



## General Assembly

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### Election of Council Members

#### **I. Membership of the Executive Council**

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

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

2. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

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

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

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

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

5. At the date of this document, the total number of Full Members of the Organization is 156 including Myanmar, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Arab Emirates, which have rejoined (see Annex I). Consequently, and in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes, the Council will be composed of thirty-one Members (as it is today), in addition to Spain as a permanent Member, during the period between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the General Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> The same provision is repeated in rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.



6. The current membership of the Executive Council is indicated in Annex II.
7. Annexes III to VIII provide a graphical representation of terms of office, broken down by region, since the creation of UNWTO.
8. Columns 5 and 4 of Annex IX show that the terms of office of fifteen Members expire at the twentieth session and that sixteen members stay until the twenty-first session of the General Assembly. Column 6 shows that eleven Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, as follows:

<b>Africa</b>	3 seats
<b>Americas</b>	2 seats
<b>South Asia</b>	1 seat
<b>Europe</b>	4 seats
<b>Middle East</b>	1 seat
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>	no seat
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> 11 seats

9. Column 7 shows that to represent the 21 remaining Full Members, 4 more Members should be elected to the Council. Consequently, it is necessary to vote in the General Assembly for the allocation from among all the regions of the seats corresponding to the surplus Members (so-called "floating" seats).

10. None of the four remaining seats to be allocated by the General Assembly in order to reach the total of 31 seats corresponds to an exact multiple of 5 Members from any of the six regions of the Organization; rather, the seats result from the sum of the surplus Members from the different regions, as follows:

<b>Africa</b>	4 Members
<b>Americas</b>	3 Members
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>	4 Members
<b>Europe</b>	3 Members
<b>Middle East</b>	3 Members
<b>South Asia</b>	4 Members
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> 21 Members

11. This total gives rise to the right to assign four so-called "floating" seats. It is worth recalling that, on various occasions in the past, it has been possible to reach prior consensus on the assignation of these seats of the different regions.

## II. Candidatures for Membership of the Council

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12. At the time of preparation of this document, the following States had communicated to the Secretariat, their intention of presenting their candidatures for membership of the Council for the period 2014-2017:

**AFRICA** (3 seats to be filled)

Angola  
Seychelles  
Tunisia

**AMERICAS** (2 seats to be filled)

Argentina  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Jamaica  
Peru  
The Bahamas

**EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC** (no seat)**EUROPE** (4 seats to be filled)

Azerbaijan  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Germany  
Lithuania  
Romania  
Serbia  
Slovakia

**MIDDLE EAST** (1 seat to be filled)

Egypt

**SOUTH ASIA** (1 seat to be filled)

Islamic Republic of Iran

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

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

15. The Board of Affiliate Members is required to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council. This function is traditionally shouldered by the Chair of the Board.

### III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

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16. The General Assembly is requested:

After having received the proposals of its Regional Commissions and the Committee of Affiliate Members,

- (a) To declare which Full Members are elected as Members of the Executive Council for the period 2014-2017, for the 11 regular seats and 4 “floating” seats;
  
- (b) To note that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Council by the Chairman of their Board.

## ANNEX I

## STATES MEMBERS OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION - 156

Argentina	Albania	Hungary	Russian Federation	Bahrain	Afghanistan	Australia
Bahamas	Andorra	Israel	San Marino	Egypt	Bangladesh	Brunei Darussalam
Bolivia	Armenia	Italy	Serbia	Iraq	Bhutan	Cambodia
Brazil	Austria	Kazakhstan	Slovakia	Jordan	India	China
Chile	Azerbaijan	Kyrgyzstan	Slovenia	Kuwait	Iran	DPR of Korea
Colombia	Belarus	Lithuania	Spain	Lebanon	Maldives	Fiji
Costa Rica	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Malta	Switzerland	Libya	Nepal	Indonesia
Cuba	Bulgaria	Monaco	The FYROM	Oman	Pakistan	Japan
Dominican Rep	Croatia	Montenegro	Tajikistan	Qatar	Sri Lanka	Lao PDR
Ecuador	Cyprus	Netherlands	Turkey	Saudi Arabia		Malaysia
El Salvador	Czech Republic	Norway	Turkmenistan	Syrian Arab Republic.	<b>CSA 9</b>	Mongolia
Guatemala	France	Poland	Ukraine	United Arab Emirates		Myanmar
Haiti	Georgia	Portugal	Uzbekistan	Yemen		Papua New Guinea
Honduras	Germany	Republic of Moldova		<b>CME 13</b>		Philippines
Jamaica	Greece	Romania				Rep. of Korea
Mexico						Thailand
Nicaragua	<b>CEU 43</b>					Timor-Leste
Panama						Vanuatu
Paraguay	Algeria	Ethiopia	Niger			Viet Nam
Peru	Angola	Gabon	Nigeria			
Trinidad and Tobago	Benin	Gambia	Rwanda			<b>CAP 19</b>
Uruguay	Botswana	Ghana	Sao Tome and-Principe			
Venezuela	Burkina Faso	Guinea	Senegal			Observers: Holy See
	Burundi	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles			Palestine
	Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone			
<b>CAM 23</b>	Cape Verde	Lesotho	South Africa			Associate members:
	Central African Rep.	Liberia	Sudan			
	Chad	Madagascar	Swaziland			Aruba
	Congo	Malawi	Togo			Flemish Community of Belgium
	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Tunisia			Hong Kong, China
	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Mauritania	Uganda			Macao, China
	Djibouti	Mauritius	United R. of Tanzania			Madeira
	Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Zambia			Puerto Rico
	Eritrea	Mozambique	Zimbabwe			
	<b>CAF 49</b>	Namibia				

## ANNEX II

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REGION	MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN	
		2013	2015
AFRICA	Burkina Faso	----->	
	Gambia	----->	→
	Kenya	----->	→
	Madagascar	----->	→
	Mauritania	----->	→
	Mozambique	----->	→
	Nigeria	----->	→
	South Africa	----->	→
	United Republic of Tanzania	----->	→
	Zimbabwe	----->	→
AMERICAS	Argentina	----->	
	Brazil	----->	→
	Colombia	----->	→
	Jamaica	----->	→
	Mexico	----->	→
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	China	----->	→
	Indonesia	----->	→
	Republic of Korea	----->	→
SOUTH ASIA	India	----->	→
	Iran	----->	→
EUROPE	Bulgaria	----->	
	France	----->	→
	Germany	----->	→
	Hungary	----->	→
	Italy	----->	→
	Romania	----->	→
	Russian Federation	----->	→
	Serbia	----->	→
	Uzbekistan	----->	→
	Spain		<i>Permanent Member</i>
MIDDLE EAST	Egypt	----->	→
	Saudi Arabia	----->	→



**ANNEX III**

**STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2015)**

**AFRICA**

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 Membership commencing upon election by the General Assembly  
 Chairmanship






Venezuela	
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\*\* Former Member

 Membership commencing upon election by the General Assembly

 Chairmanship



ANNEX VI

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2015)

SOUTH ASIA

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**ANNEX VIII**  
**STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNWTO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (1975 - 2015)**  
**EUROPE**

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----→ Privileged Member and Permanent Member since 1998    \*\* Former Member    \*\*\* no longer exists as a State  
 \*\*\*\* refers to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

 Membership commencing upon election by the General Assembly

 Chairmanship

## ANNEX IX

## ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

	<i>Column No 1</i>	<i>Column No 2</i>	<i>Column No 3</i>	<i>Column No 4</i>	<i>Column No 5</i>	<i>Column No 6</i>	<i>Column No 7</i>
REGION	MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BY REGION	SEAT ENTITLEMENT ON THE COUNCIL	COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2013	TERMS OF OFFICE CONTINUING UNTIL 2015	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING in 2013	NEW SEATS CORRESPONDING TO SETS OF FIVE MEMBERS	FRACTIONS OF FIVE MEMBERS REMAINING
<i>AFRICA</i>	49	9	10	6	4	3	4
<i>AMERICAS</i>	23	4	5	2	3	2	3
<i>EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</i>	19	3	3	3	0	0	4
<i>EUROPE</i>	43	8	9	4	5	4	3
<i>MIDDLE EAST</i>	13	2	2	1	1	1	3
<i>SOUTH ASIA</i>	9	1	2	0	2	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b> =====	<b>156</b> ===	<b>27</b> ==	<b>31</b> ==	<b>16</b> ==	<b>15</b> ==	<b>11</b> ==	<b>21(*)</b> ===

The seat of Spain as being a Permanent member of the Executive Council does not appear in the Annex VII

(\*) which allows for four so-called “floating” seats on the Council between 2013 and 2015. In the period of 2011-2013 there were four “floating” seats which were held by Africa, the Americas, South Asia and Europe.