



## Executive Council

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### Place and dates of the 103rd session of the Executive Council

#### I. Introduction

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1. Document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev.1 "***Guidelines on the selection of venues of Executive Council and General Assembly sessions***" approved by the Executive Council states:

*"14. (a) The next Executive Council meeting following the one held immediately after the General Assembly must be held at the Headquarters of the Organization. It decides the places of the meetings of the Council up to the next General Assembly. (...)"*

2. The decision (CE/DEC/11(XCIV)) corresponding to the above-mentioned document says:

*"The Executive Council, (...) endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to try to hold at least one meeting of the Executive Council at the Headquarters of the Organization in non-Assembly years;*

3. In compliance with the guideline mentioned in paragraph 1 above. Spain informed the Secretariat of its readiness to organize the 103rd session of the Executive Council in Malaga Province, Spain.

4. In addition, the Secretary-General informs the Executive Council that, in December 2014, Jamaica and the Bahamas sent a letter to him expressing their willingness to jointly host one of the forthcoming 103rd or 104th sessions of the Executive Council in Montego Bay, Jamaica; and that Egypt also confirmed in April 2015 its previous wish to organize one of the forthcoming 103rd or 104th sessions of the Executive Council (originally communicated through a formal letter dated 24 December 2013).

5. Document CE/94/3(III)(d) also states the following requirements for applicants to the hosting of Executive Council meetings:

*"14. (b) "States wishing to host the Executive Council should inform the Secretary-General ninety days before the Executive Council that is required to decide on the venues of these forthcoming meetings. Such candidature must specify the ordinal number of the Executive Council meeting that the country wishes to host.*



14. (c) *The Secretary-General communicates to the Member States of the Executive Council, in the month following the closing date for the reception of candidatures, the list of candidates to host the Executive Council, requesting them to indicate if they grant their sponsorship to this or these candidatures. In order for a candidature to be eligible, it must receive the sponsorship of at least 25% of the Full Members of the Executive Council. Granting sponsorship does not mean a commitment by the State to vote for such candidature. Consequently, a Member may sponsor several candidatures.*"

6. Taking into account the guidelines adopted by the Council for the venues of its sessions, the Secretary-General proposes:

- (a) to hold the 103rd session of Executive Council (first semester 2016) in Spain, and
- (b) to inform Jamaica and the Bahamas, and Egypt about the different requirements of the document and decision cited and to invite the applicants to fulfil such requirements.

## **II. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council**

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7. The Executive Council is invited:

- (a) To follow the guidelines it has adopted for the selection of venues of its sessions; and
- (b) To approve the proposal of the Secretary-General:
  - (i) to hold the 103rd session of Executive Council (first semester 2016) in Spain, and
  - (ii) to inform Jamaica and the Bahamas, and Egypt, as possible applicants, about the different requirements of document CE/94/3(III)(d) and decision CE/DEC/11(XCIV), and to invite them to fulfil such requirements.