the Secretary-General and the Facilitation Committee of the Executive Council for the work carried out.

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A/RES/181 (VI)

Report on operational and  
technical cooperation activities

Agenda item 19 (document A/6/19)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the results of the operational and technical cooperation activities carried out under the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1984-1985,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General submitted to it under this item of the agenda,

Having heard the favourable comments made by member States which have benefited from operational and technical cooperation missions within the framework of the Organization's programme,

Considering further the Organization's operational vocation and the attention which it is required to pay, pursuant to its Statutes, to the needs of the developing countries in the field of travel and tourism,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the growing share of its human and financial resources which the Organization is devoting to operational and technical cooperation activities in accordance with its institutional mandate;
2. Congratulates the Secretary-General on restructuring the Secretariat so as to ensure increased support for operational activities from the Studies and Statistics Sections, the Documentation Unit and all other branches of the Secretariat;
3. Considers that such a rational integration of functions is highly desirable for the practical implementation in the field of the lessons drawn from studies and research;
4. Stresses the importance in this regard of developing practical models adapted to local situations and traditions, which can help the developing countries to solve the numerous problems they face in the field of travel and tourism;

5. Expresses its satisfaction at the tripling, since 1984, of the money value of technical cooperation projects financed by UNDP with WTO as the executing agency;
6. Is convinced that the Organization is the agency through which future technical cooperation in the field of movements of persons, travel and tourism should increasingly be channelled;
7. Welcomes the closer working links forged with UNDP during the period 1984-1985;
8. Expresses its satisfaction at the results of the technical meetings held by the Organization as part of its 1984-1985 general programme of work;
9. Invites the member States to participate in even greater numbers in such meetings in future so as to ensure the most effective transfer to the field of knowledge and expertise;
10. Expresses its satisfaction at the large number of sectoral support and operational missions carried out in the period 1984-1985;
11. Urges more States to make known their requirements to the Secretary-General in this regard so that all the regions may increasingly benefit from the Organization's assistance in the field; and
12. Expresses the desire that use duly be made of the qualifications, experience and specialized skills of the Affiliate Members of the Organization for operational and technical cooperation activities in the field.

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A/RES/182 (VI)

Report on commemoration of the  
tenth anniversary of WTO

Agenda item 20 (document A/6/20)

The General Assembly,

Recalling the creation in 1925 at The Hague (Netherlands) of the International Union of Official Tourist Propaganda Organizations (IUOTPO), the predecessor of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations (IUOTO),

Recalling also the setting up on 2 January 1975 of the World Tourism Organization through the transformation of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations (IUOTO),

Desirous of commemorating this double event so that it may be a stimulus to all activities connected with movements of persons and tourism,

Convinced that the celebration of these events cannot but enhance the standing of the Organization and demonstrate the main stages through which it has passed in sixty years of international activity in the field of travel and tourism, ten of them as the World Tourism Organization,

Appreciating the commemorative elements produced by the Secretariat of WTO, and in particular the special illustrated publication on international travel and tourism and steps leading to the creation of WTO,

1. Underlines the importance of the work achieved in sixty years of common international efforts, and in particular in the last ten years within the intergovernmental framework;
2. Recognizes that in this last period, and in particular through the creation of WTO and the proclamation of the Manila Declaration (1980), the Acapulco Document (1982) and the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code (1985), the efforts of the international tourist community grouped within the Organization have allowed member States to ensure a more harmonious development of movements of persons and tourism;
3. Takes note with appreciation of the initiative taken by member States to contribute to the concrete success of these celebrations, in particular by the issuance of messages from Heads of State or of Government, the distribution of posters, post cards and other information material, information supplied to mass media, etc.;
4. Requests the Spanish delegation to convey its gratitude to Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain for having highlighted this event by their presence at Headquarters;
5. Expresses the hope that all these commemorative events will allow member States to realize the progress achieved and to prepare for the new challenges they will face in the field of movements of persons and tourism;
6. Urges the Full, Associate and Affiliate Members to strengthen and support the Organization during its second decade of existence; and
7. Invites States which are not yet members of the World Tourism Organization to study the possibility of joining it on the eve of its second decade.

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A/RES/183(VI)

Report on World Tourism Day and  
selection of themes for 1986-1987

Agenda item 21 (document A/6/21)

The General Assembly,

Having duly taken note of the document submitted to it by the Secretary-General on this item of the agenda,

Considering with satisfaction the growing involvement in this event of all sectors of national and international life and its positive effects as a means of fostering awareness among the public at large of the values of tourism,

1. Congratulates the Members of the Organization which have celebrated World Tourism Day with a view to further promoting travel for holiday and leisure purposes;
2. Decides that the following themes should be used for World Tourism Day in 1986 and 1987:  

1986: Tourism: a vital force for world peace;  
1987: Tourism for development;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue awarding diplomas to candidates nominated by the Members of the Organization in acknowledgement of their efforts on behalf of tourism; and
4. Requests the Members of the Organization to send the Secretary-General in due course a summary of the activities they carry out to mark World Tourism Day in 1986 and 1987 so that they may be brought to the attention of the Organization's Members.

A/RES/184(VI)

Report on ways in which travel and tourism  
activities can contribute to peace

(resolution 33/73 of the General  
Assembly of the United Nations)

Agenda item 22 (document A/6/22)

The General Assembly,

Taking cognizance of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace (resolution 33/73) and of resolution 37/16 declaring 1986 the International Year of Peace, both emanating from the General Assembly of the United Nations,

Acknowledging

- (a) the great significance of travel, movements of persons and tourism for the preparation and safeguard of international peace and understanding,
- (b) the importance of travel, movements of persons and tourism for the promotion of international peace through their influence on the creation of job opportunities, the circulation of currencies and, more generally, their value as a factor of economic and social development,
- (c) the concordance between the aims set by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the general action of the World Tourism Organization within the framework of its Statutes,

Consequently,

1. Announces its decision to join in the celebration of the International Year of Peace proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations;
2. Recommends the States and all the Members of the Organization to cooperate with the Secretariat in the implementation of all appropriate measures to safeguard peace;
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with undertaking the activities he considers relevant within the general framework of report A/6/22, and in particular paragraph 21 thereof, so that the World Tourism Organization may participate in the worldwide movement to secure peace under the auspices of the international community, wherever appropriate basing his action on the initiatives and measures recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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A/RES/185 (VI)

Report of the Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 23 (documents A/6/23 and A/6/23 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Committee of Affiliate Members on its activities for the period 1984-1985,

1. Appreciates the results achieved by the Committee and its Working Parties and the documents prepared and circulated to the Members of the Organization;

2. Strongly desires that the various enterprises and bodies enjoying Affiliate Member status succeed, in the light of the new Rules of Procedure, in increasing their involvement in the work of the Organization in accordance with its aims, without prejudice to matters which may be of interest to the Affiliate Members and approached from a different standpoint and angle from those of Full Members;
  3. Is of the opinion that the contribution of Affiliate Members to the work of the Organization may be very fruitful insofar as this category of Member will be in a position to impart to the Organization's bodies its opinions, thoughts and suggestions and thus ensure, in the interest of all the Organization's Members, that the general programme of work reflects the operational aspects of the private tourism and travel sectors; and
  4. Thanks the Affiliate Members for the activities so far carried out in a manner consistent with the aims of the Organization.
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A/RES/186(VI)

Youth tourism

Agenda item 23 (document A/6/23 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report on the present state and requirements of youth tourism prepared by the Working Party of the Committee of Affiliate Members,

Referring to the decision previously adopted on the development of youth tourism, and in particular to resolution 142(V) of the fifth session of the General Assembly as well as to the provisions of the final documents of the conferences and meetings held within the framework of WTO,

Stressing that the United Nations proclamation of 1985 as International Youth Year with the watchword "Participation, Development and Peace" and the international activities held within this framework are proof of the attention being paid throughout the world to young people, whose role in tackling political, social and economic problems is constantly growing in importance,



Noting that a major and decisive precondition for the existence and development of tourism and youth tourism in particular is for States to pursue a peace-seeking foreign policy aimed at safeguarding and consolidating peace in the world and promoting mutual understanding and cooperation among nations,

Recognizing the ever-increasing role of young people in solving the political, social and economic development problems of present-day society and acknowledging tourism's contribution to the character-building of young people,

Drawing attention to the fact that it is impossible for youth tourism to develop harmoniously unless material assistance and facilities are provided by the State to ensure that the various social layers of young people have equal access to tourism,

1. Calls upon States Members of WTO to intensify their efforts to develop youth tourism and, with this end in view:
  - to upgrade the role of national State administrations and social organizations involved in the development of youth tourism and, when necessary, to set up within their structures special units to be entrusted with matters pertaining to youth tourism development;
  - to intensify efforts and cooperation with the international organizations responsible for international tourism development;
  - to make more extensive use of WTO's potential to develop youth tourism;
  - to provide material assistance and facilities to ensure that all young people have equal access to tourism;  
and
2. Invites the Secretary-General of WTO:
  - to maintain and further develop contacts with national organizations responsible for the development of youth tourism in the various States Members of WTO;
  - to prepare regularly studies on the problems of youth tourism development and to report to future sessions of the WTO General Assembly on the progress made in this field.

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A/RES/187(VI)

Appointment of the Secretary-General on the  
recommendation of the Executive Council in  
accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes

Agenda item 24 (document A/6/24(a))

The General Assembly,

Proceeding to the election of the Secretary-General for the  
period 1986-1989,

Having regard to Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes, rules 38(g),  
43 and 53 of its Rules of Procedure and regulation 17 of the Staff  
Regulations,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Council, as  
contained in decision 17(a) (XXV),

Unanimously elects Dr. Willibald Pahr (Austria) to the post of  
Secretary-General of the Organization for a term of four years.

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A/RES/188(VI)

Appointment of the Secretary-General on the  
recommendation of the Executive Council in  
accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes

Agenda item 24 (document A/6/24(b))

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the devoted work of the Secretary-General, Mr. Robert  
C. Lonati, on behalf of the Organization for nearly thirty-two  
years,

Taking note that his service to WTO as Secretary-General will  
terminate at the end of December 1985,

Wishing to convey appreciation to him for his valuable work while also making it possible for his knowledge and experience to be made available as necessary to his successor,

Requests the newly-elected Secretary-General to consider the modalities of making Mr. Lonati's services available to the Organization.

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A/RES/189 (VI)

Recommendations of the Executive Council for the  
election of Auditors for the period 1986-1987 in  
accordance with Article 26 of the Statutes

Agenda item 25 (document A/6/25)

The General Assembly,

Considering the provisions of Article 12(g) of the Statutes of the Organization and having received the recommendation of the Council thereon,

Having recognized the competent work of the Auditors selected for the present biennium and considering the nominations presented by their respective Governments,

Renews the terms of office of Mr. Juan Pedro Cortés Camacho of Spain and Mr. Nestor Moïse of Romania as Auditors of the Organization for the financial years 1986 and 1987.

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A/RES/190 (VI)

Elections to the Executive Council

Agenda item 26 (documents A/6/26 and A/6/26 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Articles 14 and 15 of the Statutes and rules 43, 54 and 55(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Elects to the Executive Council for the period 1985-1989 the following nine Full Members:

Colombia	Mexico
Czechoslovakia	Morocco
Dominican Republic	Portugal
Iraq	United Republic of Tanzania
Jordan	

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A/RES/191(VI)

Place and dates of the seventh session  
of the General Assembly

Agenda item 27 (document A/6/27)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement of its President concerning the invitation of the Republic of Korea,

Decides, in accordance with rule 1, paragraph 1 of its Rules of Procedure, to hold its seventh session at the Organization's Headquarters in Spain in the autumn of 1987 on a date to be specified later.

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Annex to resolution 168(VI)

TOURISM BILL OF RIGHTS AND TOURIST CODE

The General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization at its sixth ordinary session held at Sofia (People's Republic of Bulgaria) from 17 to 26 September 1985:

1. Aware of the importance of tourism in the life of peoples because of its direct and positive effects on the social, economic, cultural and educational sectors of national society and the contribution it can make, in the spirit of the United Nations Charter and the Manila Declaration on World Tourism, to improving mutual understanding, bringing peoples closer together and, consequently, strengthening international cooperation,
2. Recalling that, as recognized by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the World Tourism Organization has a central and decisive role in the development of tourism with a view to contributing, in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 1 of its Statutes, "to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity and universal respect for, and observation of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion",
3. Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1948, and in particular Article 24 which provides that "Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay", as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 December 1966, which invites States to ensure for everyone "Rest, leisure and reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay, as well as remuneration for public holidays",
4. Considering the resolution and recommendations adopted by the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism (Rome, September 1963), and particularly those aimed at promoting tourism development in the various countries and at simplifying government formalities in respect of international travel,
5. Drawing its inspiration from the principles set forth in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism adopted by the World Tourism Conference on 10 October 1980, which emphasizes the true, human dimension of tourism, recognizes the new role of tourism as an appropriate instrument for improving the quality of life of all peoples and as a vital force for peace and international understanding and defines the responsibility of States for developing tourism and, in particular, for fostering awareness of tourism among the peoples of the world and protecting and enhancing the tourism resources which are part of mankind's heritage, with a view to contributing to the establishment of a new international economic order,

6. Solemnly affirming, as a natural consequence of the right to work, the fundamental right of everyone, as already sanctioned by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to rest, leisure and periodic holidays with pay and to use them for holiday purposes, to travel freely for education and pleasure and to enjoy the advantages of tourism, both within his country of residence and abroad,

7. Invites the States to draw inspiration from the principles set forth below constituting the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code, and to apply them in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the legislation and regulations of their own countries.

### TOURISM BILL OF RIGHTS

#### Article I

1. The right of everyone to rest and leisure, reasonable limitation of working hours, periodic leave with pay and freedom of movement without limitation, within the bounds of the law, is universally recognized.

2. The exercise of this right constitutes a factor of social balance and enhancement of national and universal awareness.

#### Article II

As a consequence of this right, the States should formulate and implement policies aimed at promoting the harmonious development of domestic and international tourism and leisure activities for the benefit of all those taking part in them.

#### Article III

To this end the States should:

(a) encourage the orderly and harmonious growth of both domestic and international tourism;

(b) integrate their tourism policies with their overall development policies at all levels - local, regional, national and international - and broaden tourism cooperation within both a bilateral and multilateral framework, including that of the World Tourism Organization;

(c) give due attention to the principles of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism and the Acapulco Document "while formulating and implementing, as appropriate, their tourism policies, plans and programmes, in accordance with their national priorities and within the framework of the programme of work of the World Tourism Organization"; 1/

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Resolution 38/146 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on 19 December 1983.

(d) encourage the adoption of measures enabling everyone to participate in domestic and international tourism, especially by a better allocation of work and leisure time, the establishment or improvement of systems of annual leave with pay and the staggering of holiday dates and by particular attention to tourism for the young, elderly and disabled; and

(e) in the interest of present and future generations, protect the tourism environment which, being at once human, natural, social and cultural, is the legacy of all mankind.

#### Article IV

The States should also:

(a) encourage the access of domestic and international tourists to the heritage of the host communities by applying the provisions of existing facilitation instruments issuing from the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the Customs Co-operation Council or from any other body, the World Tourism Organization in particular, with a view to increasingly liberalizing travel;

(b) promote tourism awareness and facilitate contact between visitors and host communities with a view to their mutual understanding and betterment;

(c) ensure the safety of visitors and the security of their belongings through preventive and protective measures;

(d) afford the best possible conditions of hygiene and access to health services as well as of the prevention of communicable diseases and accidents;

(e) prevent any possibility of using tourism to exploit others for prostitution purposes; and

(f) reinforce, for the protection of tourists and the population of the host community, measures to prevent the illegal use of narcotics.

#### Article V

The States should lastly:

(a) permit domestic and international tourists to move freely about the country, without prejudice to any limitative measures taken in the national interest concerning certain areas of the territory;

(b) not allow any discriminatory measures in regard to tourists;

(c) allow tourists prompt access to administrative and legal services and to consular representatives, and make available internal and external public communications; and

(d) contribute to the information of tourists with a view to fostering understanding of the customs of the populations constituting the host communities at places of transit and sojourn.

#### Article VI

1. The populations constituting the host communities in places of transit and sojourn are entitled to free access to their own tourism resources while fostering respect, through their attitude and behaviour, for their natural and cultural environment.

2. They are also entitled to expect from tourists understanding of and respect for their customs, religions and other elements of their cultures which are part of the human heritage.

3. To facilitate such understanding and respect, the dissemination of appropriate information should be encouraged on:

(a) the customs of host communities, their traditional and religious practices, local taboos and sacred sites and shrines which must be respected;

(b) their artistic, archaeological and cultural treasures which must be preserved; and

(c) wildlife and other natural resources which must be protected.

#### Article VII

The populations constituting the host communities in places of transit and sojourn are invited to receive tourists with the greatest possible hospitality, courtesy and respect necessary for the development of harmonious human and social relations.

#### Article VIII

1. Tourism professionals and suppliers of tourism and travel services can make a positive contribution to tourism development and to implementation of the provisions of this Bill of Rights.

2. They should conform to the principles of this Bill of Rights and honour commitments of any kind entered into within the context of their professional activities, ensuring the provision of quality products so as to help affirm the humanist nature of tourism.

3. They should in particular refrain from encouraging the use of tourism for all forms of exploitation of others.



### Article IX

Encouragement should be given to tourism professionals and suppliers of tourism and travel services by granting them, through appropriate national and international legislation, the necessary facilities to enable them to:

- (a) exercise their activities in favourable conditions, free from any particular impediment or discrimination;
- (b) benefit from general and technical training schemes, both within their countries and abroad, so as to ensure the availability of skilled manpower; and
- (c) cooperate among themselves as well as with the public authorities, through national and international organizations, with a view to improving the coordination of their activities and the quality of their services.

### TOURIST CODE

#### Article X

Tourists should, by their behaviour, foster understanding and friendly relations among peoples, at both the national and international levels, and thus contribute to lasting peace.

#### Article XI

1. At places of transit and sojourn tourists must respect the established political, social, moral and religious order and comply with the legislation and regulations in force.
2. In these places tourists must also:
  - (a) show the greatest understanding for the customs, beliefs and behaviour of the host communities and the greatest respect for their natural and cultural heritage;
  - (b) refrain from accentuating the economic, social and cultural differences between themselves and the local population;
  - (c) be receptive to the culture of the host communities, which is an integral part of the common human heritage;
  - (d) refrain from exploiting others for prostitution purposes; and
  - (e) refrain from trafficking in, carrying or using narcotics and/or other prohibited drugs.

### Article XII

During their travel from one country to another and within the host country tourists should be able, by appropriate government measures, to benefit from:

(a) relaxation of administrative and financial controls;  
and

(b) the best possible conditions of transport and sojourn that can be offered by suppliers of tourism services.

### Article XIII

1. Tourists should be afforded free access, both within and outside their countries, to sites and places of tourist interest and, subject to existing regulations and limitations, freedom of movement in places of transit and sojourn.

2. On access to sites and places of tourist interest and throughout their transit and sojourn, tourists should be able to benefit from:

(a) objective, precise and complete information on conditions and facilities provided during their travel and sojourn by official tourism bodies and suppliers of tourism services;

(b) safety of their persons, security of their belongings and protection of their rights as consumers;

(c) satisfactory public hygiene, particularly so far as accommodation, catering and transport are concerned, information on the effective prevention of communicable diseases and accidents and ready access to health services;

(d) access to swift and efficient public communications, both internal and external;

(e) administrative and legal procedures and guarantees necessary for the protection of their rights; and

(f) the practice of their own religion and the use of existing facilities for that purpose.

### Article XIV

Everyone is entitled to make his needs known to legislative representatives and public authorities so that he may exercise his right to rest and leisure in order to enjoy the benefits of tourism under the most favourable conditions and, where appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, associate with others for that purpose.

Annex to resolution 169 (VI)

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES CONCERNING THE  
STATUS OF TOURISM REPRESENTATIONS ABROAD

Definition

In the present document the term "representation" is used to denote a tourism representation abroad.

A tourism representation abroad is today generally taken to mean any delegation that has been officially designated by the tourism authority of the country it represents and that comes under the authority of the national tourism administration (ministry, committee, directorate, department, commission for tourism, national tourism organization, institute or office). A representation is established in the territory of a foreign State to promote tourism to its country on a non-profit-making basis.

A. Establishing a tourism representation

(1) Administrative formalities

It is now generally acknowledged that, as part of the tourism cooperation relations existing between States, representations may be set up in the territory of any State by consent of the interested parties.

It is recommended that, once agreement has been reached for the establishment of a representation in the territory of a State, the related formalities should be relaxed and their implementation facilitated to the greatest possible extent.

(2) Legal personality

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should recognize the legal status corresponding to the mandate of such representation and enable it to perform in the best possible conditions the functions for which it was created and established.

Such recognition of mandate may be based on existing legal provisions or on agreements concluded between the interested parties.

(3) Acquisition of office premises

It is recommended that the State which has authorized the establishment of a representation in its territory should facilitate, through existing measures or on the basis of an agreement, either the leasing or acquisition of office premises, exempting them from all dues or taxes in consideration and within the context of the official nature of the representation.

(4) Fitting up of office premises

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should facilitate, either through existing measures or on the basis of an agreement, the suitable fitting up of the premises acquired or leased by the representation.

(5) Importation of office furniture, equipment and decorative items

It is recommended that the representation should be authorized by the State in whose territory it is situated to import, tax and duty free, office furniture, equipment and decorative items appropriate to such offices to ensure that they reflect the image, style and traditions of the country represented.

(6) Show-cases and illuminated signs

It is recommended that the representation should be authorized by the State in whose territory it is established, or by the local authorities thereof, to install in its premises the show-case and illuminated signs necessary for the exercise of its functions without liability to tax or duty.

(7) Insurance of premises, furniture, show-cases and illuminated signs

It is recommended that the representation should be authorized by the State in whose territory it is established, or by the local authorities thereof, to insure its premises, furniture, show-cases and illuminated signs in accordance with existing laws and practices.

(8) Protection and security of staff and premises

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should facilitate the exercise by the representation of its functions by ensuring the protection and security of its staff, premises, furniture, show-cases and illuminated signs.

(9) Importation and re-exportation of motor vehicles for official use

It is recommended that the representation should be authorized by the State in whose territory it is established to import, tax and duty free, one or more motor vehicles for official use and that it should be authorized to re-export the vehicle(s) and be granted the same administrative and customs facilities as on importation.

B. Staff of tourism representations

(10) Foreign staff members

It is recommended that once a State has granted a representation the right of establishment and operation in its territory it should authorize the entry, sojourn and exercise of their functions of staff members from the sending country, as well as the entry and sojourn of members of the families of such staff belonging to the representation that have been duly designated and authorized by the sending country.

(11) Status of foreign staff members

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should grant appropriate status to the foreign staff members of such representation corresponding to their non-immigrant and non-resident status and in conformity with the legal status of the said representation in accordance with existing provisions or an agreement to be concluded.

(12) Formalities of the country in which the representation is established in respect of the entry, sojourn and exit of foreign staff members

It is recommended that once a State has granted the right of establishment and operation of a representation in its territory appropriate procedures should be adopted concerning facilities for the entry, sojourn and exit of the staff members of said representation and of the members of their families. These staff members and their families should be exempted, by agreement between the two parties, from residence and work permit requirements and be recognized as enjoying appropriate status.

(13) Importation of household furniture and personal effects

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize the foreign staff members of that representation on taking up their duties to import, tax and duty free, their household furniture, personal effects and articles for their personal use by special agreement or application of existing regulations.

If appropriate, such a measure may be subject to existing regulations for the importation by non-residents of their personal effects and articles for their personal use.

(14) Importation and re-exportation of a motor vehicle for private use

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize the foreign staff members of such representation to import, tax and duty free, a motor vehicle for private use either at the time of taking up their duties or during the period in which they are performing their functions within the representation.

The same administrative and customs facilities should be granted at the time of re-exportation of the vehicle.

(15) Remittance of part of the monthly salary

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize the foreign staff members of that representation to remit to the sending country part of their monthly salary.

(16) Remittance of savings

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize the foreign staff members of that representation to remit to their sending country at any time any savings they may have made on the salary paid to them in respect of their official functions within the representation.

(17) Social benefit schemes

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should exempt foreign staff members from contributions to social benefit schemes, unless special agreements providing otherwise already exist or are concluded.

(18) Local staff

It is recommended that once a State has granted a representation the right of establishment and operation in its territory it should also authorize the recruitment of local staff who will be subject to the labour legislation of the receiving country with particular regard to remuneration, social benefits and taxation.

C. Taxation and banking

(19) Taxes on land and immovable property

It is recommended that, because of their official and non-profit-making nature, representations should be entitled to special fiscal provisions in respect of taxes on land and immovable property in the territories of States in which their establishment has been authorized.

(20) Taxes on income

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should exempt the foreign staff members of that representation from taxes on income derived from their official functions, unless special agreements exist between the interested parties containing specific provisions in this respect, it being understood that such staff is normally liable to taxes levied in the sending country.

This measure is also based on the principle of non-applicability of double taxation.

Local staff members are subject to the tax legislation of the country in which the representation is performing its activities.

(21) Banking

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize that representation to open bank accounts, either under the provisions in force in the country or by agreement between the interested parties.

D. Performance of functions

(22) Importation of promotional material\*

It is recommended that a State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize that representation to import, tax and duty free, tourism promotion material for its official use in accordance with existing international instruments to this effect or by agreement between the interested parties.

(23) Local production of promotional material

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should so far as possible facilitate the production locally by that representation of certain quantities of tourism promotional material for its official use.

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\* Promotional material is taken to mean documents (folders, pamphlets, books, magazines, guides, posters, postcards, photographs, maps) intended for free distribution; technical material (year-books, telephone directories, hotel lists, catalogues of fairs, handicraft samples, documentation about museums, universities, spas, winter sports resorts, etc.); objects for display in the offices of representations (pictures, drawings, framed photographs and photographic enlargements, art books, paintings, engravings, lithographs, tapestries); display material (show-cases, stands and similar articles), documentary films, video cassettes, records and other sound recordings for free performances; flags, dioramas, scale models, slides, printing blocks, photographic negatives; specimens of national handicrafts, regional costumes and other similar articles of folklore.

(24) Use of official information and communications media

It is recommended that the official information and communications media (press, radio, television) of the State in whose territory a representation is established should be entitled, on an equal footing with other promotional sectors, to receive, publish or broadcast the tourism information and advertising messages of the said representation.

(25) Promotional events

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should so far as possible facilitate the participation of that representation in national and international events (fairs, exhibitions, competitions and festivals) taking place in the country as well as the organization of the representation's own promotional events, receptions, press conferences, and so forth.

(26) Travel by foreign staff in the territory of the receiving country

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should, by all existing measures or special agreement, facilitate the legitimate exercise of the representation's functions, in particular by recognizing the right of the foreign staff members of the representation to travel freely throughout its territory, subject to the legislation in force.

(27) Right of association

It is recommended that the State in whose territory a representation is established should authorize that representation to form a professional association within the context of its tourism promotion activities, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the legislation and regulations of the said State.



Annex to resolution 172 (VI)

PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF  
APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The applicant must be concerned with matters falling within the competence of WTO.
- (b) The aims of the applicant must be in conformity with the spirit and purposes of the WTO Statutes and other principles which it has established.
- (c) The applicant must support the work of WTO and promote knowledge of its principles and activities, in accordance with its own aims, competence and activities.
- (d) The applicant must be of representative character and of recognized national or international standing.
- (e) The applicant must have an established headquarters with an executive officer, have been democratically created through appropriate legal proceedings and dispose of the organs required for its functioning.
- (f) The applicant must have authority to speak for its members.
- (g) The applicant must have an internal structure with members who exercise voting rights in relation to their policies or actions.
- (h) The resources of the applicant should be derived from contributions from their members or from legitimate commercial activities connected with travel and tourism. All other resources deriving from gifts, voluntary contributions or governments must be fully declared to the Council sub-Committee responsible for considering applications.
- (i) In considering applications, the Council sub-Committee will take account of activities conducted by the candidates demonstrating their interest in all or some of the matters falling within the competence of the Organization or of a part thereof.
- (j) The activities of Affiliate Members should in no way overburden the various organs of the Organization or turn these into a general forum for discussion of matters of particular interest solely to the professional tourism sector.
- (k) The status of affiliate membership can be suspended up to three years or withdrawn, if it is proved that they have secretly received government or any other financing inducing them to take actions contrary to the objectives set forth in the Statutes of WTO and to the principles which it has adopted in the field of travel and tourism in the appropriate circumstances. The same measures are applicable to Affiliate Members that abuse their status by engaging systematically in acts against States Members of the Organization contrary to and incompatible with the latter's Statutes. Last, if within the preceding three years representatives of the professional sector of tourism enjoying the status of Affiliate Member have not made any positive or effective contribution to the work of the Organization's organs, they may be liable to similar measures.

Annex to resolution 180 (VI)

STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES  
CONCERNING PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Definitions

"STANDARD"

Any provision adopted by the General Assembly of WTO, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, the uniform application of which has been recognized as practicable and as necessary for achieving the abolition and/or relaxation and/or standardization of frontier and travel formalities applicable to "temporary visitors"\*, in accordance with WTO's definition of the term, based on that adopted by the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism (Rome, 1963).

"RECOMMENDED PRACTICE"

Any provision adopted by the General Assembly of WTO, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, the uniform application of which has been recognized as generally practicable and as highly desirable for achieving appreciable progress towards the abolition and/or relaxation and/or standardization of frontier and travel formalities applicable to "temporary visitors"\*, in accordance with WTO's definition of the term, based on that adopted by the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism (Rome, 1963).

"NOTE"

To be inserted in the text whenever it is necessary to provide information on certain standards or recommended practices or to suggest possible options for application of the standard or corresponding recommended practice.

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\* "TEMPORARY VISITOR"

Any person visiting a country, other than that in which he has his usual place of residence, for not more than one year, and whose main purpose of visit is other than following an occupation remunerated from within the country visited<sup>1/</sup>.

This definition covers two categories of visitor: tourists and excursionists, which are defined as follows:

"TOURIST"

i.e. Visitors, as defined above, staying at least twenty-four hours, but not more than one year, in the country visited and the purpose of whose trip can be classified under one of the following headings:

- (a) pleasure, recreation, holiday, sport;
- (b) business, visiting friends and relatives, mission, meeting, conference, health, studies, religion.

"EXCURSIONIST"

i.e. Visitors, as defined above, staying less than twenty-four hours in the country visited (including cruise passengers).

<sup>1/</sup> The term "visitor" includes nationals of the country having their usual place of residence in another country and returning to the country of which they have the nationality for less than one year.

Standards and recommended practices concerning passports and visas

I. PASSPORTS

. Passport (out-bound)

(a) Issuance procedure

1.1 Standard

Member States shall adopt the necessary measures to improve and simplify procedures for the issuance of passports.

1.1.1 Recommended practice

In order to give effect to 1.1 above, member States are recommended to decentralize, so far as possible, their facilities for the issuance of passports, to issue passports as quickly as possible after receipt of applications and, generally speaking, to waive, except in special circumstances, any requirements to produce a certificate of good conduct, documentary evidence of financial status, a security or any other guarantee or similar supporting document.

(b) Validity

1.2 Standard

Member States shall adopt all necessary measures to ensure that passports are issued with an initial period of validity of at least five years and that they are valid for unlimited travel and for all countries.

Note: The above standard should not discourage member States from showing greater flexibility should they wish to extend the period of validity from five to ten years from the date of initial issuance.

(c) Extension and renewal

1.3 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to institute procedures as simple as possible for extending or renewing passports and to extend or renew them, normally speaking an unlimited number of times, for a period of at least five years and, in any case, for no less than the initial period of validity.

Notes: 1. The term "extension" is used to indicate the extension of validity of the same document; the term "renewal" refers to the issuance of a new document.

2. To expedite the operation, the extension or renewal of a passport should not necessitate the production of the documents required at the time of the first application, unless the civil status of the applicant has changed.

I. PASSPORTS - cont -

(d) Cost (initial passport, extension and renewal)

1.4 Recommended practice

If a fee is charged for the issuance, extension or renewal of a passport, its amount should, if possible, take into account the standard of living and average monthly income in the member State concerned and, in any case, not exceed the cost of the operation.

Note: Bearing in mind the administrative and financial difficulties of introducing a standardized fee for the issuance of passports, the national administration responsible for movements of persons and tourism could propose measures to the competent authorities whereby certain social categories, such as young people, students, the elderly, etc., might enjoy special treatment granting them either a reduction in issuance fees and taxes, or issuance of the passport free of charge, as already happens in certain member States.

(e) Standardization

1.5 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to conform to the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on International Travel and Tourism (Rome, 21 August-5 September 1963) as the basis for international standardization of passports.

Note: Any new measure adopted by the member States in favour of the standardization, simplification and harmonization of identification documents, especially passports, should be communicated to the WTO Secretariat.

(f) Withdrawal (for nationals)

1.6 Standard

It is considered that the passport should remain in possession of the bearer throughout its period of validity; the practice of handing in one's passport on returning from a journey abroad should be abolished wherever it exists.

. Passport (in-bound)

(a) Individual passport

1.7 Standard

Member States shall not require from temporary visitors travelling from one country to another any other identification document than a valid passport.

(b) Replacement of passport by another official identification document or paper

1.8 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended so far as possible to take the initiative unilaterally, or to reach bilateral or multilateral agreement at both the intraregional and interregional level, to accept official identification documents, such as expired passports or national identity cards in lieu of valid passports, in order to improve and facilitate international movements of persons.

. Passport (in-bound) - cont -

(c) Collective and family passports

1.9 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to accept as valid travel documents, either unilaterally or by bilateral or multilateral agreement, collective and family passports to facilitate the travel abroad of groups of persons and in particular to encourage the development of youth tourism at the international level.

Note: Bearers of such identification documents will normally enjoy the same facilities as are accorded by States to individual passport holders, including issuance procedures, conditions for obtaining identification documents and conditions of entry into the States in question.

(d) Children's passports

1.10 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to waive the requirement for separate passports for children of under sixteen years of age who enter their territory accompanied by one of their parents or a legal guardian, provided that the information regarding the child is displayed on the passport of the accompanying adult.

(e) Withholding or impounding of passport (temporary visitors or visitors in transit)

1.11 Standard

The passports of temporary visitors and of travellers in transit or on a mere stopover, or any alternative identification document shall not be withheld or impounded by the authorities of the member State concerned.

II. VISAS

. Abolition of the entry visa

2.1 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to extend to the greatest possible number of countries the practice of abolishing the requirement of entry visas for temporary visitors by bilateral, trilateral or multilateral agreement or unilateral decision, at both the intraregional and interregional level.

2.1.1. Recommended practice

If the entry visa cannot be abolished for all temporary visitors member States are recommended to consider the possibility of abolishing this requirement in respect of temporary visitors to their countries for tourism purposes for stays of at least three months.

## II. VISAS - cont -

### . Entry visa (individual)

#### (a) Validity

##### 2.2 Standard

As a general rule, if a visa is required from temporary visitors it shall be valid for entry into the country of the member State concerned for a period of at least twelve months from the date of issuance and for an unlimited number of entries into the country at all points of entry, on all routes open to passenger traffic and for all means of transport.

##### 2.2.1 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended, in exceptional circumstances when a temporary visitor presents himself at a frontier post for the purpose of entering their countries and for valid reasons does not possess the required entry visa, to issue a visa to him at the frontier or to authorize his entry for a period of up to seventy-two hours so that he may regularize his situation.

Note: 1. The absence of diplomatic or consular representations between two member States can be considered "an exceptional circumstance" in accordance with the term of recommended practice 2.2.1, on issuing entry visas at national frontiers. In this case, it is to be hoped that the governments of the States concerned might provide this service for their nationals, on a reciprocal basis, at their respective frontier posts.

2. It may be appropriate, for example in the case of non-resident visitors arriving overland, to authorize entry without a visa into the territory of the State concerned for a period exceeding seventy-two hours to allow such visitors to regularize their situation.

##### 2.2.2 Recommended practice

If a member State does not have diplomatic relations with another member State and a national of one of these States wishes to enter the territory of the other, it is recommended that the consular authorities of the State to which entry is sought, established in a third country, be empowered to issue a visa to the national concerned.

#### (b) Authorized length of stay

##### 2.3 Recommended practice

It is recommended that member States requiring an entry visa from temporary visitors issue the visa for a stay of at least three months, which may normally be extended for a further three-month period.

## II. VISAS - cont -

### (c) Extension

#### 2.4 Recommended practice

If a temporary visitor wishes to extend his stay in a member State, it is recommended that the issuing authorities of the State in question extend the validity of the visa and authorize such stay with a minimum of formalities and without charge.

### (d) Issuance procedures

#### 2.5 Standard

Member States shall simplify and reduce to a minimum documentary requirements in support of the visa application.

Note: When specific information about the applicant is required to support the visa application, such information may be obtained by means of the application form without, as a general rule, requiring the applicant to produce additional documents.

##### 2.5.1 Recommended practice

It is recommended that member States so far as possible simplify and standardize the formalities governing the issuance of a visa, in particular by using the same application form for all visas and reducing the requirement to one copy only of the form. The formalities and supporting documents required should, in principle, always be the same, regardless of whether the visa is to be issued within the State in question or by its diplomatic missions abroad.

##### 2.5.2 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended so far as possible to decentralize their visa issuing offices. Issuing officers should, in principle, be authorized to issue visas to persons who are not domiciled in their jurisdiction but who, for valid reasons, are there temporarily.

##### 2.5.3 Recommended practice

It is recommended that visas be issued to temporary visitors with the least possible delay after receipt of the application.

Note: When a visa cannot be issued immediately, it should, as a general rule, be issued within two days of receipt of the application.

##### 2.5.4 Recommended practice

Member States requiring an entry visa from temporary visitors are recommended, as a general rule, not to require the applicant to appear in person to obtain his visa if it is possible to determine by other means his identity, nationality and status as a bona fide temporary visitor.

## II. VISAS - cont -

### (e) Cost of visa

#### 2.6 Standard

Where a State continues to require individual or collective visas, the visa shall be issued to temporary visitors without charge on a reciprocal basis.

##### 2.6.1 Recommended practice

It is recommended to member States charging a fee for entry visas that the amount charged not exceed the cost of the operation and that the fee be uniform for all nationalities.

### (f) Standardization

#### 2.7 Recommended practice

It is recommended, as a general rule, that visas include the following information given in the order shown:

- number of visa;
- type of visa;
- date of issue, showing day, month, year, in that order;
- period of validity of visa;
- number of entries permitted;
- authorized length of each stay;
- purpose of visit.

##### 2.7.1 Recommended practice

For that information listed in 2.7, it is recommended that the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0 and the Gregorian calendar be used, with the months spelled out in full.

##### 2.7.2 Recommended practice

When the text of the visa is in a language other than English, French or Spanish, it is recommended that one of these three languages also be used.

### . Entry visas (collective)

#### 2.8 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to issue collective visas to facilitate and encourage group travel, particularly for leisure and holiday purposes, to nationals both of countries of the same region and of countries belonging to other regions.

Note: Holders of this type of visa should, as a general rule, be entitled to the same facilities as are granted by States to holders of individual entry visas, with particular reference to issuance procedures, validity and authorized length of stay.

### . Exit visas (nationals, foreign residents, temporary visitors)

#### 2.9 Recommended practice

Member States shall no longer require exit visas from their own nationals or foreign residents in their countries wishing to travel abroad, nor from temporary visitors at the end of their stay.



## II. VISAS - cont -

### . Re-entry visas (nationals, foreign residents)

#### (a) Nationals

##### 2.10 Standard

Member States shall not require re-entry visas from their own nationals.

#### (b) Foreign residents

##### 2.11 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended not to require a re-entry visa, in addition to a valid passport and residence permit, from foreigners habitually residing in their countries.

### . Transit visas

#### 2.12 Standard

Member States shall not, as a general rule, require travellers on a mere stopover or in direct transit to undergo visa, police, customs or health checks, regardless of the means of transport used, provided they remain in a controlled transit area.

##### 2.12.1 Recommended practice

Member States, and particularly States belonging to regional or subregional economic, political or cultural unions or associations, which continue to require a visa for travellers on a mere stopover or in direct transit on their territory are recommended to consider the possibility of drawing up among themselves, through bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements, a principle for mutual recognition of visas whereby travellers who have a visa for any one of the States parties to these agreements or arrangements may pass through the country or any other State party to these same agreements or arrangements, without additional frontier formalities.

#### 2.13 Standard

Member States shall permit transit passengers who cannot stay at the airport, port or international station of arrival to await their connections for lack of facilities or any other valid reason, to remain for up to seventy-two hours in their countries without requiring them to obtain a visa.

## III. OTHER FRONTIER FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO AND EXIT FROM MEMBER STATES

### . Relaxation of frontier formalities

#### 3.1 Standard

No documents other than those mentioned in I and II above shall be required by member States for the entry into and departure from their territories of temporary visitors.

III. - cont -

3.2 Standard

Member States shall not require temporary visitors who hold a valid passport and from whom a visa is not required to obtain any other identification document from their authorities before beginning their journey.

Note: Standard 3.2 above is intended to ensure that member States abolish the requirement for temporary visitors to produce identification documents on entry or exit, other than, where appropriate, the embarkation/disembarkation card currently in use and the health document, where required, for international travel.

3.3 Standard

As a general rule, member States shall not require temporary visitors to produce income-tax clearance certificates on departure.

IV. NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW METHODS/OPERATING PRACTICES IN FRONTIER AND TRAVEL FORMALITIES

. New technology

4.1 Recommended practice

Member States are recommended to explore the possibility of gradually introducing new mechanical or electronic systems to facilitate and expedite on entry and exit the checking of official identification documents (particularly passports), whenever the volume of traffic warrants this and provided such systems are within the human, financial and technical means of the member States.

Note: Any steps taken by member States to introduce new systems and modern techniques designed to ease frontier and travel formalities should be communicated to the WTO Secretariat.

. New methods/Operating practices

4.2 Standard

Member States shall make all the necessary provisions to simplify and expedite so far as possible health, customs and immigration checks for the entry and exit of international travellers.

4.2.1 Recommended practice

To implement the provisions of standard 4.2 above, member States are recommended to take all the appropriate measures, in accordance with their own regulations, to ensure that immigration, police, health and customs checks are carried out in one operation on entry and exit at air, sea or land frontier posts.