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A/RES/584(XIX)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents A/19/1 prov. rev.1 and A/19/1 prov.annot.)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat,

Decides to adopt the agenda of its nineteenth session as proposed.

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A/RES/585(XIX)

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly,

1. Declares elected the Republic of Korea as President of its nineteenth session, represented by H.E. Mr. CHOE Kwang-shik, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism; and
 2. Declares elected as Vice-Presidents of its nineteenth session Azerbaijan (Mr. Aliyev Vagif), France (Mr. Jacques Augustin), Iraq (Mr. Liwaa Abdulsahb Mohmed Simaysim), Islamic Republic of Iran (Mr. Rohollah Ahmadzadeh), Jamaica (Mr. Edmund Bartlett), Kenya (Mr. Najib Mohamed Balala), Madagascar (Mr. Riana Andriamandavy VII) and Mexico (Ms. Gloria Guevara Manzo).
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A/RES/586(XIX)

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 3

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President made in accordance with rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Noting that the Members of the Credentials Committee were selected by the Regional Commissions, at the request of the Assembly,

1. Takes note that the following countries have been appointed:

Argentina	Ecuador	Qatar
Austria	Ghana	Sri Lanka
Croatia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Togo

and

2. Notes that the Credentials Committee appointed as its Chair Ms. Blanka Belosevic (Croatia) and as its Vice-Chair Ms. Sena Siaw-Boateng (Ghana).

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A/RES/587(XIX)

Membership of the Organization

(a) New membership

Agenda item 4(a)
(documents A/19/4(a)(I), A/19/4(a)(II) and A/19/4(a)(II) add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the changes in membership of the Organization since its eighteenth session, as well as of the application for full membership received by the Secretary-General, listed in document A/19/4(a)(I),

1. Welcomes Liberia as a Member of the Organization, in application of Article 5(3) of the Statutes, and invites this country to actively participate in all UNWTO activities;

Having taken cognizance with regret of Canada's communication of withdrawal with effect as of 12 May 2012 in accordance with Article 35(1) of the Statutes,

2. Unanimously urges Canada to reconsider its decision and to once again take its place in the Organization, especially in view of the contribution that Canada has already made and could undoubtedly make in future to the promotion of sustainable tourism and to the programme of work of the Organization; and
3. Also calls upon the member countries of the United Nations that do not yet belong to the UNWTO to join the Organization and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

Having taken cognizance of the applications for affiliate membership received by the Secretary-General,

4. Approves, on the recommendation of the Executive Council and in accordance with resolution 279(IX), the applications for affiliate membership of the following bodies, in accordance with Articles 7(3) and 7(4) of the Statutes:

1. ABTA (UNITED KINGDOM/ROYAUME-UNI/REINO UNIDO)
2. ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA (ITALY/ITALIE/ITALIA)
3. AMETIC (ASOCIACIÓN MULTISECTORIAL DE EMPRESAS DE ELECTRÓNICA, TECNOLOGÍAS DE LA INFORMACIÓN, TELECOMUNICACIONES, SERVICIOS Y CONTENIDOS DIGITALES) (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
4. ASSOCIAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE BARES E RESTAURANTES – ABRASEL (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
5. ATUR CAXIAS DO SUL (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
6. AVIAREPS (GERMANY/ALEMANIA/ALLEMAGNE)
7. AYUNTAMIENTO DE BENIDORM (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
8. AZERBAIJAN TOURISM ASSOCIATION – AZTA
9. AZERBAIJAN TOURISM INSTITUTE
10. BAKU TOURISM INFORMATION CENTER (BTIC) (AZERBAIJAN/AZERBAÏDJAN/AZERBAIYÁN)
11. CENGIZ (NIGERIA)
12. CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN Y ESTUDIOS TURÍSTICOS DEL TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY (CIETEC) (MEXICO/MÉXIQUE/MÉXICO)
13. CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY – DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT (CYPRUS/CHYPRE/CHIPRE)
14. DAR AL – DIAFA FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM EDUCATION CONSULTANCY (JORDAN/JORDANIE/JORDANIA)
15. DEFENSORÍA DEL TURISTA DE LA C.A.B.A (ARGENTINA/ARGENTINE)
16. ESCUELA UNIVERSITARIA DE TURISMO DE ASTURIAS (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
17. FEDERACIÓN DE CÁMARAS DE TURISMO DE CENTROAMÉRICA - FEDECATUR (HONDURAS)
18. FUNDACIÓN GENERAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE ALCALÁ (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
19. FUNDACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA CAFAM (COLOMBIA/COLOMBIE)
20. GOOGLE SPAIN SL
21. GROUPE SUP DE CO LA ROCHELLE (FRANCE/FRANCIA)
22. GRUPO CIUDADES PATRIMONIO DE LA HUMANIDAD DE ESPAÑA (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
23. HARSANYI JANOS COLLEGE (HUNGARY/HONGRIE/HUNGRÍA)
24. IGGY TOURIM CONSULTING – TOURISM TRADEMARK (ARGENTINA/ARGENTINE)
25. INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE TURISMÓLOGOS (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
26. INSTITUTO MARCA BRASIL (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
27. INSTITUTO POLO INTERNACIONAL IGUASSU – “POLOIGUASSU” (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
28. INTERNATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (IGLTA) (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ÉTATS-UNIS D’AMÉRIQUE/ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA)
29. INTISHAR TOURIST SERVICES (SUDAN/SOUDAN)
30. IREST – UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE (FRANCE/FRANCIA)
31. KENYA TOURISM FEDERATION
32. LAN AIRLINES (CHILE/CHILI)
33. LEISURE QUEST INTERNATIONAL. LLC (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ÉTATS-UNIS D’AMÉRIQUE/ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA)
34. MARCOPOLO TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (PJS) (IRAN)
35. MASTER TOUR ALLIANCE, AIE (MTA INTERNATIONAL) (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
36. MDP CONSULTING (FRANCE/FRANCIA)
37. OBSERVATORIO REGIONAL DO TURISMO (AÇORES) (PORTUGAL)
38. PATRONATO PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO DE LA COSTA DEL SOL (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)

39. PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY OF RUSSIA (RUSSIAN FEDERATION/FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE/FEDERACIÓN DE RUSIA)
40. PORTOENORTE (PORTUGAL)
41. PROMITUR (CAPE VERDE/CAP-VERT/CABO VERDE)
42. RCM GLOBAL TRADE SA (MEXICO/MEXIQUE/MEJICO)
43. REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (RETOSA) (SOUTH AFRICA/AFRIQUE DU SUD/ AFRICA DEL SUR)
44. SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY, TOURISM AND CULTURE, THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE INSTITUTE OF CENTENNIAL COLLEGE (CANADA)
45. SILK HERITAGE TRUST (UNITED KINGDOM/ROYAUME-UNI/REINO UNIDO)
46. SIXT RENT A CAR SL (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
47. SOCIEDAD REGIONAL DE TURISMO - PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
48. THE BUZZ BUSINESS (SPAIN/ESPAÑA/ESPAGNE)
49. TOURISM & LEISURE ADVISORY SERVICES, SL (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
50. UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA SAN ANTONIO DE MURCIA (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
51. UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM AND MANAGEMENT IN SKOPJE (THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA/EX-RÉPUBLIQUE YOUGOSLAVE DE MACÉDOINE/EX REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA)
52. VICTORIA TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA/AUSTRALIE)
53. WORLD FEDERATION OF TOURIST GUIDES ASSOCIATIONS (AUSTRIA/AUTRICHE)
54. AECTE (ASOCIACIÓN DE EMPRESAS DE CONSULTORÍA TURÍSTICA DE ESPAÑA) (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
55. ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN TRAVEL AGENCIES
56. CASTELLDEFELS - (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
57. CQ UNIVERSITY (AUSTRALIA / AUSTRALIE)
58. EUROPA MUNDO VACACIONES S.L (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
59. EVERIS TOURISM (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
60. EXPOGAYS (S.B.R. PRODUCCIONES, S.L.U.) (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
61. FUNDACIÓN CIDTUR (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
62. ISCET (PORTUGAL)
63. JSC CONCERN "ACHEMA GROUP" (LITHUANIA / LITUANIE / LITUANIA)
64. PATRONATO DE TURISMO DE FUERTEVENTURA (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
65. SABOREA ESPAÑA(SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
66. TUOFED – TURISTIK OTELCILER, ISLETMECILER, YATIRIMCILAR, FEDERASYONU (TURKEY / TURQUIE / TURQUÍA)

5. Decides to provisionally admit the candidatures of:

- FINANCIERA RURAL (MEXICO / MEXIQUE / MEXICO), and
- CHINA TRAVEL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (CHINA / CHINE / CHINA),

provided that, within the period of two months, they submit the accredited letter of governmental support and the letter of acceptance of the UNWTO Statutes,

and the candidature of:

- FONDAZIONE ROMUALDO DEL BIANCO (ITALY / ITALIE / ITALIA),

provided that, within the period of two months, it submits the accredited letter of governmental support; and

6. Takes note of the withdrawal of the bodies from affiliate membership mentioned in document A/19/4(a)(II).

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A/RES/588(XIX)

Membership of the Organization

- (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**

Agenda item 4(b)
(documents A/19/4(b) and A/19/4(b) add.1)

The General Assembly,

Considering resolution 217(VII) adopted at its seventh session, whereby it recognized that Article 34 of the Statutes, providing for suspension of Members that persist in a policy contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as established in Article 3 of the Statutes, is applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the budget of the Organization,

Also considering the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution,

Having heard the report of the Executive Council,

1. Notes that the following Members are subject to Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the financing rules:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BURUNDI
CAPE VERDE
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CHAD
CÔTE D'IVOIRE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA
GUINEA-BISSAU
KYRGYZSTAN
LIBYA
MALAWI
MONGOLIA
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE

SUDAN
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA

2. Notes with satisfaction that Full Members Gabon, Mali, Lesotho, Uzbekistan and Associate Member Netherlands Antilles are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full;
3. Further notes that Article 34 of the Statutes will be applicable to the following Members in 2012 if they have not reached an agreement with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of their arrears:

FULL MEMBERS

CHAD
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ACCOR
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
ASOCIACION MUNDIAL PARA LA FORMACIÓN PROFESIONAL TURISTICA (AMFORT)
CAMARA DE PERIODISTAS Y COMUNICADORES DE TURISMO
CHAM PALACES AND HOTELS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF INDUSTRY OF THE DODECANESE
CONFEDERACIÓN NACIONAL TURISTICA A.C.
DNIPRO HOTEL
ECOTOURISM KENYA
ENCIRCA INC.
FEDERATION OF TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS OF NIGERIA (FTAN)
FUNDACION EMPRESARIAL COMUNIDAD EUROPEA CHILE – EUROCHILE
GREEN GLOBE
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)
JIBEK JOLY HOLDING COMPANY
MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES – AIRLIBAN
MONDIAL ENERGY INC.
NEVADA TOURISM COMMISSION
TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY
THE SCHOLARSHIP
TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS
UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE TIMES OF ARMED CONFLICT – WATCH
WEST AFRICA TOURISM UNION (WATU)

4. Decides to continue applying the measure of suspension of rights and privileges provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes under the following conditions:
 - (a) when a Member of the Organization is in arrears in the payment of contributions for four financial years, whether consecutive or not, it being understood that part payment of contributions does not preclude application of the measure of suspension; and

(b) when that Member has not agreed with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of its arrear contributions within a period of one year from the date of the General Assembly resolution stating that suspension is applicable to that Member in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to apply this resolution and to report on its application at each session of the Executive Council;

Having taken note of the recommendations made by the Executive Council at its 89th, 90th and 91st sessions with respect to requests made by various Full and Affiliate Members for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

Considering the documents submitted by the Secretary-General regarding this matter,

6. Decides, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members Cambodia, Congo, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Yemen and grants temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to Full Members Central African Republic, Gambia, Guinea, Iraq, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nicaragua and to the Affiliate Members Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sul Turismo e sulla Promozione Turistica di Assisi (CST) and Souv Club Cameroon;
7. Also decides to maintain the temporary exemption of Bolivia, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Niger, Peru, and Uruguay, as well as that of Affiliate Members Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL) and University of Tourism Economics and Law (KUTEL) from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2012;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to inform Yemen that it must submit a new payment plan for its debt corresponding to the years 1979 to 1989, given that the regulations in force do not contain any provisions for exemption from the payment of contributions;
9. Adopts the recommendation of the Executive Council establishing the following conditions for the Members requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and which propose payment plans to settle their arrears in instalments:
- (a) to discharge the contribution corresponding to the present year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed;
- (b) strict observance of the plan agreed for the settlement of arrears;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Full Members concerned, that the decision just taken in their regard remains subject to strict compliance with the aforementioned conditions; and
11. Notes that the following Members continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BURUNDI
CAPE VERDE
CHAD

CÔTE D'IVOIRE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA-BISSAU
KYRGYZSTAN
LIBYA
MALAWI
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
SUDAN
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE (USA)
ACCOR (France)
ADVENTURE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (USA)
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (Jordan)
ASOCIACION EMPRESARIA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES ESPAÑOLAS (AEDAVE)
ASOCIACION DE AGENCIAS DE TURISMO DE CUSCO AATC-CUSCO (Peru)
ASOCIACION MUNDIAL PARA LA FORMACION PROFESIONAL TURISTICA AMFORT (Spain)
AUTHENTREX S.A. (Spain)
CAMARA DE PERIODISTAS Y COMUNICADORES DE TURISMO (Spain)
CAMARA PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO PICHINCHA-CAPTUR (Ecuador)
CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS TURÍSTICOS DE CANARIAS S.L. (Spain)
CHAM PALACES AND HOTELES (Syrian Arab Republic)
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE DODECANESE (Greece)
CONFEDERACION NACIONAL TURÍSTICA (Mexico)
DESTINATION MARKETING ORG. CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE (South Africa)
DNIPRO HOTEL (Ukraine)
ECOTOURISM KENYA
ELITE TRAVELER (USA)
ENCIRCA INC (USA)
FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (Brazil)
FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE ASOCIACIONES DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (FEAAV)
FÉDÉRATIONS INTER-ETATS DES SYNDICATS DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES ET DE TOURISME DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE (Cameroon)
FEDERATION OF TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS OF NIGERIA (FTAN) (Nigeria)
FUNDACION EMPRESARIAL COMUNIDAD EUROPEA CHILE (EUROCHILE)
FUNDAÇÃO COMISSAO DE TURISMO INTEGRADO DO NORDESTE – FUNDAÇÃO CTI-NE (Brazil)
GIPET – GROUPEMENT INTERPROFESSIONNEL DES PROFESSIONNELS DES ENTREPRISES TOURISTIQUES (Cameroon)
GLOBAL TOURISM INTERFACE (France)
GREEN GLOBE (USA)
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION IATA (Switzerland)
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM (Russian Federation)
JIBEK JOLY HOLDING COMPANY (Kazakhstan)
KORA CULTURE & TOURISME POLICY INSTITUTE (KCTPI)
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (New Zealand)
MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AIRLIBAN
MONDIAL ENERGY INC. (Canada)
MOONSHINE MARKETING (Spain)
NEVADA TOURISM COMMISSION (USA)
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY
PROVINCE OF AVELLINO (Italy)

REED TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS (UK)
 ROUTES – THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LTD. (UK)
 TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY
 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SCIENCES
 (USA)
 THE SCHOLARSHIP (USA)
 TOURISM RESOURCE LIMITED (Nigeria)
 TRALLIANCE CORPORATION (USA)
 TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS (Greece)
 UNION HOTELERA DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS (Spain)
 UNION INTER-ARABE POUR L'HÔTELLERIE ET LE TOURISME (Syrian Arab Republic)
 UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN – TOURISM RESEARCH CENTRE (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 VISA INTERNATIONAL (USA)
 WATCH-WORLD ASSOC. PROTEC. TANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (Italy)
 WEST AFRICA TOURISM UNON (WATU) (Ghana)

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A/RES/589(XIX)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 5
(document A/19/5)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General presented in accordance with Rule 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and the debate which has followed,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the recent developments and future prospects for the tourism sector;
2. Shares the Secretary-General's analysis regarding the current situation and short-term prospects, noting that in spite of the positive results registered in most regions, increased reasons for concern are emerging, namely regarding the global economic situation;
3. Notes with satisfaction the efforts done in mainstreaming tourism in the global political and economic agendas and within the UN development and sustainability goals, and welcomes the "Global Leaders for Tourism Campaign" developed in partnership with WTTC, commending Member States which have joined the campaign, and the work and leadership of the Organization in delivering as one UN for tourism;
4. Appreciates the overview given on the implementation of the Programme of Work (PoW) 2010-2011 and the proposal for the PoW 2012-2013, and welcomes the efforts made for the current biennium as well as for the next to present a zero-nominal-growth budget;
5. Welcomes the detailed information provided on special initiatives and projects undertaken in the framework of the PoW 2010-2011, as well as those proposed within the PoW 2012-2013, and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with these initiatives and report on their advancement to the coming sessions of the General Assembly;

6. Expresses its appreciation of the presentation of the study *Tourism Towards 2030*, which provides valuable insights into the future prospects of the tourism sector worldwide;
7. Appreciates the information provided on administrative and financial matters of the Organization, notes with satisfaction the sound financial situation it enjoys, and welcomes the fact that, for the first time, the Assembly is presented with information on staff, security, and legal and procurement issues, encouraging the Secretary-General to continue this practice in future reports to the General Assembly; and
8. Appreciates the efforts and progress made in the reform process of the Organization.

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A/RES/590(XIX)

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 6
(document A/19/6)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Council, submitted by its current Chairman pursuant to Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes,

1. Takes note with interest of the information presented concerning the Council's activities, and in particular the results of its eighty-seventh, eighty-eighth, eighty-ninth and ninetieth ordinary sessions;
 2. Takes cognizance of the major matters considered by the Council, such as the merger of the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance and the UNWTO White Paper, and welcomes the decisions adopted by the Council during this period concerning the procedure for the constitution of a working group to define the scope and level of the study on tourist/consumer protection, and the progress report on the project UNWTO Tourism Towards 2030;
 3. Thanks the Council for the work it has diligently carried out since the last session of the Assembly;
 4. Approves the report of the Council;
 5. Pays tribute to the dedication and competence demonstrated by its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Carlos Benavides, Minister of Tourism of Costa Rica, in 2009 and 2010, and his successor H.E. Ms. Michela Vittoria Brambilla, Minister of Tourism of Italy, who occupied the post of Chair in 2011; and
 6. Also thanks the Vice-Chairmen, Kenya and Italy in 2010, and Kenya and Romania in 2011, for the quality of the work they carried out in the exercise of their functions.
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A/RES/591(XIX)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 7
(document A/19/7)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted by the Credentials Committee, chaired by Croatia (Ms. Blanka Belosevic),

1. Approves the said report;
2. Reminds Members that resolution A/RES/357(XII) adopting documents A/12/5 and A/12/5 Add. 1 stipulates that “only credentials from either Heads of State or Prime Ministers or Ministers of Foreign Affairs or Ministers responsible for tourism of the respective State or his/her equivalent be regarded as valid” and that pursuant to UN practice, credentials from Ambassadors of Full Members accredited to Spain will also be regarded as valid;
3. Urges Members to submit their credentials in one of the working languages of the General Assembly or with an accurate translation attached to comply with resolution A/RES/357(XII) and recommends that the credentials indicate the full name of the signatory and bear the logo or stamp of the relevant institution;
4. Noting that the practice of the representation of one State by representatives of another State within the UNWTO differs from the UN practice, requests the Secretary-General to hold further consultations and collect the views of the Regional Commissions on this matter;
5. Urges Members to avoid having more than one delegate representing another State for an orderly conduct of business; and
6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide guidance by distributing standard credentials and proxy letters to Members, together with the information note for the General Assembly, in order to enable Members to comply more strictly with Rule 12 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

A/RES/592(XIX)

Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8
(document A/19/8)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Report of the Chair of the UNWTO Affiliate Members on the projects and activities carried out in the context of the UNWTO programme of work during the 2010-2011 biennium,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the new orientation defined for the Affiliate Members during this period, which is based on greater integration of its activities with the other operational and regional programmes of the Organization;
2. Encourages the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members to continue with this integration process, by providing dynamic, effective and efficient channels for the participation and collaboration of these organizations;
3. Congratulates the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members on the development and implementation of the *platma* technological platform, which has opened up a new and positive form of collaboration and communication between the Affiliate Members and the Organization as a whole, as well as among the Affiliate Members themselves; and
4. Welcomes the various publications designed and disseminated during the biennium, which were produced in close collaboration with the Affiliate Members themselves, giving special mention to the publication of the book "Policy and Practice for Global Tourism", as well as the new technical report series "AM Reports" and "Regional Reports".

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Implementation of the general programme of work for 2010-2011

Agenda item 9
(documents A/19/9 and A/19/9 add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report on the implementation and evaluation of the general programme of work for 2010-2011,

Having listened to the presentations of the following initiatives or outputs:

- (a) The Hotel Energy Solutions Project
 - (b) The UNWTO Silk Road Programme
 - (c) The Activities towards a Legal Instrument on Tourist/Consumer Protection
 - (d) The Chapter on Tourism of the Green Economy Report
 - (e) platma.org
 - (f) The UNWTO Publications
 - (g) The UNWTO Consulting Unit on Tourism and Biodiversity (Bonn),
1. Welcomes the systematic and comprehensive presentation of the large number of activities carried out during the reporting period, whether financed through the regular budget or from voluntary contributions;
 2. Appreciates the practice of presenting some crucial initiatives or outputs to Member States during plenary sessions of the Assembly, as a concrete illustration of the work achieved and

encourages the Secretary-General to continue its efforts to strengthen the Programme of Work and to promote it in all relevant international forums;

3. Takes note of the preliminary work conducted in order to prepare some initiatives approved for the next biennium, notably on consumer and enterprise protection, leading to an international convention, as well as on domestic tourism;
4. Supports the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General in consolidating progressively the number of operational programmes within the Secretariat with a view to better use of financial and human resources;
5. As for the previous biennium, requests the Secretary-General to present to the 93rd session of the Executive Council a concise report on the implementation and evaluation of the programme of work for the full period 2010-2011; and
6. Thanks the Members of the Programme Committee for their constructive work in the service of the Organization.

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Annex

Recommendations on the Use of Georeferences, Date and Time in Travel Advice and Event Information

as submitted to the General Assembly in document A/19/9 add.1

Identification of Relevant Information

1.1 Travel advice and event information published and/or disseminated through the Internet and other forms of electronic communications shall incorporate technical measures to help identify clearly and easily relevant information especially country names, geographical areas affected, date and time,

1.2 The technical measures shall be documented and described by the issuing institution to facilitate their consistent and correct use. This documentation shall be made easily accessible.

Geographical Areas

2.1 The description of geographical areas for which the travel advice and event information is issued shall be supported, whenever possible and useful, in such a manner that Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can interpret and display the areas concerned easily using common standards for the exchange of these data.

Date and Time

3.1 Date and time information shall be provided, whenever possible, describing when the information was issued for the first time and/or last updated,

3.2 When providing updates of travel advice and event information on fast developing situations, all reasonable measures shall be taken to support the fast and clear identification of those elements updated,

3.3 On an exceptional basis, date and time information can be limited to the raw data of a website and not visible to the reader, to avoid misinterpretation,

3.4 Time information shall be used in relation to at least one international time standard, ideally the Universal Time Code (UTC) to support its clear and consistent interpretation.

Interfaces

4.1 Provisions shall be made by the issuing institution, whenever possible, which enable and facilitate the machine-readable dissemination and/or retrieval of the information.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(a) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the seventeenth financial period (2008-2009)

Agenda item 10(a)
(document A/19/10(a))

The General Assembly,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General on the financial results of the audited accounts of the seventeenth financial period (2008-2009) and in accordance with the decision taken by the Executive Council at its ninetieth session,

1. Approves the closing of the accounts for the period, observing that on 31 December 2009 there was a surplus balance of 485,419.96 euros; and
2. Recalls that in decision 6(LXXXVIII) the Executive Council authorized the Secretary-General to include this surplus in the "Special Contingency Account", in accordance with the criteria established in resolution A/RES/572(XVIII) and with the terms stipulated in Annex 4 of document A/18/15.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(b) Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 10(b)
(documents A/19/10(b) and A/19/10(b) add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization,

Having heard the report of the Executive Council,

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for the execution of the programme of work in 2011 in accordance with the expected level of income, and the measures taken by the Secretary-General in financial and personnel matters to ensure efficient management of the Secretariat;
2. Takes note of the preparation of an expenditure forecast for the current financial year established at this time at 96 per cent of the approved amount, so as to maintain the necessary budgetary equilibrium, in accordance with the recommendation made by the General Assembly in resolution 572(XVIII) and the Financial Provisions of the Organization;
3. Takes note of the breakdown of budgetary appropriations and allocations for 2011 contained in Annexes III and IV of document A/19/10(b) and Annex II of document A/19/10(b) add.1, in accordance with Executive Council decision 6(LXXXIX);
4. Takes note of the level of collection of contributions from Members for the financial year 2011 as of 31 August 2011, amounting to 81 per cent of the assessed contributions, which is slightly higher than the average of the two previous years, and also of the collection of contribution arrears amounting to 785,531.34 euros;
5. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2011, thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution; and
6. Takes note of the adoption effective 1 January 2011 of a new salary scale applicable to staff of the Professional and higher categories, as well as a new salary scale applicable to staff in the General Service category effective 1 April 2011, and of the result of the Madrid cost-of-living survey conducted by the ICSC in September 2010, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules, and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(c) Human resources situation of the Organization

Agenda item 10(c)
(documents A/19/10(c) and A/19/10(c) doc.ref.)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the structure and human resources situation of the Organization as of 1 August 2011,

1. Appreciates the information provided on the human resources situation of the Organization;
 2. Welcomes the fact that, for the first time, the Assembly is presented with information on the internal structure of the Secretariat and on the staff situation of the human resources of the Organization; and
 3. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue this practice in future reports to the General Assembly.
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Administrative and statutory matters

(d) Election of the members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the period 2012-2013

Agenda item 10(d)
(document A/19/10(d))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on this subject, and

Having taken note that Argentina and Spain are willing to serve as full members of this Committee,

1. Thanks Argentina and Spain for their contribution to date; and
 2. Decides to re-elect Argentina and Spain as Full Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2012-2013.
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(e) Election of the Auditors for 2012-2013

Agenda item 10(e)
(document A/19/10(e))

The General Assembly,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Spain (Ms. Mercedes Lebrancón Cortés) and India (Mr. Vimalendra Patwardhan);
2. Thanks them for their contribution; and

Having regard to Articles 12(g) and 26 of the Statutes of the Organization stipulating that the General Assembly shall elect two Auditors on the recommendation of the Executive Council,

3. Decides to designate India and Spain as the Auditors for the period 2012-2013, and to entrust to India the function of special Auditor in charge of inspecting the accounts relating to the activities carried out by the UNWTO in its capacity as an executing agency of the UNDP, with the funds coming from this programme.

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(f) Revision of the Financial Regulations

Agenda item 10(f)
(document A/19/10(f))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations transmitted by the Executive Council,

1. Approves the document A/19/10(f) as reviewed by the Executive Council so that compliance with IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) is ensured, the UNWTO Financial Regulations are brought into line with those of other UN system organizations, and necessary updates based on previous General Assembly resolutions and Executive Council decisions are included, modified as follows;

The proposed text in article 10.4.b of the newly proposed financial regulation is to read as follows: "The fund shall be credited with voluntary contributions received in accordance with financial regulation 10.1(e)". Likewise, the proposed text in article 14.1 is to read as follows: "The Secretary-General shall maintain such accounts as are necessary and shall prepare financial statements at the end of each financial year. These statements shall be presented in accordance with IPSAS and include:

- (a) Statement of financial position
- (b) Statement of financial performance
- (c) Statement of changes in net assets / equity
- (d) Cash flow statement
- (e) Statement of comparison of budgetary and actual accounts
- (f) Notes, including summary of significant accounting policies

2. Takes note that the application of the new Financial Regulations will be timed in accordance with the introduction of IPSAS by the UNWTO; and
 3. Thanks the Secretariat for having carried out this review and update making it possible to henceforth implement IPSAS.
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(g) Agreements concluded by the Organization

Agenda item 10(g)
(documents A/19/10(g) and A/19/10(g) add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the agreements and working arrangements concluded, in accordance with Article 12 of the Statutes, with governments and intergovernmental organizations, as well as with non-governmental organizations, local authorities and universities,

Decides to approve the following agreements concluded by the Organization since the last report submitted at its eighteenth session.

I. Agreements concluded with governments and intergovernmental organizations

- 28 January 2009: Collaboration agreement between the **International Monetary Fund** and the World Tourism Organization
- 6 March 2009: Memorandum of cooperation between the **Iberoamerican General Secretariat (SEGIB)** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- 22 July 2009: Partnership agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Ministry of Craft Industry, Tourism, & Relations With the Private Sector & Informal Sector of **Senegal**
- 7 August 2009: Agreement between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Ministry of Culture and Information of the **Kingdom of Bahrain**
- 15 October 2009: Standard Letter of Agreement between the United Nations Development Programme "**UNDP**" and the World Tourism Organization "UNWTO" for **Burundi**
- 15 November 2009: Memorandum of Understanding between UNWTO – World Tourism Organization and **AECID** – Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
- 24 November 2009: Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the **United Nations Environment Programme**
- 1 December 2009: Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the **International Labour Organization**
- 11 December 2009: Agreement between the United Nations World Tourism Organization and the Government of the **Federal Republic of Germany**
- 22 January 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the **Vietnam** National Administration of Tourism and the World Tourism Organization

- 17 May 2010: Cooperation and partnership programme between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of the **People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**
- 15 June 2010: Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economic Development of **Georgia** and the World Tourism Organization
- 21 June 2010: Cooperation agreement between the **Regional Tourism Organization of Southern Africa** and the World Tourism Organization
- 30 June 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the Government of the **Federative Republic of Brazil** and the World Tourism Organization
- 13 July 2010: Cooperation and partnership agreement between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Government of the **Republic of Guinea**
- 23 July 2010: Administrative agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the State Secretariat of Tourism of the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade of **Spain**
- 2 September 2010: Letter of agreement between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (**UNIDO**) and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- 6 September 2010: Agreement between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and National Company "Uzbektourism" (**Uzbekistan**)
- 6 September 2010: Cooperation agreement entered into by the Government of the **Republic of Namibia** and the World Tourism Organization
- 1 October 2010: Memorandum of cooperation between the **International Civil Aviation Organization** and the World Tourism Organization
- 30 November 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the Government of the **Kingdom of Morocco** and the World Tourism Organization
- 14 December 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the Committee for Youth Affairs, Sports and Tourism under the Government of the **Republic of Tajikistan** and the World Tourism Organization
- 11 January 2011: Two Agreements signed between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the **European Travel Commission (ETC)**
- 15 February 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the Government of the **Republic of Croatia** and the World Tourism Organization
- 13 May 2011: Cooperation agreement between the General Secretariat of the **Organization of American States (OAS)** and the World Tourism Organization
- 31 May 2011: Cooperation and partnership agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of the **Tunisian Republic**
- 6 June 2011: Framework cooperation and partnership agreement between the **West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)** and the World Tourism Organization

- 25 July 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of the Republic of **Armenia**
- 31 August 2011: Administrative agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Tourism Institute of Spain (TURESPAÑA), of the General Secretariat of Tourism and Domestic Trade of the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade of **Spain**
- 15 September 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

II. Agreements concluded with local authorities

- 21 September 2009: Agreement of cooperation between UNWTO and **Hangzhou Municipal People's Government (China)**
- 25 March 2010: Cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the **City of Bonn (Germany)**
- 22 July 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **Huangshan Municipal Government (China)**
- 10 September 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the **City of Palma (Palma de Mallorca, Spain)**
- 13 October 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the Regional Programme for Asia and the Pacific of the World Tourism Organization and the **Tianjin Municipal Tourism Administration (China)**
- 29 October 2010: Cooperation agreement between the **Madrid Tourist Board** (Economy, Employment and Citizen Participation Area) and the World Tourism Organization
- 3 March 2011: Agreement between the **Basque Tourism Agency "Basquetour"**, the General Secretariat of Tourism and Domestic Trade of **Spain**, and the World Tourism Organization
- 20 March 2011: Cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization and **Hangzhou Tourism Commission (China)**
- 6 April 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **Suzhou Municipal People's Government (China)**
- 2 September 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **Tianjin Municipal People's Government (China)**

III. Agreements concluded with public enterprises

- 30 November 2009: Specific protocol between the World Tourism Organization and the State Company for the Management of Tourism Innovation and Technologies (**SEGITTUR**) (**Spain**)

- 1 January 2011: Specific protocol between the World Tourism Organization, through the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members and the State Company for State Company for Tourism Technology and Innovation Management (**SEGITTUR**) (**Spain**)

IV. Agreements concluded with non-governmental organizations

- 2 February 2010: Memorandum of cooperation between the **Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands** (Ramsar, 1971) and the World Tourism Organization
- 28 June 2010: Memorandum of understanding between the **Tour Operators' Initiative** for sustainable tourism development (TOI) and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- 19 January 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **Millennium Foundation for Innovative Finance for Health**
- 11 April 2011: Memorandum of cooperation between the Regional Programme for Asia and the Pacific of the World Tourism Organization and the **World Hotel Association of China**
- 10 September 2011: Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE)**

V. Agreements concluded with universities

- 28 September 2010: Collaboration agreement between the World Tourism Organization and **Sun Yat-Sen University (China)**

VI. Other agreements

- 8 October 2009: Memorandum of understanding signed with **CNN International, Turner Broadcasting System Europe Limited**
- 21 January 2010: Technical Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations World Tourism Organization and the **Brazilian Confederation of Convention & Visitors Bureaux**
- 30 June 2010: Framework cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization (ST-EP Programme) and the **Banesto Cultural Foundation**
- 21 June 2011: Partnership agreement between the World Tourism Organization and **VISA U.S.A. INC.**
- 7 July 2010: Memorandum of understanding between **Araldi, S.L. and Cictourgune (Spain)** to collaborate with the World Tourism Organization
- 18 July 2011: Cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the **International Network on Regional Economics, Mobility and Tourism (INROUTE)**
- 16 September 2011: Framework cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization, the **ONCE Foundation and the European Network for Accessible Tourism (ENAT)**

A/RES/601(XIX)

Administrative and statutory matters

(h) Use of the UNWTO logo

Agenda item 10(h)
(document A/19/10(h))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the document on the protection of UNWTO signs and the Guidelines on the use of UNWTO signs by bodies other than the UNWTO Secretariat as approved by the Executive Council in its 89th session in Kish, Iran (CE/DEC/8(LXXXIX)),

1. Notes with satisfaction that the procedure for registration of the signs of UNWTO as modified since 1998 through the World Intellectual Property Organization has been concluded successfully and compliments the Secretary-General on the protection of all signs of the Organization under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the protection of Industrial Property;
2. Thanks the ad hoc working group created by decision 10(LXXXV) of the Executive Council for its efforts in the development of Guidelines on the use the UNWTO signs by bodies other than the UNWTO Secretariat which are aligned with UN practices and standards;
3. Approves the aforementioned Guidelines and recommends that any application for an authorization to use the UNWTO logo by an Affiliate Member in accordance with these Guidelines be requested at least one month in advance; and
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report periodically to the Executive Council on all authorizations granted by the Secretariat in accordance with the Guidelines.

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A/RES/602(XIX)

Report on the progress of the reform of the Organization (White Paper)

Agenda item 11
(documents A/19/11, A/19/11 ann.1, A/19/11 ann.2, A/19/11 ann.3, A/19/11 ann.4 and A/19/11 ann.5)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the final draft of the White Paper, enriched with valuable contributions from the Executive Council and the Member States,

1. Notes with appreciation the high quality and substance of the said Paper;
2. Endorses this paper as the main guiding strategic document of the Organization for the medium term;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the measures recommended in the White Paper and to report on the progress made to the subsequent Executive Council sessions;

Having specifically reviewed the annexes related to the White Paper on the following issues:

Annex 1. Merging of the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance, including the new rules of procedure of the new Programme and Budget Committee,

4. Approves the merger of the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) into a single Committee: the **Programme and Budget Committee (PBC)**;
5. As a transitory measure, maintains current PC and CBF Members in their function until all PBC Members are designated;
6. Entrusts the Secretary-General to carry out the implementation of this merger, taking into consideration the particular suggestions expressed by the General Assembly;
7. Approves that the resulting changes be implemented in the *Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council*, the *Financial Regulations* and the *Detailed Financial Provisions* of the World Tourism Organization;

Annex 2. Draft rules of procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members,

8. Thanks the Secretary-General for the work carried out on the reform regarding the Affiliate Members;
9. Approves the rules of procedure with the minor adjustments proposed by the General Meeting of the Affiliate Members held on 11 October 2011 in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, included as an Annex to this resolution;

Annex 3. UNWTO Knowledge Network

10. Takes due note of the results achieved by the Network and invites the Secretary-General to keep the Executive Council informed on further developments;

Annex 4. Modernizing the UNWTO website

11. Thanks the Secretary-General for this substantive work allowing a more interactive relationship between each programme of the Secretariat and the Members of the Organization and asks him to regularly report to the Executive Council on the progress made;

Annex 5. Strategic Alliances for Mainstreaming Tourism

12. Encourages the Secretary-General to further strengthen alliances with other international and regional organizations, including some from the private sector, for the benefit of the Organization; and

Finally, having taken note of the **Chapter 12 of the White Paper regarding external entities,**

13. Mandates the Secretary-General, in coordination with the boards of the different external entities and the Executive Council, to make the necessary changes in the legal framework of

these entities in order to ensure their non-controlled status, wherever deemed relevant, and requests him to report on the progress made to the next General Assembly session.

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Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members

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CHAPTER I AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Article 1. Affiliate Members

1. The Affiliate Members form an integral part of UNWTO membership with the objective of contributing to sustainable global tourism, in which knowledge and innovation are applied to making tourism more responsible and competitive, in accordance with the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

2. Affiliate membership is open to all intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, tourism management bodies and other areas of tourism interest, professional and labour organizations, universities and other educational, vocational training and research institutions, as well as to business associations and commercial bodies whose activities are directly or indirectly connected with tourism, related to the mission of UNWTO and meet the requisites set forth in the Statutes of UNWTO and in these Rules of Procedure.

3. Affiliate Members have the status of Member of the World Tourism Organization in accordance with the Statutes of UNWTO and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 2. Rights and obligations

1. The Affiliate Members shall have the right to:

- (a) Contribute to the preparation of the general programme of work of UNWTO;
- (b) Participate in the activities and organs of UNWTO in the form stipulated for such purpose;
- (c) Obtain and share information, knowledge and good practices with other Members through the collaborative tools provided to them by UNWTO or through other means;
- (d) Present candidatures and participate in the election of the organs provided for in Article 5(1) of these Rules of Procedure;
- (e) Receive all the technical and institutional services provided at any given time by UNWTO to its Affiliate Members;
- (f) Display their brand in connection with the UNWTO programmes and activities in which they participate and to use the UNWTO name and acronym in their activities, in accordance with the provisions of the pertinent regulations and subject to the guidelines, terms and conditions for the use of the UNWTO name, acronym, emblem and flag, also referred to as signs. Affiliate Members may use the UNWTO emblem provided they have requested and obtained from the Secretariat a written authorization.

2. The Affiliate Members shall have the obligation to:

- (a) Respect, observe and disseminate the principles, values, standards and policies of UNWTO;
- (b) Collaborate, as far as possible, with other Affiliate Members of UNWTO;

- (c) Contribute their knowledge and experience for the analysis of global, regional, local and sectorial other tourism-related issues, and to collaborate in finding the best solutions;
- (d) Respect and observe agreements and decisions adopted by the organs of the Affiliate Members as well as the governing organs of UNWTO;
- (e) Pay their contributions as defined in the Statutes and in these Rules of Procedure;
- (f) Respect and observe UNWTO guidelines, terms and conditions for the use of the UNWTO signs and to obtain the appropriate authorizations;
- (g) Respect and observe the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.

Article 3. Admission procedure

1. Applications for affiliate membership shall be addressed to the Secretariat of UNWTO and must be accompanied by:

- (a) A profile of the candidate;
- (b) Information on the candidate's objectives and activities, demonstrating their connection with the principles and values promoted by UNWTO;
- (c) A statement of commitment to the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and acceptance of the Statutes of UNWTO and of the regulations of the Affiliate Members;
- (d) An official endorsement from the government of the State of domicile of the candidate.

2. Following verification of compliance with the established requirements, the application shall be circulated to Members of the Board of the Affiliate Members for information before submission to the Executive Council of UNWTO for approval, which shall confer effect to and recognition of all the rights and obligations of the Affiliate Member.

3. All applications should be thereafter submitted to the General Assembly in its following session for ratification, as stipulated by the Statutes of UNWTO.

Article 4. Suspension and termination of affiliate membership

1. Any Affiliate Member found to conduct or persist in policies and practices contrary to the obligations listed in Article 2(2) of these Rules of Procedure shall be subject to suspension of membership, in accordance with the Statutes.

CHAPTER II ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Article 5. Organizational structure of the Affiliate Members

1. The organs of the Committee of the Affiliate Members are:
 - (a) The Plenary;
 - (b) The Board of the Affiliate Members.
2. As needed, and in order for the Affiliate Members to function more effectively, working groups or committees, networks, regional chapters, or any other operational body may be created to more effectively perform specific objectives.
3. The creation of such groups and their mandate will be recommended by the Board of the Affiliate Members to the Secretary-General.

Article 6. The Plenary

1. The Plenary is the organ in which all Affiliate Members are represented, and shall be composed of all the membership, each having voice and vote.
2. Ordinary sessions of the Plenary shall be convened biennially by the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Board of the Affiliate Members. The Plenary may meet in extraordinary sessions upon convocation by the Secretary-General, as well as at the request of the Board of the Affiliate Members or of the majority of the Affiliate Members.
3. The agenda of ordinary Plenary sessions shall be prepared by the Secretary-General, at the proposal of the Board of the Affiliate Members issued two months prior to the date of the session, and shall be communicated to the Affiliate Members at least one month in advance of the session. In the case of extraordinary sessions, the aforementioned notice periods shall be reduced by half.
4. The Board of the Affiliate Members or the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of that Board, may invite enterprises or entities that could contribute to the Plenary sessions, even if they are not Affiliate Members.

Article 7. The Board of the Affiliate Members: definition, functions and composition

1. The Board of the Affiliate Members is an advisory body to the Secretary-General whose main functions are:
 - (a) The integration and contribution of the Affiliate Members to the goals, mission and the general programme of work of UNWTO; and
 - (b) The design of the strategy, as well as to approve the draft programme of work and follow up on its implementation, and integration in the general programme of work of UNWTO.
2. The Board of the Affiliate Members shall be composed of 23 members, of whom 10 Vice-Chairmen shall be elected by all Affiliate Members, three Vice-Chairmen shall be designated by the Secretary-General and 10 shall be elected exclusively by the Affiliate Members from the respective

regions, the latter also being referred to as Regional Vice-Chairmen. The Board shall be chaired by one of its members, who shall be elected in accordance with Article 8(8) of these Rules of Procedure.

3. The term of office of the members of the Board of the Affiliate Members shall be two years.

4. The Board of the Affiliate Members shall meet at least twice a year, with each meeting being convened with at least a two months' notice, and with the provisional agenda established by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

Article 8. Participation in the elections for the Board of the Affiliate Members: voters and candidates

1. All Affiliate Members in full exercise of their rights shall be eligible to vote and be voted for under the conditions stipulated in these Rules of Procedure.

2. Every two years, the Affiliate Members shall elect 10 Regional Vice-Chairmen and 10 Vice-Chairmen for the Board of the Affiliate Members.

3. The Regional Vice-Chairmen, in number of two per region, shall be elected exclusively by the Affiliate Members from their respective regions.

4. For the purpose of the composition and activities of the Board of the Affiliate Members and the election of its 10 Regional Vice-Chairmen, the five regions are Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East.

5. The 10 Vice-Chairmen to be elected shall be voted by all Affiliate Members from all regions.

6. An Affiliate Member may be a candidate for the positions of Regional Vice-Chairman and Vice-Chairman simultaneously. In such cases, if the candidate is elected for a Regional Vice-Chairmanship, its candidacy for Vice-Chairmanship is automatically eliminated and the corresponding votes eventually received are counted as null and void.

7. The Secretary-General shall designate three additional Vice-Chairmen for a term of two years so as to complete the full membership of 23 members of the Board of the Affiliate Members.

8. In its first meeting, the members of the Board shall elect one of its members as Chairman.

9. The members of the Board of the Affiliate Members designated by the Secretary-General may vote but may not receive votes for the position of Chairman.

Article 9. Election procedure

1. The election of the 10 Regional Vice-Chairmen and 10 Vice-Chairmen, referred to in Article 8(2) above, for the Board of the Affiliate Members shall be conducted by mail and in presence in accordance with Final Provision First, Paragraph 4.

2. Each Affiliate Member may cast two ballots for the election of the candidates. In Ballot I the Affiliate Member may choose up to two candidates for the positions of Regional Vice-Chairmen of the respective region and in Ballot II up to 10 candidates for the positions of Vice-Chairmen.

3. Upon the announcement of the results of the voting for Regional Vice-Chairmen and subject to Article 8(6) of these Rules of Procedure, the counting of the votes for Vice-Chairmen shall proceed.

4. In case any region fails to elect two Regional Vice-Chairmen, that position shall remain vacant and the number of the Vice-Chairmen shall be increased so as to maintain the composition of 23 members in the Board of the Affiliate Members.
5. The Chairman of the Board may be elected for up to two consecutive terms.
6. Should the position of Chairman fall vacant, the Board of the Affiliate Members shall select one of its Members to act as an interim Chairman. Vacancies arising among the Regional Vice-Chairmen and the Vice-Chairmen shall not be filled until the following election.
7. In respect of aspects not covered in these Rules of Procedure, the elections for the Chairmanship, Regional Vice-Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Board of the Affiliate Members shall be conducted in accordance with the "Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot", annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and with the specific guidelines on the election procedure issued by the Secretariat.

Article 10. Management of the Affiliate Members

1. The Secretary-General shall assign the appropriate staff to manage the affairs of the Affiliate Members within the Secretariat of UNWTO. The Secretary-General shall discharge these responsibilities through a dedicated structure, which shall conduct its responsibilities in coordination with the different Operational, Regional and Support Programmes of UNWTO.

CHAPTER III AFFILIATE MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Article 11. Contributions

1. The Affiliate Members shall pay their contribution in the first month of the financial year for which it is due, in accordance with the Statutes.
2. The aforementioned contribution of the Affiliate Members shall be proposed by the Secretary-General in the Programme of Work and Budget of UNWTO, in consultation with the Board of the Affiliate Members, to be approved by the General Assembly.
3. With the approval of the Secretary-General and in accordance with its rules and regulations, UNWTO may receive voluntary contributions from external sources or from its own Affiliate Members to support the programme of work of the Affiliate Members.

CHAPTER IV PARTICIPATION OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBERS IN UNWTO ORGANS AND ACTIVITIES

Article 12. Participation in the General Assembly, Executive Council, Regional Commissions and Technical Committees

1. As part of UNWTO's membership structure, the Affiliate Members shall be represented and participate in UNWTO's General Assembly, Executive Council, and their subsidiary organs, in accordance with the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the respective bodies.

2. The Chairman of the Board of the Affiliate Members or another member of the Board delegated by the Chairman shall head the representatives of the Affiliate Members that will attend and participate in the work of such meetings.
3. The representative of the Affiliate Members shall report to these organs on the activities of the Affiliate Members and on points of interest for the discussion, definition and execution of the general programme of work of UNWTO.
4. The Chairman of the Affiliate Members together with the corresponding Regional Vice-Chairmen shall participate in the Regional Commission meetings.
5. The Secretariat may organize consultations with the Affiliate Members on matters of general interest or specific themes, as a channel for their participation in the execution of general programme of work of UNWTO.

CHAPTER V AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Article 13. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

1. The initiative to amend the present Rules of Procedure is the competence of the Board of the Affiliate Members or of the Secretary-General.
2. Any proposed amendment by the Board of the Affiliate Members shall be submitted to the Secretary-General at least four months before the Plenary session so as to be distributed in advance to all Affiliate Members.
3. If it is upon the initiative of the Secretary-General, he/she shall communicate it to the Board of the Affiliate Members.
4. Amendments to the Rules of the Procedure must be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the Plenary, with each Affiliate Member having one vote.
5. Any such amendment shall be submitted for ratification by the General Assembly.

Transitional provisions

1. With the objective of having the next Board of the Affiliate Members formally constituted within the first quarter of 2012, the election procedure shall follow a timetable and such a procedure to make it possible.
2. Exceptionally, for the period between the Plenary session to take place in the framework of the 2011 UNWTO General Assembly and the constitution of the new Board of the Affiliate Members, the term of the outgoing members of the Board is accordingly extended on an interim basis.

Final provisions

First:

1. Instruments of cooperation with Affiliate Members or other organizations in force as of the date of the entry into force of these Rules of Procedure shall continue in execution for the period of time expressly specified, subject to stipulations contained in such instruments. Extension of these instruments or the formalization of new ones for cooperation after the entry into force of these Rules of Procedure shall conform to the mandates contained herein.

2. As for the responsibilities and functions of the Chairman and other members of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the provisions contained in Article 13 of the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization and in Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly shall be applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, in all matters where they are not contradicted by or incompatible with the stipulations of the present Rules of Procedure.

3. Without prejudice to such provisions as the Board of the Affiliate Members may adopt, these Rules of Procedure shall be applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to subsidiary organs established by the Board of the Affiliate Members.

4. Once the General Assembly approves these Rules of Procedure, the Secretary-General shall call elections for the Board of the Affiliate Members, which shall be conducted by mail and in presence in accordance with these Rules of Procedure, with the "Guiding Principles for the Conduct of Elections by Secret Ballot" annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and with the specific guidelines for the election procedure of the members of the Board of the Affiliate Members issued by the Secretariat.

Second:

These Rules of Procedure shall replace the Rules of Procedure approved by the General Assembly in its 6th session in 1985 [GA/RES/171(VI)] and enter into force on the date of their adoption by the General Assembly.

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Draft programme of work and budget for 2012-2013

Agenda item 12
(document A/19/12)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2012-2013, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 23(2) of the Statutes and on the basis of the policy guidelines and programming principles adopted by the Council at its seventy-ninth session in decision 11(LXXIX),

Having before it decision CE/DEC/11(XC) taken by the Executive Council at its 90th session,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the way in which the Secretariat has prepared the draft programme, including an in-depth consultation process with all Members and constant collaboration with the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance;
2. Supports the guiding lines and principles used in the preparation of this document, as well as the new initiatives which will be progressively integrated into the work of the Secretariat in response to Members' needs;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the document proposed is more integrated than in previous biennia, reflecting two complementary sides, the Programme and the Budget, and going in line with the forthcoming merging of the PC and CBF;
4. Takes note of the new programme-based structure of the budget distributed among regional, operational and support programmes, and recalls that this new programme-based structure was approved by the Executive Council in its decision CE/6(LXXXIX);
5. Notes with satisfaction the Secretary-General's proposal to present a budget for the biennium 2012-2013 with zero nominal growth with respect to the budget of the previous biennium;
6. Approves the draft programme of work and budget for the period 2012-2013 for a total amount of 25,200,000 euros as recommended by the Executive Council at its ninetieth session, which is an identical budget envelope as the one approved for 2010-2011;
7. Takes note that the Programme Budget does not include extrabudgetary funds which, in fact, reinforce the resources and thus the activities of the Organization, especially on the subject of technical cooperation;
8. Observes that, in accordance with the formula used for calculating the contributions of Member States [A/RES404(XIII)], UNWTO has used the same economic and population statistical averages adopted by the United Nations to determine the contributions of its own Members;
9. Adopts the proposed scale of contributions for 2012-2013 as modified to reflect the changes in the number of Member States and that in the budget, as provided for in resolution 404(XIII), and which represents zero nominal growth in individual country contributions with respect to 2011, except when required by technical changes in the class situation of individual country cases and of 2.0% in 2013 with respect to 2012, as indicated in Annex (b) of document A/19/12;
10. Considering that the level of the budget for 2012 and 2013 will be of 25,200,000 euros, decides that the budgetary income approved for the next period should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members and by other sources of funding as referred to in the income table of document A/19/12 taking into account that there might be adjustments necessary in case of new Members joining or withdrawing from the Organization;
11. Agrees that, in accordance with resolution A/RES/526(XVII), the contributions of the Associate Members be divided into two separate categories, each being 10% lower than the contribution of the Full Members in groups 13 and 9 respectively;
12. Approves the proposal of the Secretariat as recommended by the Executive Council at its ninetieth session to maintain the contribution of the Affiliate Members at 2,400 euros per year for the period 2012-2013;

13. Authorizes the Secretary-General to execute the programme of work and budget for 2012-2013 in accordance with the amounts collected, establishing a plan of expenditure for that purpose and keeping with the satisfactory budgetary practice established in the previous years; and
 14. Commends the Programme Committee, the Committee on Budget and Finance and their Chairpersons for their valuable contributions to the preparation of the Organization's draft programme of work and budget for 2012-2013.
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United Nations system activities

Agenda item 13
(document A/19/13)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/19/13,

1. Recognizes the importance of the benefits obtained through the cooperation with the United Nations system and the participation in relevant system-wide coordination mechanisms, notably for a) mainstreaming tourism in the global development agenda as well as b) promoting complementarities and synergies between programmes, activities and outputs of the World Tourism Organization with those of the other UN system entities;
2. Notes with appreciation the adoption by the UN General Assembly of resolutions 65/148 on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and 65/173 on Promotion of ecotourism for poverty eradication and environment protection;
3. Welcomes the importance attached to tourism in the Outcome Document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
4. Expresses support to the active role played by UNWTO in introducing the issues relating to Tourism and Climate Change within the broader UN agenda on Climate Change, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to convey the concerns and the initiatives of the tourism sector on this issue;
5. Salutes the initiatives and projects developed by the International Task Force on Sustainable Tourism Development and their transformation into a Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism, with the participation of UN entities, countries and associations, following the necessary UNWTO's guidance on tourism issues;
6. Supports the leadership of the Secretariat in establishing an innovative mechanism within the UN system, the Steering Committee on Tourism for Development (Delivering as One UN for Tourism), with the objective of promoting sustainable tourism for development and poverty eradication through strategic alliances and joint activities among relevant organizations of the UN system, as well as an instrument for resource mobilization and aid efficiency;

7. Strongly encourages and supports the Secretariat to be actively involved in the preparatory process and to participate at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 (Rio+20), with the aim of mainstreaming and positioning tourism as a key economic sector for growth and development; and
8. Requests the Secretary-General to present a report, at its next session, on developments relating to cooperation with the United Nations system and other international organizations.

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Report on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

(a) Activities of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 14
(documents A/19/14 Part I, A/19/14 Part I add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of Part I and Part II of the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,

Having before it the text of the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/65/148 on the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, unanimously adopted in 2010 thanks to the support of thirty-two countries acting as sponsors,

1. Applauds the positive support the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism has received from the United Nations General Assembly, and thanks the thirty-two countries which sponsored this UN resolution;
2. Calls upon all UNWTO Member States and invites non-member States to enhance the implementation of ethical principles in the operations and practices in their respective tourism sectors, in conformity with the principles embedded in the Code;

Having been informed of the activities carried out by the Permanent Secretariat of the Committee based in Rome,

3. Welcomes the actions undertaken by the Permanent Secretariat directed towards the dissemination, communication and implementation of the Code of Ethics, and encourages the practical application of the Code through the adoption of codes of conduct in the field of child protection, accessibility and the hospitality industry;

Having taken note of the activities carried out by the Committee during the period of 2010-2011,

4. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of Egypt and Indonesia for having hosted the ninth and tenth meetings of the Committee, in Luxor (April 2010) and Bali (June 2011), respectively; and accepts with appreciation, on behalf of the Committee, the invitation of the Italian Government to host the eleventh meeting of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics in Rome in the first half of 2012;

Having heard of the outcome of the First International Congress on Ethics and Tourism jointly organized by the Spanish Secretariat of Tourism and UNWTO (Madrid, Spain, 15-16 September 2011),

5. Notes with satisfaction the signing of a formal commitment to the Global Code of Ethics by a group of relevant Spanish tourism businesses during the First International Congress on Ethics and Tourism held in Madrid in September 2011;

Having also heard the statement of the Ecuadorian delegation advocating for the concept of “conscious tourism”,

6. Welcomes this initiative which aims to foster the values of peace, friendship and mutual respect based on ethical and responsible tourism;

Having before it the proposed new composition of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, completed pursuant to resolution A/RES/577(XVIII) which adopted the principle of the staggering of the renewal of the Committee,

7. Expresses its gratitude to the outgoing members of the Committee;
8. Endorses with satisfaction the new composition of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, as follows:

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

Africa

Member:	Mr. Goodie Minabo Ibru (Nigeria)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	Mr. Foley Dahlen (Togo)	new member

Americas

Member:	Mr. Hermes Navarro del Valle (Costa Rica)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	Mr. Antonio Torrejon (Argentina)	new member

East Asia and the Pacific

Member:	Mr. I Gede Ardika (Indonesia)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	no alternate	

Europe

Member:	Mr. Helmut Krüger (Germany)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	Ms. Caterina Cittadino (Italy)	new member

Middle East

Member:	Mr. Mahmoud El-Kaissouni (Egypt)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	no alternate	

South Asia

Member:	Mr. Iqbal Walji (Pakistan)	(2012-2013)
Alternate:	Mr. Hamed Dehghanan (Iran)	new member

MEMBERS DESIGNATED BY THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Member: Mr. Urbain Claeys (Flemish Community of Belgium) (2012-2013)
 Alternate: no alternate

MEMBERS DESIGNATED BY THE AFFILIATE MEMBERS*Employers*

Member: Ms. Christel DeHaan (Group RCI) (2012-2013)
 Alternate: no alternate

Employees

Member: Mr. Ron Oswald (IUF/UITA) (2012- 2013)
 Alternate: no alternate

Educational institutions

Member: Ms. Sietske Gras-Dijkstra (NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences) (2012-2013)
 Alternate: Prof. Kam-hon Lee (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) new member

Non-governmental organizations

Member: Mr. Norberto Tonini (OITS) (2012-2013)
 Alternate: Mr. Javier Bustamante (SEGITTUR) new member

8. Takes note and welcomes the Secretary-General's intention to convey to the Members of the Committee the nomination of Mr. Dawid de Villiers for a renewal of his mandate as Chairman of the Committee for two additional years.

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Report on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics**(b) Accessible Tourism for All**

Agenda item 14
 (document A/19/14 Part I)

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution A/RES/492(XVI) adopted in 2005, approving a set of recommendations on accessibility under the title "Accessible Tourism for All", and the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities of 30 March 2007,

Deeply committed to enhancing access to tourism for all, including persons with special needs and, in particular, persons with disabilities, and convinced that this is a unique opportunity to respect the human rights of the persons concerned while, at the same time, giving a new impetus to the tourism sector,

Recalling its Declaration on the facilitation of tourist travel A/RES/578(XVIII), in which it declared itself “deeply convinced that the facilitation of tourist travel by persons with disabilities is a major element of any responsible tourism development policy”,

Having taken cognizance of the recommendation adopted by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics during its tenth meeting, held in Bali in June 2011,

1. Notes with particular appreciation the progress made in the consultation of the representative non-governmental organizations active in the area of assistance for persons with disabilities;
 2. Approves the trilateral framework agreement between UNWTO, Fundación ONCE and ENAT (European Network for Accessible Tourism), and encourages its expeditious and full implementation;
 3. Is convinced that this agreement will enhance the capacity of UNWTO and its partners to contribute more fully to the objectives set by the resolution on Accessible Tourism for All, and encourages UNWTO, in cooperation with the international governmental and non-governmental organizations active in this field, to adapt the principles adopted in the 2007 Convention to the particular conditions and requirements of tourism;
 4. Recognizes that the Action Plan adopted by the UN System Interagency Support Group (IASG) created for the application of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities constitutes the basis for the concerted and coordinated work of the United Nations system on disability issues;
 5. Requests the UNWTO Secretariat to prepare, on the basis of this Action Plan and in cooperation with the other competent Agencies, concrete and specific guidelines applicable to the various areas of tourism activities, such as access to adapted facilities for transport and accommodation, or proper information on accessible services and facilities, and takes due note in this respect of the suggestion made by Fundación ONCE, during the consultations between that organization and the UNWTO, to give priority to the aspects of accessibility of air transport not covered by Annex 9 to the Statute of the ICAO, especially in view of the difficulties faced by the persons with disabilities in relation to low-cost companies;
 6. Encourages UNWTO to enhance the efforts and resources it devotes to activities concerning tourism accessibility for all, in particular for persons with disabilities, and to reinforce its cooperation with the other competent international organisations, whether governmental or non-governmental, in this field; and
 7. Decides to remain seized of the question and requests the Secretary-General to report to its next session on the follow-up of the present resolution.
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A/RES/607(XIX)

Report on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

(c) Reform of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 14
(document A/19/14 Part II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 438(XIV), 469(XV) and 577(XVIII) by which it adopted Part I of the Protocol of Implementation the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism applicable to the functioning of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, and to the two subsequent amendments to this document, respectively,

Having also heard the views of the Secretary-General on the present general status of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics and the qualified opinion of the Legal Adviser of the Organization,

1. Agrees with the Secretary-General on the need to reform of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics in order to enhance its effectiveness, affirm its independence and increase the knowledge and implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
2. Adopts the amendments proposed by the Secretary-General to Part I of the Protocol of Implementation entitled: *World Committee on Tourism Ethics – Body Responsible for interpreting, applying and evaluating the provisions of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism*, related to the new functions, composition and operational procedures of the Committee, as featured in the Annex below;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to complete and finalize the newly proposed procedures for nominating, selecting and appointing the members of the Committee and to clearly define the specific functions and responsibilities of the Chair of the Committee, the Permanent Secretariat and the UNWTO Secretariat; and
4. Further requests the Secretary-General to endeavour to make available, within the budget, the financial resources required to cover the travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances of the Committee Members.

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Annex

World Committee on Tourism Ethics,

Body responsible for interpreting, applying and evaluating the provisions of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

- (a) A World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall be created comprising nine eminent nationals, preferably from the Member States of UNWTO, independent from governments and with no contractual relationship with UNWTO, who are appointed by the General Assembly in their personal capacity. They shall serve the Committee with independence and impartiality and shall not report to and shall not seek

nor receive any orders or instructions from any authority other than the World Committee on Tourism Ethics or the General Assembly of UNWTO.

- (b) The functions of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall be:
- i. monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
 - ii. the research and issuance of reports, recommendations and observations on ethical matters related to tourism; and
 - iii. the proposal and approval of texts of conventions and other legal instruments on specific issues related to the Code of Ethics provisions.

(c) A Permanent Secretariat of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, hosted by the Italian Department of Tourism, is established in Rome whose tasks are to: (i) promote and disseminate the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism among Member States and Affiliate members, (ii) provide research and data collection on ethical questions, and (iii) organize, in Italy, meetings of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics and international events related to the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.”

- (d) The members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall be appointed as follows:
- Nominations to the Committee may be presented by the Full, Associate and Affiliate Members of UNWTO, as well as by the Secretary-General;
 - A selection board shall be established by the General Assembly and composed of the Chair of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General and the Legal Adviser of UNWTO. The selection board will examine the proposed nominations in order to recommend to the General Assembly the names of the nine personalities to be appointed by the latter to serve on the Committee as follows:
 - i. eight candidates to serve as members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics; and
 - ii. one candidate to serve as chairperson;
 - In the same way, the names of candidates will be submitted to the General Assembly to replace members whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned or otherwise ceased to be available;
 - The Executive Council may designate an observer to the Committee.

The UNWTO Secretary-General or his/her representative, as well as a representative of the Permanent Secretariat in Rome, will attend the meetings of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics *ex officio*. The Legal Adviser of the World Tourism Organization shall participate in an advisory capacity, in the Committee meetings.

On selecting and appointing the members of the Committee, account shall be taken of the need for a balanced composition of this body from a regional, gender and sectorial perspective, and for a diversification of the qualifications and personal status of its members, from the economic, environmental and social as well as legal viewpoint. The members shall be appointed for four years and their term of office may be renewed only once.

The members of the Committee are re-appointed by half every two years.

- (e) The World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall establish its own Rules of Procedure, and refer them to the General Assembly.
 - (f) A majority presence of the Committee members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at its meetings; in the event that a member is absent, he/she will not be represented by a substitute at meetings; the Committee shall make its best efforts to adopt its decisions by consensus; however, in the event of a tie in the voting, the chairperson shall have the casting vote;
 - (g) UNWTO shall undertake to cover the travel expenses and daily subsistence allowances occasioned by the participation in the meetings of the nine members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics; it being understood that the members of the Committee shall not receive any remuneration; the secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the services of the UNWTO Secretariat and by the Permanent Secretariat of Rome; the operating costs remaining payable by the Organization may, wholly or in part, be charged to a trust fund financed by voluntary contributions.
 - (h) The World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall meet at least once a year. These meetings will be held at UNWTO Headquarters or at the Permanent Secretariat in Rome, unless it is decided otherwise, provided the host country covers the costs and expenses involved in holding the meeting at a different venue.
 - (i) The World Committee on Tourism Ethics may invite experts or external institutions to contribute to its proceedings.
 - (j) On the basis of periodic reports submitted to them by Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members of UNWTO, the UNWTO Regional Commissions shall, every two years, examine the application of the Code in their respective regions; they shall record their findings in a report to the World Committee on Tourism Ethics.
 - (k) The World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall exercise a global function as an observatory for the challenges encountered in implementing the Code and for proposed recommendations; it shall summarize the reports drawn up by the Regional Commissions and supplement them with the information it has collected with the assistance of the Secretary-General and the support of the Board of Affiliate Members.
 - (l) The Secretary-General shall refer the report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics to the General Assembly, together with his/her own observations. The General Assembly shall decide what follow-up action to take on the report and the recommendations thus submitted to it, which national tourism administrations and other stakeholders in tourism development shall subsequently have the task of implementing.
 - (m) The Secretary-General of UNWTO shall submit, on a regular basis, a report on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for its submission to the UN General Assembly.
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A/RES/608(XIX)

World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2010 and 2011, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2012 and 2013

Agenda item 15
(document A/19/15)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day in 2010 and 2011 and on the candidatures submitted to host World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013,

Having considered the themes proposed by the Secretary-General and taking into account those adopted for the international years declared under the aegis of the United Nations,

1. Conveys its gratitude to the Governments of China and Egypt for having organized the celebrations of World Tourism Day 2010 and 2011 respectively, in their capacity as the host country of these events;
2. Decides to select the following themes for the next two editions of World Tourism Day:
 - 2012: Tourism and Sustainable Energy - Powering Sustainable Development
 - 2013: Tourism and Water - Protecting our Common Future

Recalling General Assembly resolution 470(XV), whereby it adopted the principle of geographic rotation for the celebration of World Tourism Day,

3. Designates Spain and Maldives to host World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

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A/RES/609(XIX)

Election of Council Members

Agenda item 16
(documents A/19/16, A/19/16 rev.1 and A/19/16 rev.1 add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Articles 14 and 15 of the Statutes, rules 54 and 55 of its Rules of Procedure and rule 1 of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure,

Having received the proposals of its Regional Commissions,

1. Declares the following Full Members elected as Members of the Executive Council for the period 2011-2015, for the regular 13 seats and 3 “floating”:

Africa: Nigeria
 Gambia
 Madagascar
 Mozambique
 United Republic of Tanzania
 Mauritania (floating seat)

Americas: Mexico
 Brazil (floating seat)

Asia and the Pacific: China
 Indonesia
 Republic of Korea

Europe: France
 Italy
 Russian Federation
 Uzbekistan (floating seat)

Middle East: Saudi Arabia

2. Notes that the Flemish Community of Belgium will represent the Associate Members on the Council for the period 2011-2015; and
3. Further notes that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Council by the Chairman of their Board.

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Place and dates of the twentieth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 17
(document A/19/17)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 20 of the Statutes and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having taken cognizance of the joint offer submitted by the Governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe,

1. Thanks both Governments warmly for their invitation; and
 2. Takes note that its twentieth session will be held in the Victoria Falls area, at the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe, on the dates to be agreed upon with the Governments of the two countries.
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A/RES/611(XIX)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The General Assembly,

Noting with particular satisfaction the successful conclusion of its proceedings, made possible by the outstanding working conditions provided to the Organization by the Government of the Republic of Korea,

1. Conveys its profound gratitude to H.E. Mr. KIM Hwang Shik, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, who honoured the opening ceremony of its nineteenth session with his welcoming speech;
2. Expresses its most sincere congratulations to H.E. Mr. CHOE Kwang Shik, Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism for the remarkable effectiveness with which he presided over the proceedings of its nineteenth session, and to all of the responsible officials and their collaborators for their remarkable collaboration with the Secretariat to ensure the success of the meeting;
3. Conveys its sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr. KIM Kwan Yong, Governor of the Province of Gyeongsangbuk-do, and H.E. Mr. CHOI Yang Shik, Mayor of Gyeongju City, and appreciates the opportunity given to the delegations to discover the wealth of traditions and heritage of Gyeongju and the host country's millenary traditions; and
4. Expresses its keen appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Korea for the warm welcome they extended to all participants at its nineteenth session.