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ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Assembly in the attached document information on the composition of the Executive Council and the geographical distribution of its membership among the six regions, as well as on the number of new seats to be assigned to each region for the election of half the Council's Members, in accordance with the relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. The General Assembly is required to elect, at each of its sessions, one-half of the membership of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes of the Organization, which reads as follows:

"The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution."

2. This provision is repeated in rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

3. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

"The term of elected Members shall be four years (...). Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years."

4. This provision is enlarged upon in rule 55(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, paragraph 4 of which reads:

"The term of office of the Members of the Council shall begin immediately following their election by the Assembly and shall end on the election of their successors."

5. Article 14(1) of the Statutes provides that the total number of the Organization's Full Members determines the number of seats on the Council. In order to achieve, so far as possible, fair and equitable geographical representation, the number of seats per region is calculated on the basis of one seat for every five Members out of the total number of Members in each region.

6. At the time of the General Assembly, Full Members of the Organization will probably number 154 (see Annex 1), taking into account Vanuatu's application for full membership pending approval by the Assembly. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes, the Council will, as today, be composed of thirty Members, in addition to Spain as a permanent Member, during the period between the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the General Assembly.

7. The current membership of the Executive Council is indicated in Annex 2. The Members are reminded that at the last session of the General Assembly the Commission for the Americas decided to split the term of office for one of its seats between Mexico and El Salvador. In view of the shortcomings inherent in this complicated arrangement, the Secretary-General feels it is necessary to be more scrupulous in observing Article 15 of the Statutes, which provides for terms of office of four years, and to avoid the sharing of terms to the extent possible.

8. Moreover, for historical reasons, the number of seats to be assigned to the region of South Asia is not balanced from one General Assembly session to the next when this region is allocated a so-called "floating" seat. Two seats could be allocated this year and none in 2011. In order to remedy this situation, and as was done for the Middle East region at the Assembly session of 2007, the Secretary-General suggests that the Commission for South Asia, as the case may be, to give one of its candidates a four-year term of office, to expire in 2013, and the other a two-year term expiring in 2011. This would make the number of seats to be filled more balanced starting in 2011. A proposal, having the same purpose, could be made to the region of East Asia and the Pacific at the General Assembly session of 2011.

9. Annex 3 provides a graphical representation of terms of office, broken down by region, since the creation of the UNWTO.

10. The table in Annex 4 illustrates the situation, subject to the submission of other possible candidatures for membership, or the possible renunciation of a candidate. Needless to say, the data given below would have to be changed to reflect such modifications.

11. Column 5 of Annex 4 shows that the terms of office of fifteen Members expire at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly. Column 6 shows that twelve Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, as follows:

Africa	4 seats
Americas	2 seats
East Asia and the Pacific	no seat
Europe	4 seats
Middle East	1 seat
South Asia	1 seat
TOTAL	12 seats

12. Column 7 shows that to represent the 19 remaining Full Members, three more Members should be elected to the Council. Consequently, it is necessary to vote for the allocation from among all the regions of the seats corresponding to the surplus Members (so-called "floating" seats).

13. None of the three remaining seats to be allocated by the General Assembly in order to reach the total of 30 seats corresponds to an exact multiple of 5 Members from any of the six regions of the Organization; rather, the seats result from the sum of the surplus Members from the different regions, as follows:

Africa	3 Members
Americas	3 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	3 Members
Middle East	2 Members
Europe	4 Members
South Asia	4 Members
TOTAL	19 Members

This total gives rise to the right to assign three so-called "floating" seats, as shown in the table in Annex 4.

14. On various occasions in the past, it has been possible to reach prior consensus on the assignation of the seats of the different regions and those corresponding to the surplus Members, based on proposals put forward by the Regional Commissions. To this end, it would be advisable to see if the three so-called "floating" seats should be allocated to the regions having the most surplus Members. In this case, the regions of South Asia and Europe have 4 Members remaining after the initial distribution, and the regions of Africa and the Americas have 3 surplus Members. As the region of East Asia and the Pacific is not due to renew its Council Members this year, it is to be excluded.

15. At the time of preparation of this document, the following States had communicated to the Secretariat, on the date appearing between brackets, their intention of presenting their candidatures for membership of the Council for the period 2009-2013:

AFRICA (4 seats to be filled)

Mozambique (26 March 2009) (re-election)
Nigeria (22 June 2009)

AMERICAS (2 seats to be filled)

Argentina (12 May 2009) (re-election)
Colombia (15 June 2009)
Costa Rica (26 June 2009) (re-election)
Jamaica (18 June 2009)
Venezuela (9 June 2009)

EUROPE (4 seats to be filled)

Azerbaijan (8 May 2009)
Bulgaria (17 March 2009)
Croatia (25 May 2009)
Germany (4 May 2009) (re-election)
Romania (6 March 2009)
Slovenia (3 June 2009)

MIDDLE EAST (1 seat to be filled)

Egypt (10 June 2009) (re-election)

SOUTH ASIA (1 seat to be filled)

India (13 May 2009) (re-election)
Maldives (1 June 2009)

16. Any other candidatures reaching the Secretariat before the date of the Assembly will be announced in an addendum to this document.

17. It should be recalled that Executive Council decisions 4(XXXIII) and 4(XXXIV) recommend that *"...only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council"*.

18. The General Assembly is invited to elect fifteen Members to the Executive Council for the period between eighteenth and the twentieth session of the General Assembly.

ANNEX 2

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REGION	MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN	
		2009	2011
AFRICA	Algeria	----->	
	Benin	----->	
	Cameroon	----->	
	Eritrea	----->	
	Ghana	----->	
	Mali	----->	
	Morocco	----->	
	Mozambique	----->	
	Senegal	----->	
	Tunisia	----->	
	AMERICAS	Argentina	----->
Brazil		----->	
Costa Rica		----->	
Dominican Republic		----->	
Mexico/El Salvador		----->	
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	China	----->	
	Indonesia	----->	
	Republic of Korea	----->	
SOUTH ASIA	India	----->	
	Iran	----->	
EUROPE	Germany	----->	
	France	----->	
	Hungary	----->	
	Italy	----->	
	Kazakhstan	----->	
	Portugal	----->	
	Russian Federation	----->	
	San Marino	----->	
	Spain	----->	<i>Permanent Member</i>
MIDDLE EAST	Egypt	----->	
	Iraq	----->	



ANNEX 3

AFRICA

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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 Chairmanship

ANNEX 3

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STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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** Former Member

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ANNEX 3

EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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Viet Nam																																							

* Pending General Assembly approval

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ANNEX 3

SOUTH ASIA

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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MIDDLE EAST

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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EUROPE

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2011)

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----> Privileged Member and Permanent Member since 1998
 **** refers to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

** Former Member *** no longer exists as a State

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ANNEX 4

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

	<i>Column No 1</i>	<i>Column No 2</i>	<i>Column No 3</i>	<i>Column No 4</i>	<i>Column No 5</i>	<i>Column No 6</i>	<i>Column No 7</i>
REGION	MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BY REGION	SEAT ENTITLEMENT ON THE COUNCIL	COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2007-2009	TERMS OF OFFICE CONTINUING UNTIL 2011	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING in 2009	NEW SEATS CORRESPONDING TO SETS OF FIVE MEMBERS	REMAINING MEMBERS
<i>AFRICA</i>	48	9	10	5	5	4	3
<i>AMERICAS</i>	23	4	5	2	3	2	3
<i>EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</i>	18	3	3	3	0	0	3
<i>SOUTH ASIA</i>	9	1	2	0	2	1	4
<i>EUROPE</i>	44	8	8	4	4	4	4
<i>MIDDLE EAST</i>	12	2	2	1	1	1	2
TOTAL =====	154 ===	27 ==	30 ==	15 ==	15 ==	12 ==	19 * ===

Figures taking into account the candidature for full membership presented by Vanuatu pending ratification by the General Assembly.

(*) Which allow for three so-called “floating” seats on the Council.