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Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (document A/19/1 prov.rev.1)

The provisional agenda of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly was drawn up by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 5(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

Item 2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

For the opening of the General Assembly, the office of President will be performed by the head of the delegation of Kazakhstan, the President of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly held in Astana, Kazakhstan, in October 2009. Under his presidency, the General Assembly will be required to elect its new President, in accordance with rule 16(2) of its Rules of Procedure.

Rule 43 of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure provides for all elections to be carried out by secret ballot. It is nevertheless recalled that the Presidents of the previous eighteen sessions of the Assembly were all elected by acclamation after consultations between the delegations, the head of delegation of the host country being traditionally chosen for this office.

Immediately after his or her election, the President of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly is required to assume office and take his or her place at the rostrum.

In accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall elect its eight Vice-Presidents who, together with the President, will be the Assembly's Officers. These nine Officers will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation, following the practice adopted at previous sessions, viz.: two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific (the President, presumably), one for South Asia and one for the Middle East.

Item 3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

According to rule 13(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the President proposes to the Assembly the nine delegates of Full Members who will compose the Credentials Committee, having regard to equitable geographical representation as above. The Committee is required to meet immediately after the first meeting so that it may submit its initial report to the Assembly at the start of the third meeting.

Item 4. Membership of the Organization

(a) New membership (document A/19/4(a))

In his report on this subject, the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly of changes that have occurred since its eighteenth session in the membership of the Organization. Particular reference is made to admissions to full and affiliate membership, which the Assembly will be required to consider in accordance with Articles 5, and 7 of the Statutes and rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

(b) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules (document A/19/4(b))

Under this item, the Secretary-General transmits to the Assembly, in accordance with resolution 217(VII), a list of the Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes, informing it of any developments in this regard since its previous session. The Assembly will also receive a list of the Members that have accumulated arrears equal to or exceeding four years' contributions and that could be liable to the provisions of Article 34.

Under the same item, the Secretary-General transmits any requests for suspending the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules that may have been submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 162(VI), provided the Council has established that the delay in paying contributions is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Members concerned and these Members have agreed with the Council on measures to settle their arrears.

Item 5. Report of the Secretary-General (document A/19/5)

Under this provisional agenda item and in accordance with rule 5(1) of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Secretary-General submits his report on the situation of international tourism and on the lessons that can be drawn for the Organization, as well as on the activities of the Secretariat.

Item 6. Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly (document A/19/6)

In accordance with Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes, the Executive Council reports to the Assembly, for approval, on "all necessary measures" taken "for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Assembly" and on the "administrative and technical decisions" considered necessary and consequently taken by it between sessions of the Assembly.

Item 7. Report of the Credentials Committee (document A/19/7)

In accordance with rule 13(4) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Credentials Committee, after examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members and the identification papers of the Affiliate Members and observers of organizations invited to the session, will report its findings under this provisional agenda item.

Item 8. Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members (document A/19/8)

Under this agenda item, the General Assembly will be informed, in accordance with rule III(11) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members, on the activities of these Members since the eighteenth session of the General Assembly and on prospects for future action. The Assembly will also be informed on different aspects of the Affiliate Members operation within the Organization.

Item 9. Implementation of the general programme of work for 2010-2011 (document A/19/9)

In this document, the Secretary-General reports on the activities carried out by the Secretariat in implementation of the programme of work for 2010-2011, focusing on the major strategic objectives established. He also discusses the progress made in the evaluation of the implementation of the programme of work.

Item 10. Administrative and statutory matters**(a) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the seventeenth financial period (2008-2009)** (document A/19/10(a))

The document submitted to the General Assembly under this item closes the seventeenth financial period of the Organization, after been examined by the Auditors and approved by the Council.

(b) Financial situation of the Organization (document A/19/10(b))

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on the state of the Organization's finances during the first part of 2011.

(c) Human resources situation of the Organization (document A/19/10(c))

In this document, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the structure and human resources situation of the Organization.

(d) Election of the Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for 2012-2013 (document A/19/10(d))

The candidatures of Full Members to serve as members or alternates on the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2012-2013 will be referred to the General Assembly in document A/19/10(d).

(e) Election of the Auditors for 2012-2013 (document A/19/10(e))

Under this provisional agenda item, the Secretary-General submits to the Members the candidatures of the Full Members recommended by the Executive Council to the General Assembly for the posts of Auditor of the Organization for the financial period 2012-2013.

(f) Revision of the Financial Regulations (document A/19/10(f))

Under this agenda item, the Secretary-General submits amendments to the UNWTO Financial Regulations, which are transmitted to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session for its approval.

(g) Agreements concluded by the Organization (document A/19/10(g))

Under Article 12 of the Organization's Statutes, the General Assembly is required to approve the conclusion of agreements with governments, international organizations and private organizations or institutions.

(h) **Use of the UNWTO logo** (document A/19/10(h))

The Secretary-General transmits to the Members the guidelines on the use of the UNWTO signs by bodies other than the UNWTO Secretariat, based on the work of the Working Group created for this purpose by the Executive Council, and approved by the Council during its eighty-ninth session (Kish Island, Iran, 24-26 October 2010).

Item 11. Report on the progress of the reform of the Organization (White Paper) (document A/19/11)

This document, which is submitted to the General Assembly for its approval, responds to both the commitment made by the Secretary-General and the request of the UNWTO governing organs to embark upon a reform process of the World Tourism Organization, so as to make it more relevant to members and more efficient in addressing the current and future tourism and global development challenges. The document takes into account comments and suggestions made by Member States of the Organization after it was submitted to the eighty-eighth and eighty-ninth sessions of the Executive Council.

Item 12. Draft programme and budget of the Organization for 2012-2013 (document A/19/12)

Pursuant to paragraphs (h) and (i) of Article 12 of the Statutes, the Organization's draft general programme of work and budget for the period 2012-2013 is submitted to the General Assembly for approval. This draft programme budget was prepared by the Secretary-General in the light of the findings of a survey of the Members of the Organization. It was considered jointly by the Programme Committee and by the Committee on Budget and Finance in April 2011, and recommended by the Executive Council at its ninetieth session (Mombasa, Kenya, 19-21 June 2011) for adoption by the Assembly. It will be the subject of a final review by the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Executive Council immediately prior to the Assembly.

Item 13. United Nations system activities (document A/19/13)

In this document, the Secretary-General reports on the regular collaboration of the UNWTO with the different United Nations bodies and its participation in the different coordination meetings of the United Nations system since the last session of the General Assembly.

Item 14. Report on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (document A/19/14)

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the activities carried out by the Committee since its last session.

Item 15. World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2010 and 2011, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2012 and 2013 (document A/19/15)

The report submitted under this item informs the Assembly of the various activities marking World Tourism Day in 2010 and 2011, and proposes the themes selected for World Tourism Day 2012 and 2013. After the meetings of the Regional Commissions, Members will be informed on the host countries designated by the Regional Commissions for Europe in 2012 and for South Asia in 2013.

Item 16. Election of Council Members (document A/19/16 rev.1)

In document A/19/16 the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly of the present membership of the Executive Council, the geographical distribution of its seats among the six regions of

the Organization, the number of seats to be allotted to each region for the election of half the Members of the Executive Council and of the candidatures received by the Secretariat.

Pursuant to rules 54 and 55 of its Rules of Procedure, the Assembly is required to elect, by secret ballot, half the Members of the Executive Council, bearing in mind, if it so decides, the recommendation of the Executive Council in its decision 26(XXXV) not to elect as Members of the Executive Council States subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Article 34 of the Statutes.

Item 17. Place and dates of the twentieth session of the General Assembly (document A/19/17)

The place and dates of the twentieth session of the General Assembly must be decided by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session in accordance with rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure.

This rule provides that the Assembly shall meet at Headquarters every two years. It may meet elsewhere if the Assembly so decides, provided the host country defrays the expenses involved in holding the session away from Headquarters.

This document also reports on the candidatures received for hosting that session.

Item 18. Review and adoption of the draft resolutions of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly (document A/19/18)

Under this agenda item, the General Assembly is invited to review and adopt the draft resolutions reflecting the decisions it will have taken during its debates.