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### 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

##### I. Introduction

1. At 30 June 2015, the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes (see Annex 1) are applied to the following 22 Full Members and to the Associate Member Aruba. These Members have been deprived of Member's privileges in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council.

FULL MEMBERS MEMBRES EFFECTIFS MIEMBROS EFECTIVOS	PARAGR. 13 PÁRRAFO 13	ART. 34	ARREAR CONTRIBUTIONS ARRIÉRÉS DE CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES ATRASADAS		
			YEARS/ ANNÉES/ AÑOS	TOTAL YEARS/ ANNÉES AÑOS	TOTAL EUR
AFGHANISTAN / AFGANISTAN/ AFGANISTÁN	X	X	81-87, 89- 08,10,12,14	30	703,988.77
BAHRAIN / BAHRÉÏN / BAHREIN	X	X	78-84,02,10	9	331,715.05
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE / REPÚBLICA CENTROAFRICANA	X	X	06-14	9	203,838.00
CHAD / TCHAD	X		12-14	3	76,226.56
DJIBOUTI	X	X	03-14	12	258,751.00
GAMBIA / GAMBIE	X	X	94-05,08- 10,13,14	16	303,126.15
GHANA	X		13-14	2	61,665.00
GUINEA BISSAU / GUINÉE-BISSAU	X	X	92-96,99-14	21	450,026.55
KYRGYZSTAN / KIRGHIZISTAN / KIRGUISTÁN	X	X	95-10,12-14	19	445,852.89
LIBERIA	X		12-14	3	76,233.00
MALAWI	X	X	11-14	4	99,007.99
MALI / MALÍ	X		13-14	2	51,390.00
MAURITANIA / MAURITANIE	X	X	77-05,13,14	31	685,313.10
PAKISTAN / PAKISTÁN	X	X	10,12,14	4	69,825.75



PAPUA NEW GUINEA / PAPOUASIE-NOUVELLE-GUINÉE / PAPUA NUEVA GUINEA	X	X	08-14	7	169,838.00
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE / SAO TOME-ET-PRINCIPE/ SANTO TOME Y PRÍNCIPE	X	X	86-14	29	597,813.65
SIERRA LEONE / SIERRA LEONA	X	X	80-00,03-14	33	744,590.12
SUDAN / SOUDAN / SUDÁN	X	X	84-86,89-03 06-08,13,14	23	498,087.92
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE / REPÚBLICA ÁRABE SIRIA	X		12-14	3	182,956.00
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA / EX-RÉPUBLIQUE YOUGOSLAVE DE MACÉDONIA / EX-REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA	X		12-13	2	63,095.00
TURKMENISTAN / TURKMÉNISTAN / TURKMENISTÁN	X	X	95-98,00-12	17	504,066.40
VANUATU	X	X	10-14	5	100,732.00
TOTAL:					6,678,138.91

2. United Arab Emirates has arrears for the period 1981-1987 for a total amount of 518,247.76 euros. Agreement on the settlement of arrears is expected shortly.

3. Annex 2 to this document transmits to the General Assembly the list of Members that could be liable to suspension from the rights and privileges of membership, as provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes. This application would be effective in 2016.

## II. Temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of Article 34 and paragraph 13

4. The information in Annexes 1 and 2 will enable the General Assembly to rule on this matter in accordance with resolution 217(VII).

5. The following Members submitted to the General Assembly at its twentieth session (Victoria Falls, Zambia/Zimbabwe, 24-29 August 2013) plans for the payment of their contribution arrears in instalments and requested that the provisions of paragraph 13 not be applied to them. The General Assembly agreed to grant such temporary exemption to these Members subject to the following two conditions:

(a) immediate payment of the contribution corresponding to the year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed;

(b) strict observance of the agreed plan for the settlement of arrears.

### FULL MEMBERS

BURKINA FASO  
CÔTE D'IVOIRE (\*\*)  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO  
NIGER  
UGANDA

### AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Fundaçao CTI Nordeste  
UFTAA (\*)

(\*) United Federation of Travel Agents Association's (UFTAA) payment plan was accomplished in June 2015 and it is no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules or Article 34 of the Statutes.

(\*\*) Côte d'Ivoire accomplished its payment plan in full in April 2015 and is no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules or Article 34 of the Statutes.

### Payment plans approved by the Executive Council at its 98th session

6. The Full Members Burundi and Madagascar submitted payment plans to the 98th session of the Executive Council [CE/DEC/10(XCVIII)] for subsequent ratification by the twenty-first General Assembly. Neither Burundi nor Madagascar has fully complied with the conditions established in their payment plans for 2014 and 2015. The Affiliate Member Instituto de Turismo Responsable also submitted a payment plan pending ratification by the present session of the General Assembly whose conditions have not been met up to date.

7. The Full Member Sao Tomé and Príncipe submits for approval a thirty year-long payment plan to cover its arrears for an amount of 599,313.65 euros starting in 2015 to the present session of the General Assembly. Sao Tomé and Príncipe has complied with the conditions laid down in their payment plan for the current year. Furthermore, the Affiliate Member Camara de Turismo de Cabo Verde submits a four-year payment plan to settle its outstanding contributions for a total amount of 12,000 euros up to and including the current year's contribution.

8. All the communications received from Members after the date of this document requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules will be submitted to the present session for its consideration. The Council will formulate the relevant recommendations which, together with the Members' requests, will be forwarded to the Assembly in an addendum to this document so that it may adopt the appropriate resolution.

9. The following table shows the extent to which the Members with which agreements have been concluded for the settlement of their arrears in instalments have complied with the conditions laid down by the Assembly in resolution 588(XIX).

<b>MEMBERS GRANTED TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 13 (RESOLUTION A/RES/616(XX))</b>						
Compliance with the conditions laid down by the Assembly Situation at 31 March 2015						
		<b>CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>				
		<b>Payment of the year the G.A./ E.C. approved the plan</b>		<b>Strict fulfilment of the agreed payment plan</b>		
<b>FULL MEMBERS</b>	<b>Arrears payment plan</b>	<b>Payment made</b>				
				<b>Contribution for the year</b>	<b>Annual payment of arrears</b>	
BOLIVIA	in 10 years beginning in 2008	2007	YES	2008-2014 2015	YES NO	YES NO
BURKINA FASO	in 4 years beginning in 2013	2013	NO	2013-2015	NO	NO
BURUNDI	in 30 years beginning in 2014	2014	PART	2014 2015	YES NO	PART NO
CAMBODIA	in 30 years beginning in 2006	2006	YES	2006-2015	YES	YES

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	In 20 years beginning in 2014	2013	YES	2014-2015	NO	NO
IRAQ	In 25 years beginning in 2014	2014	YES	2014-2015	NO	NO
GUINEA	in 15 years beginning in 2012	2011	YES	2012-2013 2014-2015	YES NO	YES NO
LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REPUBLIC	in 25 years beginning in 2005	2005	YES	2005-2015	YES	YES
MADAGASCAR	in 3 years beginning in 2014	2014	NO	2014 2015	NO NO	PART NO
NICARAGUA	in 12 years beginning in 2010	2010	YES	2010-2015	YES	YES
NIGER	in 30 years beginning in 2014	2013	YES	2014-2015	NO	NO
TOGO	in 10 years beginning in 2009	2009	YES	2009-2013 2014-2015	YES NO	YES NO
UGANDA	In 15 years beginning in 2013	2013	PART	2013 2014 2015	YES YES NO	YES PART NO
URUGUAY	in 15 years beginning in 2007	2007	YES	2007-2014 2015	YES NO	YES NO
YEMEN (1)	in 13 years beginning in 2001	1999	YES	2000-2013 2014-2015	YES NO	YES NO

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- (1) **Yemen:** The Minister of Tourism of Yemen, confirmed in his letter dated 13 May 2006 that the necessary measures will be taken to agree on a new payment plan upon the conclusion of the current one, which would cover contributions corresponding to the years 1979-1989 owed by the former People's Republic of Yemen.

10. Affiliate Members International Hotel & Restaurant Association (IH&RA) and Fédération Inter-États des Syndicats des Agences de Voyages et de Tourisme de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (FISAVET) have not complied with the conditions established in their payment plans.

**III. Updates from previous statement contained in document CE/100/5(d)**

11. When compared with the information contained in the above-mentioned document as of 31 March 2015 submitted to the previous session of the Executive Council, the following updates can be observed:

- (a) Countries in Article 34 of the Statutes Rules:

Cabo Verde is no longer subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes since it settled its arrears in full.

Countries in paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules:

Senegal is no longer subject to the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules since it settled its arrears in full.

- (b) Amount due by these Members as of 31 March 2015: 6,850,769.75 euros

Amount due by these Members as of 30 June 2015: 6,678,138.91 euros

Total during the period: 172,630.84 euros (\*)

(\*) Arrears collected during the period as follows: 77,118.85 euros are from Cabo Verde; 77,424.00 euros from Senegal; 1,500 euros from Sao Tome and Principe; and 16,588.00 euros from Gambia.

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

12. The General Assembly is invited:

- (a) To thank the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations despite their internal constraints;
- (b) To note with satisfaction that Côte d'Ivoire complied in full with its payment plan;
- (c) To note that Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nicaragua have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2015;
- (d) To further note that Full Members Cabo Verde and Senegal are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and/or Article 34 of the Statutes, since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full;
- (e) To renew, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Nicaragua, and to grant temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to Full Members Burundi, Madagascar and Sao Tome and Principe and to the Affiliate Members Camara de Turismo de Cabo Verde and Instituto de Turismo Responsable;
- (f) To maintain the temporary exemption of Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Guinea, Niger, Togo, Uganda, Uruguay and Yemen, as well as that of Affiliate Members Fundaçao CTI Nordeste, International Hotel & Restaurant Association (IH&RA) and Fédération Inter-États des Syndicats des Agences de Voyages et de Tourisme de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre (FISAVET) 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 2016; and
- (g) To request the Secretary-General to inform it, at its next session, about the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

**Annex 1. Article 34 of the Statutes**

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1. Article 34 of the Statutes concerning the suspension of Members provides as follows:

"1. If any Member is found by the Assembly to persist in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of these Statutes, the Assembly may, by a resolution adopted by a majority of two-thirds of Full Members present and voting, suspend such Member from exercising the rights and enjoying the privileges of membership.

"2. The suspension shall remain in force until a change of such policy is recognized by the Assembly."

2. At its seventh session the General Assembly adopted the following resolution 217(VII) concerning the application of these provisions:

**A/RES/217(VII)**

Suspension of Members in arrears in the payment of statutory contributions:  
Article 34 of the Statutes

"The General Assembly,

"Considering decision 2(XXX) by which the Executive Council recommended the Assembly to apply Article 34 of the Statutes and consequently to suspend the Members of the Organization whose contribution arrears are equal to or exceed the contributions owed by such Members for four financial years and who have not, within six months, agreed with the Secretary-General on a payment plan for reimbursing these arrears,

"Considering document A/7/10(j) prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the above Executive Council decision,

"Recognizing that Article 34 of the Statutes, which provides the sanction of suspension when a Member persists in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of the Statutes, becomes applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the Organization's budget, such an attitude clearly constituting a policy contrary to the aims of WTO,

"1. Decides to apply henceforward the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes:

"(a) when a Member of the Organization has accumulated contribution arrears in respect of any four financial years, which need not be consecutive, partial payment of contributions not preventing the measure of suspension being applied, and;

"(b) when the aforementioned Member has not agreed a payment plan for the contribution arrears with the Secretary-General within a period of one year from the date of the resolution by which the Assembly noted that the measure of suspension was applicable to the Member pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes;

.....

- "3. Requests the Secretary-General to apply the present resolution and to inform each session of the Executive Council concerning its application."

**Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes**

3. The provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes read as follows:

"13. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization's expenditure shall be deprived of the privileges enjoyed by the Members in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years. At the request of the Council, the Assembly may, however, permit such a Member to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Members."

4. In this regard, at its sixth session the Assembly adopted the following resolution:

**A/RES/162(VI)**

"The General Assembly,  
.....

"Confirms the following provisions;

"When a Full Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations, the Assembly may restore that Member's right to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization, only on an exceptional basis, when:

- "1. the Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;
- "2. the Council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control;
- "3. the Council and the country concerned have agreed to the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears."

**Annex 2. Members to which the provisions of Art. 34 of the Statutes could be applied as from January 2016**

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(at 30 June 2015)

**1. Full Members**

1. CHAD
2. LIBERIA
3. SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

**2. Affiliate Members**

1. AL-TAYYAR TRAVEL GROUP
2. ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS
3. AECTE – ASOCIACIÓN EMPRESAS CONSULTORÍA TURÍSTICA ESPAÑA
4. CIETEC – CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION Y ESTUDIOS TURISTICOS
5. CHAMALEON STRATEGIES INC.
6. EHT-CEMAC – ÉCOLE D'HÔTELLERIE DE LA CEMAC
7. EXPOGAYS (Sbr Producciones S.L.U)
8. FEDERACION DE TURISMO DEL ESTADO BOLIVAR
9. FIJET – FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES JOURNALISTES ET ÉCRIVAINS DU TOURISME
10. FUNDACION UNIVERSITARIA LOS LIBERTADORES
11. IKEJA HOTEL PLC.
12. INSTITUTO MARCAR BRASIL
13. POLOIGUASSU – INSTITUTO POLO INTERNATIONAL IGUASSU
14. ISTRIA TOURIST BOARD
15. JORDAN SOCIETY OF TOURIST AND TRAVEL AGENTS
16. KENYA TOURIST BOARD
17. LAN AIRLINES
18. MHRA – MALTA HOTELS & RESTAURANTS ASSOCIATION
19. MTA INTERNATIONAL MASTER TOUR ALLIANCE
20. MENARATOURS COMPANY
21. PAKISTAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
22. PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY
23. RCM GLOBAL TRADE SA
24. SALO INTERNACIONAL DEL TURISME A CATALUNYA
25. THE SUN CHANNEL TOURISM TELEVISION S.A.
26. UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION