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Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies

1. The following information is based on the membership of the Organization as of the date of this document. An update of this information will be submitted to the Members at the meetings of their Regional Commissions, to be held in Chengdu, China on 11 and 12 September 2017 on the occasion of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.

I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nomination of the Officers of the General Assembly during its twenty-second session

2. For the conduct of its business and in accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly is called upon to elect its President and Vice-Presidents “on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, making allowance for the region represented by the President”.

3. The Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly should therefore represent the UNWTO regions as follows: two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East.

4. It is pointed out that, to elect its Vice-Presidents, the Assembly must make allowance for the region represented by the President in accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure. If the Assembly follows the tradition of nominating as President the head of delegation of the host country, there would be no post of Vice-President for the region of the East Asia and the Pacific.

5. Bearing this in mind, the Regional Commissions are requested to nominate candidates to represent their regions as Vice-Presidents of the twenty-second session of the Assembly.

6. The Officers of the previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex I to this document.

7. As of the date of this document no candidatures from the Regional Commission for the position of Vice-President have been received at the Secretariat.

II. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Credentials Committee: appointment of members

8. Rule 13(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure provides for the appointment by the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, of a Credentials Committee composed of nine delegates chosen from among the Full Members.

9. The Regional Commissions are called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly the same number of representatives for the Credentials Committee as they have Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (including one for East Asia and the Pacific). The nine Members of the Committee thus nominated will then elect from among themselves a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson in accordance with rule 13(2) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

10. To assist the Regional Commissions in their deliberations, the offices held by Members at previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex II.

11. As of the date of this document no candidatures from the Regional Commissions for membership in the Credentials Committee have been received at the Secretariat.

B. Regional Commissions: election of Officers

12. In accordance with rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, as they apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Commissions, and consistent with the practice followed so far, each Regional Commission should elect one Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons from among its Members for a term of two years, commencing from the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.

13. So far as the candidatures presented for the chairpersonship are concerned, it should be pointed out that, as of the date of this document, the United Arab Emirates has submitted to the Secretariat its candidature for the chairpersonship of the Commission for the Middle East for the period 2018-2019 and Lebanon has submitted its candidature for the vice-chairpersonship of the Commission for the Middle East for the same period. Any candidatures reaching the Secretariat before the date of the meeting of the Regional Commission for the Middle East will be announced in an addendum to this document.

14. A list of the Officers of the Regional Commissions since 1976 is given in Annex III.

15. The Regional Commissions are called upon to elect their respective Chair and Vice-Chairs accordingly.

C. World Committee on Tourism Ethics

16. In accordance with Resolution 607 (XIX) adopted by the nineteenth session of the General Assembly in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, the members of the Committee are directly elected by the General Assembly upon the proposal of a Selection Board (President of the General Assembly, Chairperson of the Executive Council, Chairperson of the Board of Affiliate Members, Legal Counsel and the UNWTO Secretary-General).

17. The 20th session of the General Assembly held at Victoria Falls, Zambia-Zimbabwe, recalled through resolution 636 (XX) “the need for applying the staggering principle by which the members of the Committee will be renewed by half every two years” and decided that “exceptionally four of the eight members of the Committee assume a mandate of six years instead of the regular mandate of four years”.

18. Thus, the present session of the General Assembly is required to elect, in plenary session, four members and 3 alternate Members upon the proposal of the Selection Board referred to above.

D. Ad-hoc Committee for the preparation of the final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics

19. In accordance with resolution 668 (XXI) of the General Assembly concerning the draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics, the text of a draft international convention has been prepared by a working group composed of all interested member States with the assistance of the Secretariat. In accordance with the Guidelines for the adoption of draft UNWTO Conventions by the General Assembly endorsed by the 105th Executive Council (decision 7 CV) and subject to their approval by the General Assembly, an *ad hoc* Committee of member States should be established at the beginning of the 22nd Session of the General Assembly, with the task to revise and prepare the final text of the Convention for submission to the Plenary Session of the Assembly.

20. The Committee shall examine and revise, as necessary, the text of the draft Convention, based on any amendments received in accordance with the procedure established in the Guidelines referred to above. At the end of its work, the Committee shall submit the text of the Convention to the plenary session of the General Assembly for consideration and eventual approval or adoption.

21. All member States may participate in the Committee as members, and all international organizations attending the General Assembly as observers, in accordance with Rule 9. 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly. Please see attached, as Annex X, a briefing note on the Ad-hoc Committee).

22. In order to ensure fair and equitable geographical representation the Regional Commissions are called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly at least the same number of representatives for the *ad-hoc* Committee as they have Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (including one for East Asia and the Pacific).

III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

23. 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 follows¹:

“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.”

¹ The same provision is repeated in Rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

24. 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.”

25. 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.”

26. 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. By the time the Organization achieved 158 Full Members, the Executive Council was then composed of 32 seats, in addition to Spain as a permanent member. (See resolution A/RES/671(XXI).

27. At the date of this document, the total number of Full Members of the Organization is 156. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes, the Council may be composed of 31 members in addition to Spain as a permanent member, during the period between the twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly. However, should the General Assembly approve the candidatures to full membership of the State of Palestine, of the Union of the Comoros, and of the Federal Republic of Somalia the total number would therefore come to 159 Member States (see Annex IV). This would mean, however, that despite the fact that the Organization has 156 Full Members and that the General Assembly is considering to approve in this session three more candidatures, the number of seats in the Council would remain unaltered. This situation is neither fair nor representative of the membership of the Organization and fails to fulfil the goal of “equitable geographical distribution”.

28. Aligning the number of seats in the Executive Council with the membership of the Organization would preserve its representative character while at the same time it would facilitate the allocation of an extra seat to the regions that aspire to have a greater voice and a more effective role.

29. The application of the statutory rule of 1/5 to 159 Full Members makes the resulting figure higher than 31. When this situation arises it would seem logical to round the figure up to the nearest higher whole number. As the Statutes do not stipulate a fixed number of seats, this would enable the allocation of extra seats. Other UN organizations follow a similar practice when adapting the size of non-plenary organs to their increasing membership.

30. This rationale was applied by the General Assembly at its 21st session, which, through resolution 671(XXI), decided to allocate an extra seat, establishing thereby the number of seats of the Executive Council for the period 2015-2017 at 32, in addition to the Host Country as a permanent member.

31. In addition, in line with the practice of other specialized agencies of the United Nations and with a view to effectively ensuring the equitable geographic distribution of seats stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretariat proposes that the established proportion of one member of the Council for every five Full Members of the Organization be applied to the number of Member States by region in order to determine the number of seats allocated to the region concerned, instead of being applied to the total number of Member States. The resulting figure obtained after this calculation shall be rounded to the nearest higher integer and shall represent the number of seats on the Executive Council assigned to that region. It should be noted that this may increase the number of seats in the Executive Council. If the General Assembly approves this interpretation, which is consistent with the Statutes of the Organization, the need to assign the former so-called “floating seats” would disappear, and seats would be allocated directly to the regions.

32. Even though this rationale may be applied *a priori* without making any statutory amendment, in accordance with resolution 671(XXI) and in order to ensure legal security to this new practice on the composition of the Council, the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly would have to be amended accordingly. In this regard, the text of the amendment to the said Rules is being submitted to the present session of the General Assembly for its approval through document A/22/10(III)(i) rev.1.

33. The current membership of the Executive Council is indicated in Annex II (including Paraguay, which will replace Costa Rica until 2019).

34. Annex VI provides a graphical representation of terms of office in the Middle East, since the creation of the UNWTO.

35. The table in Annex VII shows how 17 new Full Members can be elected to the Council, in addition to the 17 members which stay until the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

36. Column 1 of Annex VII shows the membership in the Organization by Regions.

37. Column 2 of Annex VII shows the Council seats for the period 2015-2017 by Regions.

38. Column 3 and 4 of Annex VII shows the number of seats continuing their term until 2019 and the number of member states expiring their term in 2017 by region.

39. Column 5 of Annex VII shows that seventeen Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of specified in point 31, as follows:

Africa	5 seats
Americas	3 seats
East Asia and the Pacific (with Samoa)	0 seat
Europe	5 seats
Middle East	2 seats
South Asia	2 seats
TOTAL	<u>17 seats</u>

40. And finally Column 6 of Annex VII shows that together with the 17 remaining and the 17 newly elected Full Members the number of Council seats until 2019 by Regions.

Africa	11 members
Americas	5 members
East Asia and the Pacific	4 members
Europe	9 members
Middle East (with Palestine)	3 members
South Asia	2 members
TOTAL	<u>34 members</u>

41. At the time of preparation of this document, the following States had communicated to the Secretariat, on the date appearing between brackets, their intention of presenting their candidatures for membership of the Council for the period 2017-2021:

- AFRICA** (5 seats to be filled)
 - Namibia**, 8 September 2016, new
 - Zimbabwe**, 21 October 2016, new
 - Sudan**, 23 October 2016, new
 - Mauritania**, 9 December 2016, new

Angola, 16 January 2017, renewal
Ethiopia, 6 February 2017, new
Seychelles, 28 February 2017, renewal
Cabo Verde, 12 March 2017, new
Republic of Congo, 16 March 2017, new
Republic of Equatorial Guinea, 23 June 2017, new

AMERICAS (3 seats to be filled)

Uruguay, 15 April 2016, new
Argentina, 21 April 2016, new
Jamaica, 21 June 2016, new
Brazil, 24 August 2016, new
Honduras, 22 June 2017, new
Peru, 27 June 2017, renewal

EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (no seat)

EUROPE (5 seats to be filled)

Bulgaria, 22 June 2016, renewal
Romania, 26 September 2016, new
Serbia, 31 October 2016, renewal
Azerbaijan, 14 November 2016, renewal
Lithuania, 21 November 2016, new
Russian Federation, 6 February 2017, new
Moldova, 8 February 2017, new
Switzerland, 10 April 2017, new
Turkey, 11 May 2017, new
Greece, 17 May 2017, new

MIDDLE EAST (2 seats to be filled)

Egypt, 24 November 2016, renewal
Bahrain², 18 April 2017, new
Lebanon, 28 April 2017, new

² At the time of preparation of this documents, Bahrain, Libya, Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen were subject to the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, attached to the Statutes, whereas Bahrain, Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen were also subject to the application of Article 34 of the Statutes, which stipulate the following:

Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

a- A Member which is one or more years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Organization's expenditure may not be elected to the Executive Council or hold offices within the organs of the General Assembly.

b- A Member which is one or more years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Organization's expenditure and which has failed to explain the nature of the circumstances surrounding its failure to pay and to indicate the measures to be taken to settle its arrears shall pay a compensatory amount equal to two per cent of its arrears, in addition to said arrears.

c- 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 Member.

Article 34 of the Statutes

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.

SOUTH ASIA (2 seats to be filled)
Iran, 22 October 2016, renewal
India, 20 July 2017, renewal

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

43. 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".

44. The Regional Commissions are called upon to recommend to the Assembly, on the basis of the regional distribution of new Council seats shown in paragraphs 23-41 of this document the seventeen Council members to be elected for the period 2017-2021.

45. Associate Members are, for their part, requested to nominate their representative to the Executive Council.

46. The Board of Affiliate Members is requested to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council. This function is traditionally shouldered by the Chairperson of the Board.

V. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

A. Programme and Budget Committee

47. In accordance with decision 5(LXXXIX) taken by the Executive Council at its eighty-ninth session (24-26 October 2010, Kish Island, Islamic Republic of Iran), it has been decided that the Programme and Budget Committee will be composed of:

- 2 full members by region, as follows:
 - 6 members of the Executive Council, one per region, each designated by the Council itself for four years (members elected by the Executive Council have a mandate limited to their Executive Council mandate);
 - 6 members, one per region, designated by their respective regional commission for four years. (If a member elected by a Regional Commission were to become a member of the Executive Council, its term on the Committee would automatically come to an end, with the Regional Commission electing a replacement for the remaining part of the term);
- The representative of the Associate Members in the Executive Council;
- The representative of the Affiliate Members in the Executive Council and another representative of the Affiliate Members.

These regulations entered into force when they were approved by the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

48. As the Regional Commissions designated their representatives to the Programme and Budget Committee for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly there is no election needed unless any of the representatives will be elected as member of the Executive Council. In this case the Regional Commissions are called upon to elect new members to the Committee.

49. The Associate Members and the Affiliate Members are requested to nominate their representatives to serve on the Committee.

50. The membership of the PBC in 2015-2017/19 is indicated in Annex VIII to this document.

B. Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)

51. As the Regional Commissions designated their representatives to the **Committee on Tourism and Sustainability** for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly there is no election needed unless any of the representatives withdrew. In this case the Regional Commissions are called upon to elect new member(s) to the Committee.

52. The Associate Members and the Affiliate Members are also requested to nominate their representatives to serve on the Committee.

C. Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account

53. As the Regional Commissions designated their representatives to the **Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account** for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly there is no election needed unless any of the representatives withdrew. In this case the Regional Commissions are called upon to elect new member(s) to the Committee.

54. The Associate Members and the Affiliate Members are requested to nominate their representatives to serve on the Committee.

D. Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC)

55. As the Regional Commissions designated their representatives to the **Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness** for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly there is no election needed unless any of the representatives withdrew. In this case the Regional Commissions are called upon to elect new member(s) to the Committee.

56. The Associate Members and the Affiliate Members are requested to nominate their representatives to serve on the Committee.

E. Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership

57. Pursuant to Executive Council decisions 8(XXV), 5(XXVI), 2(XXVII), 16(XXVIII) and General Assembly resolution 172(VI), and by virtue of Article 19(g) of the Organization's Statutes, a Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership was established within the framework of the Executive Council. This Committee is composed of six members of the Council, appointed biennially on a regional basis by the Council itself. The Committee elects its own Chair and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members to participate in its business without the right to vote.

58. Since the two-year term of office of the present members of the Committee expires at the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, the Executive Council, at its 107th session (Chengdu, China, 9 September) will appoint, from among its number, the six new members of the Committee for the period 2017-2019.

59. When formulating their recommendations, Members should take into account the fact that this Committee always meets during Council sessions and that it is therefore recommendable to propose Members currently serving or required to serve on the Council.

60. In accordance with the established practice for the election of the members of the other subsidiary organs of the Executive Council, the Regional Commissions are each called upon to recommend a representative to the Council for appointment to the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2017-2019.

61. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex IX to this document.

V. DESIGNATION OF THE HOST COUNTRIES FOR WORLD TOURISM DAY 2016 AND 2017

62. By resolution 470(XV), the General Assembly designated Malaysia and Qatar as host countries of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005. By the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the Executive Council and decided that the following geographic order would apply to World Tourism Day celebrations beginning in 2006: 2006 in Europe; 2007 in South Asia; 2008 in the Americas; and 2009 in Africa.

63. Noting that previous World Tourism Day celebrations were awarded to:

- WTD 2006: Portugal (Europe)
- WTD 2007: Sri Lanka (South Asia)
- WTD 2008: Peru (Americas)
- WTD 2009: Ghana (Africa)
- WTD 2010: China (East Asia and the Pacific)
- WTD 2011: Yemen (Middle East),
- WTD 2012: Spain (Europe)
- WTD 2013: Maldives (South Asia)
- WTD 2014: Mexico (Americas)
- WTD 2015: Burkina Faso (Africa)
- WTD 2016: Thailand (East Asia and the Pacific)
- WTD 2017: Qatar (Middle East)

and following the geographic order as decided by the General Assembly, World Tourism Day 2018 would be celebrated in Europe and World Tourism Day 2019 in South Asia.

64. In this regard, the Executive Council, upon recommendation of the Regional Commission for Europe and the Joint Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia, respectively, is requested to approve at its 106th session the following host countries for the official celebrations of WTD 2018 and 2019 to be proposed to the 21st session of the General Assembly:

- **World Tourism Day 2018: Hungary**
- **World Tourism Day 2019: India**

ANNEX I

OFFICERS OF THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENTS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/I (1975) Madrid - SPAIN	Spain	Morocco Uganda	Argentina Mexico	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Czechoslovakia** Italy	Egypt
AG/II (1977) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Cameroon	Gambia Mali	Ecuador Uruguay	Philippines	Iran	Austria Hungary	Jordan
AG/III (1979) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Philippines	Senegal Zambia	Peru Venezuela	Japan	Bangladesh	Bulgaria Italy	Syrian A.R.
AG/IV (1981) Rome - ITALY	Italy	Togo UR of Tanzania	Uruguay Mexico	Thailand	India	Austria Romania	Iraq
AG/V (1983) New Delhi - INDIA	India	Burkina Faso Zimbabwe	Brazil Mexico	Indonesia	Pakistan	Austria GDR**	Iraq
AG/VI (1985) Sofia - BULGARIA	Bulgaria	Cameroon Ethiopia	Peru Venezuela	China	Nepal	Finland Spain	Syrian A.R.
AG/VII (1987) Madrid - SPAIN	Jordan	Gabon UR of Tanzania	Argentine Jamaica	Indonesia	Nepal	Greece Malta	Syrian A.R.
AG/VIII (1989) Paris - FRANCE	France	Rwanda Zambia	Canada Colombia	Indonesia	Pakistan	Bulgaria	Iraq
AG/IX (1991) Buenos Aires ARGENTINA	Argentina	Nigeria UR of Tanzania	Venezuela	Indonesia	Iran	Czech. and Slovak Rep.** Germany	Yemen

ASSEMBLY	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENTS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/X (1993) Bali - INDONESIA	Indonesia	Algeria Nigeria	Brazil Canada		Sri Lanka	Romania Spain	Syrian A.R.
AG/XI (1995) Cairo - EGYPT	Egypt	Cameroon Malawi	Chile Colombia	Malaysia	India	Cyprus Finland	
AG/XII (1997) Istanbul - TURKEY	Turkey	Algeria Nigeria	Chile Cuba	Philippines	Maldives	Cyprus	Libyan A. J.
AG/XIII (1999) Santiago - CHILE	Chile	Malawi Tunisia	Uruguay	Philippines	Nepal	France Greece	Libyan A. J.
AG/XIV (2001) Seoul/Osaka – REP. OF KOREA/JAPAN	Rep. of Korea/Japan	Guinea Zimbabwe	Jamaica Mexico		Nepal	Albania Hungary	Jordan
AG/XIV (2003) Beijing - CHINA	China	Benin Namibia	Ecuador Panama		Maldives	Croatia Romania	Yemen
AG/XVI (2005) Dakar - SENEGAL	Senegal	South Africa	Colombia Jamaica	Cambodia	Pakistan	Portugal Serbia & Montenegro **	Iraq
AG/XVII (2007) Cartagena - COLOMBIA	Colombia	Cameroon Ethiopia	Ecuador	Republic of Korea	Islamic Republic of Iran	Kazakhstan Spain	Egypt
AG/XVIII (2009) Astana - KAZAKHSTAN	Kazakhstan	Benin Lesotho	Jamaica Venezuela	Timor-Leste	Islamic Republic of Iran	Spain	Iraq
AG/XIX (2011) Gyeongju – REP. OF KOREA	Rep. of Korea	Madagascar Kenya	Jamaica Mexico		Islamic Republic of Iran	Azerbaijan France	Iraq
AG/XX(2013) Victoria Falls/Livingstone – Zimbabwe /Zambia	Zambia - Zimbabwe		Costa Rica Mexico	Indonesia	Islamic Republic of Iran	Croatia Russian Federation	Iraq
AG/XXI(2015) Medellin - COLOMBIA	Colombia	Namibia Uganda	Bahamas	Malaysia	Bangla Desh	Bulgaria Spain	Saudi Arabia

** No longer exist as States: Czechoslovakia, Czech and Slovak Republic, German Democratic Republic (GDR), and Serbia and Montenegro

ANNEX II

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

ASSEMBLY	CHAIRPERSON	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/I (1975) Madrid - SPAIN	Lebanon	Kenya / <u>2</u> Gabon	Brazil Canada	Malaysia	Iran	Ireland * Romania / <u>1</u>	
AG/II (1977) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Afghanistan	Ethiopia Togo	Dominican Rep. El Salvador	Malaysia		GDR ** Turkey	Kuwait / <u>1</u>
AG/III (1979) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Cyprus	Burkina Faso / <u>1</u> Malawi	El Salvador Venezuela	Thailand	Afghanistan	GDR **	Lebanon
AG/IV (1981) Rome - ITALY	Cyprus	Morocco Sierra Leone	Chile Colombia	Rep. of Korea	Sri Lanka / <u>1</u>	Czechoslovakia**	Syrian A.R.
AG/V (1983) New Delhi - INDIA	United States*	Ethiopia / <u>1</u> Mali	Haiti	Thailand	Maldives	Czechoslovakia** Cyprus	Syrian A.R.
AG/VI (1985) Sofia - BULGARIA	Cyprus	Côte d'Ivoire Malawi	Argentina Brazil	Indonesia / <u>1</u>	Sri Lanka	Romania	Kuwait
AG/VII (1987) Madrid - SPAIN	Cyprus	Lesotho / <u>1</u> Mali	United States* Panama	Thailand	Sri Lanka	USSR **	Jordan
AG/VIII (1989) Paris - FRANCE	Congo	Malawi	United States* Jamaica	D.P.R. of Korea	Nepal	Cyprus / <u>1</u> USSR **	Yemen
AG/IX (1991) B.A. - ARGENTINA	United States*	Angola Mali	Argentina	Japan	Bangladesh	Romania / <u>1</u> Bulgaria	Libyan A.J.

ASSEMBLY	CHAIRPERSON	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/X (1993) Bali - INDONESIA	Argentina	Guinea-Bissau Lesotho	United States*	Japan / <u>1</u>	Maldives	Israel Poland	Yemen
AG/XI (1995) Cairo - EGYPT	Czech Republic	Benin / <u>1</u> Côte d'Ivoire	United States* Jamaica	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Italy	Libyan A.J.
AG/XII (1997) Istanbul - TURKEY	Angola	Botswana	Argentina Uruguay	Rep. of Korea	Iran	Poland / <u>1</u> Israel	Lebanon
AG/XIII (1999) Santiago - CHILE	Angola	Benin	Chile / <u>1</u> Mexico	Macau	Maldives	Croatia Romania	Lebanon
AG/XIV (2001) Seoul/Osaka R. KOREA/JAPAN	Angola	Gabon	Argentina	Rep. of Korea	Nepal	Israel Romania / <u>1</u>	Lebanon
AG/XV (2003) Beijing - CHINA	Canada	Lesotho Guinea	Haiti	Fiji	Nepal	Italy / <u>1</u> Israel	Lebanon
AG/XVI (2005) Dakar - SENEGAL	Cyprus	Ethiopia Madagascar	Bahamas Uruguay	Australia / <u>1</u>	Maldives	Hungary	Lebanon
AG/XVII (2007) Cartagena - COLOMBIA	Australia	Ghana D.R. of the Congo	Brazil Canada		Sri Lanka	Israel Poland	Iraq
AG/XVIII (2009) Astana - KAZAKHSTAN	Croatia	Angola Ethiopia / <u>1</u>	Brazil Venezuela	Indonesia	Sri Lanka	Cyprus	Qatar
AG/XIX (2011) Gyeongju – REP. OF KOREA	Croatia	Ghana / <u>1</u> Togo	Argentina Ecuador	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka	Austria	Qatar
AG/XX(2013) Victoria Falls/Livingstone – Zimbabwe /Zambia	Haiti	Ethiopia Mali	Paraguay	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Maldives	Cyprus Israel	Qatar
AG/XXI(2015) Medellin - COLOMBIA	Argentina	South Africa Uganda	Jamaica	Philippines	Bhutan	Hungary Portugal	Qatar/ <u>1</u>

1 Vice-Chairperson - 2 Rapporteur - * Former Member - ** No longer exist as States: Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (GDR) and USSR

ANNEX III

OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**MIDDLE EAST**

PERIOD	Chairperson	Vice-Chairpersons
1975-1977	Egypt	Iraq United Arab Emirates
1977-1979	Egypt	Democratic Yemen * Kuwait*
1979-1981	Jordan	Democratic Yemen * Iraq
1981-1983	Jordan	Democratic Yemen * Iraq
1983-1985	Jordan	Democratic Yemen * Iraq
1985-1987	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Kuwait
1987-1989	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Kuwait
1989-1991	Egypt	Jordan Yemen
1991-1993	Egypt	Jordan Yemen
1993-1995	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1995-1997	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1997-1999	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1999-2001	Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
2001-2003	Egypt	Bahrain Jordan
2003-2005	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Jordan
2005-2007	Syrian Arab Republic	Saudi Arabia Iraq
2007-2009	Lebanon	Egypt Saudi Arabia
2009-2011	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic
2011-2013	Iraq	Lebanon Qatar
2013-2015	Lybia	Iraq Yemen
2015-2017	Lebanon	Egypt Yemen

* No longer exists as a State

ANNEX IV

STATES MEMBERS OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION – 156+3=159

CAM 24	CEU 42	CAF 49+2 (Comoros and Somalia) =51	CME 13+1(Palestine) = 14	CSA9	CAP19		
Argentina	Albania	Netherlands	Algeria	Madagascar	Bahrain	Afghanistan	Brunei Darussalam
Bahamas	Andorra	Poland	Angola	Malawi	Egypt	Bangladesh	Cambodia
Barbados	Armenia	Portugal	Benin	Mali	Iraq	Bhutan	China
Bolivia	Austria	Republic of Moldova	Botswana	Mauritania	Jordan	India	DPR of Korea
Brazil	Azerbaijan	Romania	Burkina Faso	Mauritius	Kuwait	Iran	Fiji
Chile	Belarus	Russian Federation	Burundi	Morocco	Lebanon	Maldives	Indonesia
Colombia	Bosnia & Herzegovina	San Marino	Cameroon	Mozambique	Libya	Nepal	Japan
Costa Rica	Bulgaria	Serbia	Cabo Verde	Namibia	Oman	Pakistan	Lao PDR
Cuba	Croatia	Spain	Central African Rep.	Niger	Qatar	Sri Lanka	Malaysia
Dominican Republic	Cyprus	Slovakia	Chad	Nigeria	<i>Palestine*</i>		Mongolia
Ecuador	Czech Republic	Slovenia	Congo	Rwanda	Saudi Arabia		Myanmar
El Salvador	France	Switzerland	Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and-Principe	Syrian Arab Republic		Papua New Guinea
Guatemala	Georgia	The FYROM Dem.	Rep. of the Congo	Senegal	United Arab Emirates		Philippines
Haiti	Germany	Tajikistan	Djibouti	Seychelles	Yemen		Rep. of Korea
Honduras	Greece	Turkey	Equatorial	Sierra Leone			Thailand
Jamaica	Hungary	Turkmenistan	Eritrea	Somalia			Timor-Leste
Mexico	Israel	Ukraine	Ethiopia	South Africa			Vanuatu
Nicaragua	Italy	Uzbekistan	Sudan	Swaziland			Viet Nam
Panama	Kazakhstan		Gabon	Togo			Samoa
Paraguay	Kyrgyzstan		Gambia	Tunisia			
Peru	Lithuania		Ghana	Uganda			
Trinidad and Tobago	Malta		Guinea	United R. of Tanzania			
Uruguay	Monaco		Guinea-Bissau	<i>Union of Comoros</i>			
Venezuela	Montenegro		Kenya	Zambia			
			Lesotho	Zimbabwe			
			Liberia				
						Observers: Holy See	
						Associate Members:	
						Aruba	
						Flanders	
						Hong Kong, China	
						Macao, China	
						Madeira	
						Puerto Rico	

*Pending approval from the General Assembly

ANNEX V

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



REGION	MEMBERS	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN	
		2017	2019
AFRICA	Angola	----->	
	Democratic Republic of Congo	----->	----->
	Ghana	----->	----->
	Kenya	----->	----->
	Morocco	----->	----->
	Mozambique	----->	----->
	Seychelles	----->	
	South Africa	----->	
	Tunisia	----->	
	Zambia	----->	----->
AMERICAS	Bahamas	----->	
	Costa Rica/Paraguay	----->	----->
	Ecuador	----->	
	Mexico	----->	----->
	Peru	----->	
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	China	----->	----->
	Japan	----->	----->
	Republic of Korea	----->	----->
	Thailand	----->	----->
SOUTH ASIA	India	----->	
	Iran(Islamic republic of)	----->	
EUROPE	Azerbaijan	----->	
	Bulgaria	----->	
	Croatia	----->	
	France	----->	----->
	Germany	----->	
	Italy	----->	----->
	Portugal	----->	----->
	Serbia	----->	
	Slovakia	----->	----->
	Spain		<i>Permanent Member</i>
MIDDLE EAST	Egypt	----->	
	Saudi Arabia	----->	----->

ANNEX VI

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

MIDDLE EAST

	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19										
Bahrain																																																							
Egypt																																																							
Iraq																																																							
Jordan																																																							
Kuwait																																																							
Lebanon																																																							
Libyan A.J.																																																							
Oman																																																							
Qatar																																																							
Saudi Arabia																																																							
Syrian A.R.																																																							
United Arab Emirates																																																							
Yemen																																																							

 Membership commencing upon election by the General Assembly
 Chairmanship

ANNEX VII

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>
REGION	MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BY REGION	COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2017	TERMS OF OFFICE CONTINUING UNTIL 2019	TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING in 2017	NEW SEATS CORRESPONDING TO SETS OF FIVE MEMBERS BY REGION	COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2019
AFRICA	49+2=51	10	6	4	5	11
AMERICAS	24	5	2*	3	3	5
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	19	4	4	0	0**	4
EUROPE	42	9	4	5	5	9
MIDDLE EAST	13+1=14	2	1	1	2	3
SOUTH ASIA	9	2	0	2	2	2
TOTAL =====	156+3=159 ===	32 ==	17 ==	15 ==	17 ==	34 ==

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

(*) By the resolution of GA in 2015 Paraguay will replace Costa Rica until 2019

(**) Meanwhile Australia withdrew the Organization, consequently the membership in East Asia and the Pacific decreased from 20 to 19, but the region occupies 4 full seats until 2019

ANNEX VIII
PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chairperson

Argentina

*Vice-Chair***France**

Africa:	EC RC	Angola* (2017) Cameroon ** (2019)
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Americas:	EC RC	Mexico* (2019) Argentina** (2019)
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East Asia and the Pacific:	EC RC	Japan* (2019) Malaysia** (2019)
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Europe:	EC RC	France* (2019) Hungary** (2019)
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Middle East:	EC RC	Saudi Arabia* (2019) Lebanon** (2019)
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South Asia:	EC RC	India* (2017) Maldives** (2019)

Representative of the Associate Members
Flanders (2017)

Representatives of the Affiliate Members
(Chairman of the Affiliate Members Board) (2017)

Consolidated Tourism and Investment Consultants Limited (CTICO), Jamaica

* PBC Members elected by the Executive Council have a mandate limited to their EC mandate

**Member elected by the respective Regional Commission, until 2019

ANNEX IX

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
1985-1987	France	Nigeria	Mexico	Indonesia	Sri Lanka		Iraq
1987-1989	Mexico	Congo		Japan	Maldives	Netherlands	Iraq
1989-1991	United States *	Congo		Japan	Maldives	Netherlands	Jordan
1991-1993	Jordan	Gabon	United States *	Indonesia	Nepal	Poland	
1993-1995		Ghana	Canada	Indonesia	Nepal	Finland *	Syrian A.R.
1995-1997	Mexico	South Africa		DPR of Korea	Bangladesh	Israel	Syrian A.R.
1997-1999	Jamaica	Ethiopia		Macau	Bangladesh	Spain	Syrian A.R.
1999-2001	Brazil	Namibia		Macau	Maldives	Spain	Syrian A.R.
2001-2003	Brazil	Côte d'Ivoire		China	Iran	Spain	Lebanon
2003-2005	Spain	Nigeria	Ecuador	China	Maldives		Lebanon
2005-2007	San Marino	Kenya	Canada	Philippines	Iran		Lebanon
2007-2009	San Marino	Senegal	Argentina	China	Iran		Iraq
2009-2011	Brazil	South Africa	Brazil	China	Iran	France	Egypt
2011-2013	Madagascar	Madagascar	Jamaica	China	Iran	France	Egypt
2013-2015	Egypt	Mozambique	Jamaica	China	Iran	Russian Federation	Egypt
2015-2017	Thailand	Tunisia	Mexico	Thailand	India	Croatia	Egypt

* Former Member

ANNEX X

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON TOURISM ETHICS

**Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft
Convention on Tourism Ethics**
Chengdu, China, 13-15 September 2017

WG-AHC/GA prov.
Madrid, August 2017
Original: English

Briefing Note on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics

INTRODUCTION

65. In accordance with resolution 668 (XXI) of the General Assembly, the text of the [draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics](#) has been prepared by a Working Group composed of all interested member States with the assistance of the Secretariat.

66. In accordance with the [Guidelines for the adoption of draft UNWTO Conventions by the General Assembly](#) and subject to approval by the General Assembly (agenda item 5), an Ad Hoc Committee of member States should be established at the beginning of the 22nd Session of the General Assembly, to revise the amendments and prepare the final text of the Convention for submission to the Plenary Session of the Assembly (Plenary Session 4 on the afternoon of 15 September 2017, agenda item 16).

67. **All member States are encouraged to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee.** In order to ensure fair and equitable geographical representation as well as a quorum of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Regional Commissions are called upon to designate a minimum of two representatives per region; but the broader the representation, the better.

LOGISTICS

68. Delegations attending the 22nd session of the General Assembly, and interested in participating in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics, are advised to foresee including a person in their delegation dedicated to this specific topic as the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will take place in parallel with the Plenary Sessions 1 to 3 of the General Assembly.

69. Moreover, due to the technical nature of this topic, it would be desirable that representatives appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee have a legal knowledge/background or have been involved in the Working Group on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics or in the revision of its text at national level.

70. **If established, the Ad Hoc Committee would meet in the Shudu meeting room (Intercontinental Hotel) on the following dates:**

- **Wednesday 13 September 2017, 15:00-18:00;**
- **Thursday 14 September 2017, 9:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:00;**
- **Friday 15 September 2017, 9:00-12:00**

At the end of its work, the Ad Hoc Committee shall submit the revised text of the Draft Convention to the Plenary Session 4 of the General Assembly for consideration and eventual approval or adoption (agenda item 16).