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## **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

### **I. Full Members**

#### **Note by the Secretary-General**

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly in this document on the changes in membership submitted since its sixteenth session. He submits applications for membership to the Assembly for approval in accordance with Article 5 of the Statutes and rules 49 and 50 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure. The applications for affiliate membership in accordance with Article 7 of the Statutes will be reported in Part II of this document.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

### **I. Full Members**

1. The purpose of this document is to inform the General Assembly of changes in the Organization's membership since its sixteenth session and also of applications for full membership, which the Assembly is required to examine in accordance with Article 5 of the Statutes and rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

### **I. CHANGE SINCE THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

2. It is recalled that in a communication dated 9 June 2006, H.E. Mr. Djordje Mijalkovic, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of **Serbia** in Spain, informed the Secretary-General about the measures taken by his Government concerning the status of his country in the United Nations, including all organs and organizations of the System, following the secession of Montenegro from the State Union.

3. In this communication, the Chargé d'affaires confirmed that the Republic of Serbia is the continuator State of the former State Union within the United Nations system, on the basis of Article 60 of the Constitutional Charter. Accordingly, Serbia declares that it is continuing the membership of the former Member State of the World Tourism Organization and is a Member of the Institution under the name "Republic of Serbia", or its short form "Serbia".

4. The Council took note of this change at its session in Quito in June 2006.

### **II. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

5. On 20 June 2006, H.E. Mr. Predag Nenezic, Minister of Tourism of **Montenegro**, sent a communication to the Secretary-General whereby his Government adopts the Statutes of the Organization and accepts the obligations of membership. This State has been a Member of the United Nations since the end of June 2006.

6. On 11 December 2006, H.E. Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the **Republic of Tajikistan**, sent a communication to the Secretary-General whereby his Government adopts the Statutes of the Organization and accepts the obligations of membership.

7. In a letter dated 18 June 2007, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of **Brunei Darussalam** transmitted to the Secretariat his Government's formal acceptance of the Statutes of the Organization and the obligations of membership. This application is subject to ratification by the General Assembly at its next session, pursuant to Article 5.3 of the Statutes. This State is a Member of the United Nations.

8. These three applications are subject to ratification by the General Assembly at its next session, pursuant to Article 5.3 of the Statutes. These States are Members of the United Nations.

9 Barring further applications, the total number of Member States of the Organization will thus increase to 153 at the date of the General Assembly. With this total, the number of seats on the Executive Council remains at 30, pursuant to Article 14.1 of the Organization's Statutes and rule 1.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

### **III. CONTACTS WITH NON-MEMBER STATES**

10. The Secretariat is in contact with several non-member States. It is actively taking steps to encourage these countries to join UNWTO.

