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Election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2016

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2016.

Officers of the Council

Rule 5

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*

2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*

3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*

4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*

2. Although rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

3. In their respective letters addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister of Tourism of Egypt on 10 November 2014 and the Minister of Tourism of Azerbaijan on 19 August 2015 presented their countries' candidatures for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2016. Mozambique has also transmitted its candidature for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for 2016.

4. In his letter of 27 May 2015 the Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo submitted the candidature of his country to the position of Vice-Chair of the Executive Council. In addition, in his letter addressed to the Secretary-General on 20 August 2015, the Minister of Tourism of Croatia submitted the candidature of his country for the position of first Vice-Chair of the Executive Council for 2016.



II. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

5. The Executive Council is invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chairs.