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Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (document A/22/1 prov. rev.1)

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

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

Under the presidency of Colombia, President of its twenty-first session, the General Assembly will be called upon to elect, in accordance with Rule 16(2) of its Rules of Procedure, a new President for its twenty-second session.

In accordance with Rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall elect eight Vice-Presidents who, together with the President, will be the Assembly's Officers. These nine Officers will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation.

Item 3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the President proposes to the Assembly the nine delegates of Full Members who will compose the Credentials Committee, having regard to equitable geographical representation. The Committee is required to meet immediately after it is composed so that it may submit its initial report to the Assembly at the start of the third session.

Item 4. Statement by the Secretary-General (document A/22/4)

The Secretary-General introduces his report to the Assembly by addressing the situation of international tourism. Information is provided on growth by region, on the global context and its impact on the tourism sector and on how UNWTO is adapting to a changing world.



Item 5. Approval of the Guidelines for the adoption of the draft UNWTO Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics and appointment of an ad hoc committee for the preparation of the final draft
(document A/22/5 rev.1)

The Assembly is called upon to approve the Guidelines for the adoption of the draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics which have already been endorsed by the Executive Council. The Assembly is also invited, in accordance with Article 12(j) of the Statutes, to establish an ad hoc Committee composed of all interested Member States, as recommended by the Regional Commissions, to review and prepare the final text of the Convention for its consideration and approval.

Item 6. Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly (document A/22/6)

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

Item 7. Report of the Credentials Committee (document A/22/7)

In accordance with Rule 13(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Credentials Committee reports its findings after examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members and the identification papers of the Affiliate Members and observers of organizations invited to the session.

Item 8. Membership of the Organization

(a) Membership status (documents A/22/8(a)(I) rev.1 and A/22/8(a)(II))

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on changes that have occurred in the membership of the Organization since its twenty-first session. Particular reference is made to admissions to full and affiliate membership, which the Assembly will be required to consider in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of the Statutes and Rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

(b) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules (document A/22/8(b))

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

Under the same item, the Secretary-General transmits any requests for suspending the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules that may have been submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 162(VI), provided the Council has

established that the delay in paying contributions is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Members concerned and these Members have agreed with the Council on measures to settle their arrears.

Item 9. Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2018-2021 on the recommendation of the Executive Council (document A/22/9)

The recommendation of the Executive Council of a nominee for appointment as Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2018-2021 is submitted to the Assembly in accordance with Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Organization's Statutes and Rule 38(e) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

Item 10. Report of the Secretary-General

In accordance with Rule 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General submits his report on the programme of work and on administrative and statutory matters.

Part I: Programme of work for 2016-2017

- (a) **Implementation of the general programme of work for 2016-2017** (document A/22/10(I)(a) rev.1)

The Secretary-General reports on the activities carried out by the Secretariat in implementing the programme of work for 2016-2017, focusing on the major strategic objectives established.

- (b) **Report on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017** (document A/22/10(I)(b))

The Secretary-General reports to the Assembly on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017.

- (c) **UNWTO Convention on the Protection of Tourists and on the Rights and Obligations of Tourism Service Providers** (document A/22/10(I)(c))

The Secretary-General reports on the activities of the ad hoc Working Group to continue the elaboration of a draft Convention on the protection of tourists and tourism service providers, taking into account the results of consultations made with Member States to define the scope and level of such a legal instrument.

- (d) **The International ST-EP Organization** (document A/22/10(I)(d))

The Secretary-General reports on the process of transforming the ST-EP Foundation into the International ST-EP Organization.

Part II: Draft Programme of work and budget of the Organization for 2018-2019 (document A/22/10(II))

Pursuant to paragraphs (h) and (i) of Article 12 of the Statutes, the Organization's draft general programme of work and budget for the period 2018-2019 is submitted to the General Assembly for

approval.

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

- (a) **Closing of the Audited Financial Statements of the twentieth financial period (2014-2015)** (document A/22/10(III)(a))

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

- (b) **Financial situation of the Organization and IPSAS post-implementation phase progress report** (document A/22/10(III)(b))

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on the state of the Organization's finances during the first part of 2017, including the progress in the post-implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

- (c) **Human resources situation of the Organization** (document A/22/10(III)(c))

The Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the structure and human resources situation of the Organization.

- (d) **Election of the Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for 2018-2019** (document A/22/10(III)(d))

The candidatures of Full Members to serve as members or alternates on the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2018-2019 will be referred to the General Assembly in document A/22/10(III)(d).

- (e) **Election of the External Auditor for 2018-2019** (document A/22/10(III)(e))

The Secretary-General submits to the Members the candidatures of the Full Members recommended by the Executive Council to the General Assembly for the post of External Auditor of the Organization for the financial period 2018-2019.

- (f) **Status of ratification of amendments to the Statutes and to the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies** (document A/22/10(III)(f))

The Secretary-General reports on the situation of amendments to the Statutes and the Financing Rules of the Organization which have not yet entered into force.

- (g) **Report of the Working Group on the review of the amendment procedure of the Statutes and amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes** (document A/22/10(III)(g))

The Secretary-General presents to the Assembly, for approval, the text of the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes proposed by the Working Group, including a proposal on pending amendments that could enter into force once the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes is effective.

- (h) **Amendment to Article 12(g) and Article 26 of the Statutes, and paragraph 11 of the Financing Rules** (document A/22/10(III)(h) rev.1)

A report is submitted on amendments to the Statutes and its Financing Rules and to the Financial Regulations of the Organization which are transmitted to the General Assembly for approval.

- (i) **Amendment to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (Election of Members to the Executive Council)** (document A/22/10(III)(I) rev.1)

Under this sub-item, the Assembly is requested to amend Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution.

- (j) **Guidelines for States on criteria for the endorsement of candidates to affiliate membership** (document A/22/10(III)(j))

The guidelines for States on criteria for endorsement of candidates to affiliate membership are submitted to the Assembly for consideration and approval.

- (k) **Agreements concluded by the Organization** (documents A/22/10(III)(k) and A/22/10(III)(k) Add.1)

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

Part IV: Report on the reform of the Organization (White Paper implementation) (document A/22/10(IV))

The Secretary-General submits a simplified progress report on the actions taken with a view to continuing the implementation of recommendations to reform the Organization, in the context of the White Paper and in relation to relevant recommendations by the Joint Inspection Unit or the External Auditors of the Organization.

Item 11. Affiliate Members

- (a) **Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members** (document A/22/11(a))

The General Assembly will be informed, in accordance with Rule III (11) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members, on the activities of these Members since the twenty-first session of the General Assembly and on prospects for future action. The Assembly will also be informed on different aspects of the Affiliate Members' operation within the Organization.

- (b) **Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members** (document A/22/11(b))

The Assembly is requested to ratify the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Affiliate Members contained in the Annex of document A/22/11(b), as

approved by the 39th Plenary Session of the UNWTO Affiliate Members held on 11 September 2017.

Item 12. World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2016 and 2017, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2018-2019 (document A/22/12)

The report submitted under this item informs the Assembly of the various activities marking World Tourism Day in 2016 and 2017, and proposes the themes selected for World Tourism Day 2018 and 2019. The Assembly will also be informed on the host countries designated by the Regional Commissions for Europe in 2018 and for South Asia in 2019.

Item 13. Election of Council Members (document A/22/13 rev.1)

The Secretary-General informs the General Assembly of the present membership of the Executive Council, the geographical distribution of its seats among the six regions of the Organization, the number of seats to be allotted to each region for the election of half the Members of the Executive Council and of the candidatures received by the Secretariat.

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

Item 14. Report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (documents A/22/14)

The World Committee on Tourism Ethics reports on the activities it has carried out. The Assembly is requested to take note of and endorse the open-ended Recommendations of the WCTE on the Responsible Use of Ratings and Reviews on Digital Platforms.

Item 15. Election of the members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (document A/22/15)

Under this item, the General Assembly is invited to consider and decide on the proposals made by the Selection Board concerning the renewal of the mandate of the Chair and the election of three members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics.

Item 16. Approval or adoption of the UNWTO Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics (document A/22/16 rev.2)

The Assembly considers the final text of the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics as submitted by the ad hoc Committee for approval or adoption, based on the conclusions of the work of the ad hoc Committee specifically designated for the purpose of finalizing the text.

Item 17. Place and dates of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (document A/22/17 rev.1)

A report is submitted on the procedure and the candidatures to host the twenty-third session of the

General Assembly.

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

The Assembly is invited to decide on the candidatures received to host its 23rd session.

Item 18. Review and adoption of the draft resolutions of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly

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