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Place and dates of the 104th, 105th and 106th sessions of the Executive Council

I. Candidates for the 104th session

1. In a note verbale dated 9 March 2016, the Secretariat informed the Council members that, as of the deadline date of 10 February 2016, the UNWTO Secretariat had received two candidatures to host the 104th session of the Executive Council: Egypt, and Jamaica jointly with the Bahamas.
2. Also in a note verbale, dated 24 March 2016, the Secretariat communicated to the members the withdrawal of the joint candidature of Jamaica and the Bahamas in favour of Egypt.
3. By 9 April 2016, 30 days before the 103rd session of the Council, Egypt had provided the Secretariat with sponsorship letters from more than 25 percent of the Council members.

II. The 105th and 106th sessions

4. In its 94th session, the Council took decision 11(XCIV) adopting document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev. 1 which describes the guidelines for the selection of venues of Executive Council and General Assembly sessions. Paragraph 16 of this document reads as follows:

“(...) when the Council meets to recommend to the General Assembly a nominee for appointment to the post of Secretary-General, the meeting of the Executive Council shall take place at the Headquarters of the Organization.”

5. Therefore, the 105th session, in which a nominee for appointment to the post of Secretary-General will be recommended, must be held at the Headquarters of the Organization, in the second quarter of 2017, on dates to be agreed with Spain, the host country.
6. The 106th session of the Council will be held immediately before the 22nd session of the General Assembly, in Chengdu, China, in the fourth quarter of 2017, on a date to be agreed with China, the host country.



III. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

7. The Executive Council is invited:
- (a) To express its gratitude to the governments of Jamaica and of the Bahamas, which withdrew their joint candidature to host the 104th session of the Council in favour of Egypt;
 - (b) To accept the generous invitation of Egypt to hold the 104th session of the UNWTO Executive Council in the fourth quarter of 2016;
 - (c) To hold its 105th session in Madrid, Spain, in the second quarter of 2017, on dates to be agreed with Spain, the host country; and
 - (d) To hold its 106th session in Chengdu, China, immediately before the 22nd session of the UNWTO General Assembly, in the fourth quarter of 2017, on a date to be agreed with China, the host country.