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Executive summary

The new structure of the Secretariat, is being implemented as laid out by the Secretary-General in his report on Management vision and priorities (document CE/108/5(b) rev.1) within the approved resources and number of staff positions.

As of 1 August 2018, the top managerial level of the Organization has been significantly reduced by almost half, ensuring a more lineal and efficient structure while addressing previous concerns of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU).

With the approval of the 108th session of the Executive Council, the Secretary-General has appointed Mr. Jaime Cabal (Colombia) to the post of Deputy Secretary-General. He has also appointed Mr. Manuel Butler (Spain) to the post of Executive Director.

Following the issuance of vacancy announcements, 8 staff posts have been filled. As of 1 August 2018, the total number of staff stands at 82, and the number of non-staff personnel (Service Contract holders) in the Organization is 64.

A review of internal policies regarding promotion and classification has been carried out, in order to ensure a sustainable model in line with United Nations system policies. As a result of the review, the Professional Growth Plan will be discontinued.

With a view to further aligning the Organization with United Nations policies and practices, particularly in the area of the protection of staff privacy rights and retirement, the Secretary-General proposes amendments to the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules.

Amendments to the Staff Regulations are proposed for endorsement by the Executive Council for submission to the General Assembly for approval.

Action by the Executive Council

DRAFT DECISION¹

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the human resources situation of the Organization,

- 1. *Takes note* of the information provided on the human resources of the Organization;
- 2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the work currently being carried out by those persons in the service of the Organization and the contribution to the Programme of Work, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization with its limited resources;
- 3. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Secretariat for the financing of Junior Professional Officers at UNWTO;
- 4. *Encourages* Member States to send to the Secretariat, Officials on Loan, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization with its limited resources;
- 5. *Endorses* the amendments to Staff Regulations 15(g) and 28, for submission to the General Assembly for approval;
- 6. *Approves* the amendment to Staff Rule 14(3)(b) and endorses the amendment of Staff Regulation 28, which will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval;
- 7. *Approves* the amendments to Staff Rules 24(3)(a), 24(3)(b) and 24(18), and endorses the amendment of Staff Regulation 15(g), which will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval;
- 8. *Approves* the amendment to Staff Rule 31(2)(a)(i); and
- 9. *Approves* the amendment to paragraphs 21(b) and (c) of Annex 2 of the Staff Regulations and Rules on the Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee.

¹ This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.

Budget authority and organizational structure Ι.

The introduction of management changes communicated by the Secretary-General in his 1. report on the Management vision and priorities (document CE/108/5(b) rev.1) continues to be undertaken within the approved resources and number of staff positions, which remains at 106. The UNWTO Organizational Chart is attached to this document as Annex Ι.

Breakdown of actual staffing data

2. Information on the number of staff and their distribution by grade, gender, nationality, and age, as of 1 August 2018, is contained in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 below. As in previous reports to the Executive Council, the relevant breakdown has been made by category of staff within the UN Common System: Professional category and above (with grades ranging from P.1 to ASG) and General Service category (with grades ranging from G.1 to G.7) and as indicated in the Organization's Programme of Work and Budget.

Grade	P.1	P.2	P.3	P.4	P.5	Above	Total
Female	6	1	3	5	5		20
Male	2	3	4	5	3	5	22
Subtotal	8	4	7	10	8	5	42
Grade	G.2	G.3	G.4	G.5	G.6	G.7	Total
Female		1	5	1	11	8	26
Male	1	3		3	5	2	14
Subtotal	1	4	5	4	16	10	40

Table 1(b): Staff Distribution by Grade as of 1 April 2017

Grade	P.1	P.2	P.3	P.4	P.5	Above	Total
Number	5	3	6	11	10	9	44
Grade	G.2	G.3	G.4	G.5	G.6	G.7	Total
Number	1	4	7	8	14	14	48

To ensure a more lineal and efficient structure while addressing previous concerns of the 3. JIU², Tables 1(a) and 1(b) above reflect the significant reduction of top managerial posts between 1 April 2017 (Table 1(b)) and 1 August 2018 (Table 1(a)), reducing said structure by almost half in 2018.

Table 2: Staff Distribution by Category and	Gender as of 1 August 2018
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Gender	P and Above	GS Category	Total
Female	20	26	46
Male	22	14	36
Total	42	40	82

² For more information, please refer to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit reports, available at https://www.unjiu.org/content/reports

Table 3: Staff Distribution by Category and Nationality (including SG and ED positions)			
as of 1 August 2018			

Country	GS	P and above	Country	GS	P and above
Algeria	1		Lithuania	1	
Argentina	1	1	Morocco	1	
Austria	1	1	Netherlands		3
Azerbaijan		1	Nicaragua	1	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1		Niger		1
Cambodia		1	Peru		1
Canada		1	Portugal	2	1
China		2	Republic of Korea		2
Colombia		1	Republic of Moldova	1	
Dominican Republic		1	Russian Federation		1
France		4	Seychelles		2
Georgia		2	Spain	22	9
Germany	1	2	Switzerland	1	
Ghana	1		United Kingdom		1
Hungary		1	United States of America	1	
Indonesia	1		Uruguay		1
Italy	1	1	Uzbekistan	1	
Lebanon	1	1			
			Total number per category of staff	40	42
			Total number of staff		82

4. Thirty-five nationalities are currently represented in the Secretariat's staff. It is important to reiterate the Organization's commitment to recruiting staff from as wide a geographical distribution as possible while maintaining the highest standards of competence, efficiency and integrity and taking into account the limited number of staff posts.

Age	GS Category	P and Above	Total
30 to 39	7	11	18
40 to 49	18	14	32
50 to 54	7	6	13
55 to 59	6	6	12
60 to 61	1	1	2
62 or more	1		1
Total	40	38	78

Table 4: Staff Distribution by Category and Age as of 1 August 2018

- 5. Officials holding a managerial fixed-term appointment and the Secretary-General are not included in this table.
- 6. As previously presented in the Human Resources Report to the 103rd Executive Council, a new scheme was implemented on 1 January 2016 for personnel not subject to the UNWTO Staff Regulations and Rules. The scheme was developed on the basis of the recommendations of the JIU draft report A.385. The Executive Council is presented in Tables 5 and 6 below, with information on the number of Service Contract holders, who

are part of this scheme, and their distribution by gender, nationality and age, as of 1 August 2018.

Country	Male	Female	Country	Male	Female
Belarus		1	Morocco		1
Bulgaria		1	Netherlands	1	1
Canada		1	Norway	1	
China	1		Philippines		1
Colombia		1	Portugal		1
Egypt		1	Republic of Korea		2
France		2	Russian Federation		1
Germany		2	Spain	7	17
Greece	1		Sri Lanka	1	
Indonesia		1	Sudan		1
Islamic Republic of Iran		1	Sweden		1
Italy		2	Syrian Arab Republic		1
Japan	2		United Kingdom	2	1
Kenya	1	1	United States of America		2
Lebanon		2	Venezuela	1	
			Total number	18	46
			Total number of Service Contract holders		64

Table 5: Service Contract holders Distribution by Nationality and Gender as of 1August 2018

Table 6: Service Contract holders Distribution by Age as of 1 August 2018

Age	SC holder
24 to 29	21
30 to 39	31
40 to 49	10
50 to 54	1
55 to 59	
60 to 61	
62 or more	1
Total	64

II. Personnel matters

Decisions of the Secretary-General

7. In accordance with Staff Regulation 15(b), and with the common practice in the United Nations and all its specialized agencies, the Secretary-General decided to return to the traditional structure of the Secretariat foreseen in its legal framework and to appoint, with the approval of the 108th session of the Executive Council, Mr. Jaime Cabal (Colombia) to the post of Deputy Secretary-General.

8. As previously presented in the report of the Secretary-General on management vision and priorities³, the Secretary-General also decided to appoint Mr. Manuel Butler (Spain) to the post of Executive Director, in accordance with Staff Regulation 15(b).

Outcome of selection processes

9. Following the issuance of a vacancy announcement, the following posts have been filled:

Vacancy Reference	Title of the Post	Name of the Incumbent
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/04/OFSG/2018	Programme Officer (P.1) Office of the Secretary General	Shirin El Tayan (Spain)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/09/HHRR/2018	Programme Officer (P.2) Human Resources	Paolo Velasco (France)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/20/SFPM/2017	Senior Programme Assistant (G.6) Technical Cooperation and Silk Road	Patrick Fritz (Austria)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/36/OFSG/2017	Senior Programme Officer (P.2) Office of the Legal Counsel	Miguel Angel Susino (Spain)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/28/COMM/201 7	Senior Programme Assistant (G.6) Communications	Juliana Contreras (Germany)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/29/COMM/201 7	Senior Programme Assistant (G.6) Communications	Alberto Garcia (Spain)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/24/STPP/2017	Programme Coordinator (P.3) Tourism Market intelligence and Competitiveness	Clara van der Pol (Netherlands)
UNWTO/HHRR/VAC/27/TECO/2017	Senior Programme Assistant (G.6) Technical Cooperation and Silk Road	Olivia Siv (Switzerland)

10. In compliance with JIU recommendations⁴, the post of Director (P.5) in the Affiliate Members Department was advertised through a vacancy notice, published on the UNWTO website, and a competitive selection process was carried out accordingly. UNWTO Member States were informed of the advertisement via *Note Verbale*. The outcome of the selection process will be communicated to the Executive Council in the next Human Resources Report.

Update of the professional growth plan

- 11. At its 90th session, the Executive Council was informed that a working group on the internal structure of the Secretariat recommended that the Organization recruit an external classification specialist to review and confirm the post levels in the Secretariat, in line with its revised internal structure, introduced in March 2010 and in accordance with the classification standards of the International Civil Service Commission. The purpose of the exercise was to put in place a Professional Growth Plan (PGP), that would allow career advancement and lateral transfers, which were not readily available at the time.
- 12. Human resources/workforce planning involves the systematic assessment of current and future staffing requirements in terms of numbers and levels of skills and competencies, and formulation of plans to meet those requirements. These must match longer-term

³ For more information, please refer to the Report of the Secretary-General on Management vision and priorities, available at: <u>http://cf.cdn.unwto.org/sites/all/files/pdf/ce108_5_b_management_vision_and_priorities_rev1_en.pdf</u>

⁴ For more information, please refer to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit reports, available at <u>https://www.unjiu.org/content/reports</u>

programme needs of the Organization and there must be a continuous review to ensure that the Organization is making good use of these in terms of its mandate, structure and workforce size.

- 13. Taking into account (a) the revised structure of the Secretariat announced at the 108th Executive Council, (b) the need to further align with good practices on staffing and internal mobility in the United Nations, while considering the needs and structure of UNWTO, the general principles of nurturing a workforce that is dynamic, adaptable and global; one that can also effectively meet current and future mandates and evolving operational needs, (c) alignment with JIU recommendations regarding the development of tools and control mechanisms to guarantee that recruitment and promotion is based on transparent, comparative evaluations of the professional competencies of candidates (d) the small size and budgetary constraints of UNWTO and (e) the need to have a model in place that is both sustainable financially while aligned with UN policies and practices, the PGP will be discontinued.
- 14. In view of the aforementioned, the requirements on recruitment, promotion, transfers and reclassification will continue to be governed by the Staff Regulations and Rules, as well as the Circulars related thereto.

Officials on loan

15. Also in 2018, there was increasing interest among Member States in the Organization's capacity-building option, whereby tourism experts and officials may be sent by a Member State, on a non-reimbursable loan basis, to participate in the activities of the Secretariat for a set period of time. This arrangement is formally being done through a Memorandum of Understanding.

Junior Professional Officers

16. The UNWTO has concluded with the UNDP an Agreement concerning the management of the UN-wide Junior Professional Officer Programme. Interested Member States may place their young professionals at UNWTO for 1-3 years by financing the post through this framework agreement.

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules

- 17. In conformity with Regulation 1 of the UNWTO Staff Regulations, the Executive Council, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, "shall provide such Staff Rules as it considers necessary for the enforcement of the Staff Regulations and consistent with the principles they embody". For the 109th session, the Secretary-General has prepared three amendments to the Staff Regulations and five amendments to the Staff Rules. In addition, one amendment is proposed to Annex 2 Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee.
- 18. In the case of Staff Regulation 15(g), and Rules 24(3)(a), 24(3)(b) and 24(18), the purpose of the amendment is to align UNWTO's rules and regulations on fixed-term and permanent appointments to the ones of the United Nations system, providing more flexibility in the type of appointment being offered while following the current practices of other UN Organizations on the reduction of permanent appointments, staff mobility and retention policies.
- 19. In the case of Staff Regulation 28 and Rule 14(3)(b), the purpose of the amendment is made on the basis of JIU recommendations⁵ and on the extension of the maximum age of retirement to 65, which was approved by the 22nd General Assembly.
- 20. In the case of Staff Rule 31(2)(a)(i), the purpose of the amendment is to ensure an appropriate alternate for the Chairman of the Joint Appeals Committee.

⁵ For more information, please refer to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit reports, available at https://www.unjiu.org/content/reports

- 21. In the case of paragraphs 21(b) and (c) of Annex 2 of the UNWTO Staff Regulations and Rules on the Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee, the purpose of the amendment is to ensure and respect the confidentiality of the records and reports of the Joint Appeals Committee, and mitigate the risk of liability of the Organization.
- 22. If the amendments to Staff Regulations 15(g) and 28 are endorsed by the Executive Council, these would be submitted to the General Assembly at its next session for approval.
- 23. If the amendments to Staff Rules 14(3)(b), 24(3)(a), 24(3)(b) and 24(18) are approved by the Executive Council, they will be presented to the General Assembly. If approved, a UNWTO Circular would be issued in due course to inform on the subject matter.
- 24. If the amendment to Staff Rule 31(2)(a)(i) is approved by the Executive Council, a UNWTO Circular would be issued in due course to inform on the subject matter.
- 25. If the amendment to paragraphs 21(b) and (c) of Annex 2 of the UNWTO Staff Regulations and Rules on the Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee is approved, a UNWTO Circular would be issued in due course to inform on the subject matter.

Current Text	Proposed New Text
Regulation 15(g)	Regulation 15(g)
Filling of Vacancies	Filling of Vacancies
(g) Appointments for a fixed term shall be of not less than one year and not more than three years. While a fixed-term appointment may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years in all, it shall carry no expectation of renewal or of conversion to another type of appointment or activity and shall terminate without prior notice on the termination date fixed in the contract of employment. The expiration of a fixed-term contract is not regarded as a termination within the meaning of the Staff Rules and Staff Regulations.	(g) Appointments for a fixed term shall be of not less than one year and not more than three five years at a time. While a fixed-term appointment may be renewed for a period not exceeding five years in all for any period up to five years at a time, it shall carry no expectation, legal or otherwise, of renewal or of conversion to another type of appointment or activity, irrespective of the length of service, and shall terminate without prior notice on the termination date fixed in the contract of employment. The expiration of a fixed-term contract is not regarded as a termination within the meaning of the Staff Rules and Staff Regulations.
Rule 24(3)(a)	Rule 24(3)(a)
End of Appointment	End of Appointment
(a) A fixed-term appointment shall expire automatically and without indemnity on the expiration date specified in the letter of appointment.	(a) A fixed-term appointment shall expire automatically and without indemnity on the expiration date specified in the letter of appointment. An end-of-service grant may be paid to an official holding a fixed-term appointment, under the conditions specified under Staff Rule 24 (18).
Rule 24(3)(b)	Rule 24(3)(b)
End of Appointment	End of Appointment
(b) At least three months before the expiration	(b) At least three months before the expiration
of an appointment for a fixed term of three	of an appointment for a fixed term of three
years or less, the official's situation shall be	years or less , the official's situation shall be

reviewed by the Secretary-General. In the light of his review, the Secretary-General shall decide either to terminate the official's services or to extend his appointment, once only, for a period that may not bring the total period of service to more than five years; such extension shall not be renewable. Exceptionally, if the Secretary-General considers that the experience gained by the official is indispensable to the Organization, he may, on the expiration of an extended fixed-term contract and after consulting the Appointment and Promotion Board, offer him a permanent appointment.	reviewed by the Secretary-General. In the light of his review, the Secretary-General shall decide either to terminate the official's services or to extend his appointment , once only, for a period that may not bring the total period of service to more than five years; such extension shall not be renewable. Exceptionally, if the Secretary-General considers that the experience gained by the official is indispensable to the Organization, he may, on the expiration of an extended fixed-term contract and after consulting the Appointment and Promotion Board, offer him a permanent appointment.
Rule 24(18) End-of-service grant	Rule 24(18) End-of-service grant ⁶
[New Rule]	(a) Officials holding a fixed-term appointment may be eligible for an end-of- service grant upon expiration of their fixed-term appointment, after six years or more of continuous qualifying service with the Organization, and provided that their performance has been certified as being satisfactory.
	(b) The end-of-service grant shall not be payable in case of resignation, summary dismissal, abandonment of post, retirement as defined in Staff Rule 24 (4), early retirement in accordance with the rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, non-renewal due to reasons of health, or on receipt from the Organization of an offer of renewal of appointment and declining it.
	(c) The end-of-service grant shall be calculated on the basis of gross salary less staff assessment (plus language allowance, if applicable), according to the following scale:
	Completed years of Amount of continuous allowance in terms service of months
	6 years 3
	7 years 5
	8 years 7
	9 years 9
	10 years9.511 years10
	12 years 10.5
	13 years 11
	14 years 11.5

⁶ This Rule is subject to further revision in accordance with ICSC recommendations and UN system practices.

	15 and above 12
	(d) Officials shall not accrue credit towards the end-of-service grant during full months of special leave without pay. Periods of less than 30 days of such leave shall not affect the ordinary rates of accrual.
Regulation 28 Retirement Age	Regulation 28 Retirement Age
Officials shall not be retained in active service beyond the age prescribed by the Staff Rules. The Secretary-General may, in the interest of the Organization, extend this age limit by one or two years in exceptional cases.	Officials shall not be retained in active service beyond the age prescribed by the Staff Rules. The Secretary-General may, in the interest of the Organization, extend this age limit by one or two years in exceptional cases.
Rule 14(3)(b) Medical examination preceding and following appointment	Rule 14(3)(b) Medical examination preceding and following appointment
(b) When an official is retained in the service of the Organization beyond the age of sixty- two in terms of Staff Regulation 28, a medical examination, by the Medical Adviser designated by the Secretary-General, shall be required at the beginning of each year of service.	(b) [deleted]
Rule 31(2)(a)(i) Composition of the Joint Appeals Committee	Rule 31(2)(a)(i) Composition of the Joint Appeals Committee
(a) The Joint Appeals Committee shall consist of three members as follows:	(a) The Joint Appeals Committee shall consist of three members as follows:
after consultation with the Staff Association(s); (ii) one member appointed biennially by the	 (i) A Chairman selected from a panel appointed biennially by the Secretary-General after consultation with the Staff Association(s). An alternate Chairman may be appointed in the same manner;
Secretary-General; (iii) one member elected by the staff. The staff	(ii) one member appointed biennially by the Secretary-General;
shall elect biennially by ballot two staff members, one from the Professional category and above and one from the General Service category. The member called to serve on the Committee shall be from the group to which the official whose case is to be considered belongs.	(iii) one member elected by the staff. The staff shall elect biennially by ballot two staff members, one from the Professional category and above and one from the General Service category. The member called to serve on the Committee shall be from the group to which the official whose case is to be considered belongs.
Annex 2 Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee	Annex 2 Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee
Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee	Rules of the John Appeals Committee
Records and Reports Paragraph 21(b)	Records and Reports Paragraph 21(b)

(b) The report of the Committee shall be	(b) The report of the Committee shall be
confidential unless otherwise decided by the	confidential unless otherwise decided by the
Secretary-General. An appellant may disclose	Secretary-General. An appellant may disclose
the report to the Administrative Tribunal.	the report to the Administrative Tribunal.
Reports of the Committee and decisions of	Reports of the Committee and decisions of
the Secretary-General thereon shall be	the Secretary-General thereon shall be
communicated for information to the Members	communicated for information to the Members
of the Executive Council.	of the Executive Council.
Annex 2	Annex 2
Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee	Rules of the Joint Appeals Committee
Records and Reports	Records and Reports
Paragraph 21(c)	Paragraph 21(c)
(c) Intending appellants who have protested under paragraph 7, members of the Committee appointed for any particular case, and the president or presidents of the staff association(s) may examine all the previous reports of the Committee, and decisions made thereon by the Secretary-General.	(c) [deleted]

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Annex I: UNWTO Secretariat Organizational Chart

