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CE/DEC/1(CV)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/105/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its 105th session as proposed.

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CE/DEC/2(CV)

Communication of the Chair

Agenda item 2
(document CE/105/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of the Chair of the 105th session of the Executive Council, Mr. Abulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan,

1. *Thanks* the Chair for his communication to the Executive Council;
2. *Shares* the view of the Chair about the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development being a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the contribution of sustainable tourism to development;
3. *Endorses* his call to Members to promote tourism's role in such key areas as inclusive economic growth, employment and poverty reduction, resource efficiency and environmental protection, cultural values, diversity and heritage, mutual understanding, and peace and security; and
4. *Extends* its gratitude and appreciation to the Chair of the Council, to the first Vice-Chair, Zambia, and to the second Vice-Chair, Serbia, for their dynamic leadership and for their personal contributions to the successful deliberations of its various agenda items.

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CE/DEC/3(CV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(a) International tourism in 2016 and 2017

Agenda item 3(a)
(document CE/105/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international tourism results and trends in 2016 and 2017.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(b) Mainstreaming tourism in the global agenda

Agenda item 3(b)
(document CE/105/3(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the work of the Secretariat in mainstreaming tourism in the global and national agendas;
2. *Encourages* Member States to strongly engage with and support the celebration of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017 as a unique opportunity to mainstream tourism in national agendas;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to Thailand for successfully hosting the official celebrations of World Tourism Day 2016 and invites Members to celebrate World Tourism Day 2017 on the theme “Sustainable Tourism – a tool for development” in their countries as well as to attend the official celebrations in Qatar;
4. *Approves* the proposed themes for World Tourism Day 2018 and 2019: “Tourism and the digital transformation” (2018) and “Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all” (2019); and
5. *Encourages* Member States to embrace the implementation process of the SDGs at the national and international levels.

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CE/DEC/5(CV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(c) Priorities and Management vision

Agenda item 3(c)
(document CE/105/3(c))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the progress made in the priorities of the Organization;
2. *Encourages* Member States to become active members of the High Level Task Force on Tourism and Security and requests the Secretary-General to share the results of the 1st Meeting of the UNWTO Task Force, held on 10 May 2017 in Madrid, Spain, in order for Members to provide feedback; and
3. *Takes note* of the request from a number of African Member States to give higher priority to Brand Africa.

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CE/DEC/6(CV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(d) Report on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017 and report of the Steering Committee

Agenda item 3(d)
(document CE/105/3(d))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017 (IY2017),

1. *Thanks* Samoa, as Chair of the IY2017 Steering Committee (SC2017), and all other members of the SC2017, for their continued support and commitment;
2. *Acknowledges and expresses gratitude* for the invaluable support of the nine Special Ambassadors for the IY2017;
3. *Encourages* all Members and tourism stakeholders to engage in activities during the Year, to explore the official IY2017 website, to use the official IY2017 logo, and to promote the consumer campaign "Travel.Enjoy.Respect.";
4. *Takes note* of the completion of the first phase of the flagship report "Tourism for Development", and encourages all Members and tourism stakeholders to provide comments and relevant case studies; and
5. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the support of the 53 Official Sponsors, Partners and Friends of the IY2017 thus far, and encourages all Members to support the efforts of the Secretariat in mobilizing resources for the IY2017.

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CE/DEC/7(CV)

Report of the Secretary General

Part II: Programme of Work

(a) Implementation of the General Programme of Work for 2016-2017

Agenda item 5(a)
(documents CE/105/5(a) and CE/105/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General, Part II: Programme of Work, Implementation of the General Programme of Work for 2016-2017, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Takes note* of all the activities summarized in this report and its annexes;
2. *Thanks* the members of the three technical committees for their work and the progress achieved;

Having specific regard to the Report of the Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account,

3. *Supports* the work carried out by the Working Group of Experts towards a Statistical Framework for Measuring Sustainable Tourism (MST) and the proposed way forward;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to step up efforts towards the success of the MST and to submit progress reports to the General Assembly;

Having specific regard to the UNWTO activities in the United Nations system,

5. *Acknowledges* and supports the UNWTO's ongoing participation in various United Nations networks and mechanisms on substantive issues, including the Chief Executives Board's subsidiary bodies;
6. *Also supports* the activities and continued efforts of the Organization in the area of advocacy of tourism as a driver of development and peace, with a strong focus on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related indicators;
7. *Further supports* the Secretariat in the implementation of the International Year of Sustainable

Tourism for Development, 2017 as stipulated in United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/193;

8. *Encourages* the Secretariat to actively contribute to the forthcoming United Nations Conference “To Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development” (The Ocean Conference), to be held in New York on 5-9 June 2017;

Having specific regard to the Convention on the Protection of Tourists and the Rights and Obligations of Tourism Service Providers and the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics,

9. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in the drafting of both the Convention on the Protection of Tourists and the Rights and Obligations of Tourism Service Providers and the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics;

10. *Thanks* the members of the Working Groups that have participated in the drafting of such texts;

11. *Endorses* the Guidelines for the adoption of the draft UNWTO Conventions by the General Assembly and recommends the approval of the Guidelines to the General Assembly in order to facilitate the discussion of the texts and ensure a smooth and time-efficient procedure for the consideration of the Conventions;

12. *Also endorses* the recommendation of the Working Group on the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics to avoid making any change to the text of the Global Code of Ethics which is included in Articles 4 to 12 of the draft text of the Convention and encourages the Working Group to continue working on all the other draft provisions in order to finalize a draft text to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly for its consideration;

13. *Recommends* the General Assembly to consider the adoption of the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics;

Recalling that Members remain free to approve, accede, accept or ratify both draft conventions,

14. *Takes note* that some Member States of the Council have expressed reservations and sought more time for consultations; and

15. *Specially thanks* the Member States and international organizations that have participated in the Public Consultation of the Convention on the Protection of Tourists and the Rights and Obligations of Tourism Service Providers, for their kind participation, their time and the efforts made in analysing the Convention and providing their comments to the Secretariat.

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CE/DEC/8(CV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Part II: Programme of Work

(b) Draft Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization for 2018-2019

Agenda item 5(b)
(documents CE/105/5(b) and CE/105/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the draft Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization for 2018-2019, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Adopts* the draft General Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization for the period 2018-2019, for a total amount of EUR 27,573,000, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 23(2) of the Statutes, and authorizes the Secretary-General to execute the Programme of Work and Budget for 2018-2019 in accordance with the amounts collected, establishing a plan of expenditure for that purpose and keeping with the satisfactory budgetary practice established in the previous financial years;
2. *Takes note* of the changes made in the structure of the revised budget for 2016-2017 as at 31 March 2017 as presented in document CE/105/5(b);
3. *Notes with appreciation* the Secretary-General's proposal to present a balanced budget for the biennium 2018-2019, with zero nominal growth in Members' contributions for 2018 over 2017 and with a 4% increase in 2019 over 2018;
4. *Approves* the proposed scale of contributions for 2018-2019 as modified to reflect the 0% and 4% annual growth in individual country contributions with respect to 2017 and 2018 respectively, except when required by technical changes in the class situation of individual country cases and changes in membership as appropriate;
5. *Takes into account* that the level of the budget for 2018 and 2019 will be of EUR 27,573,000, and endorses that the budgetary income approved for the next biennium should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the rounded amounts of EUR 12,623,000 for 2018 and EUR 13,166,000 for 2019, and that the balance to be financed should be covered by the

contributions of the Affiliate Members and the other sources of funding referred to in the corresponding document taking into account there might be adjustments necessary in case of new Affiliate Members' joining or withdrawing from the Organization, and agrees that, in accordance with resolution A/RES/526(XVII), the contributions of the Associate Members be divided into two separate categories, each being 10% lower than the contribution of the Full Members in groups 13 and 9 respectively;

6. *Endorses* the proposal of France:

(a) to review the fees of Affiliate Members, in line with the changes in contributions for Full and Associate Members, and

(b) to differentiate the fees of the Affiliate Members depending on whether or not they are registered in a UNWTO Member State;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to present an updated Programme and Budget proposal to the General Assembly, in consultation with the Chair of the Programme and Budget Committee.

Having listened carefully to the statement of Kenya, seconded by Jamaica,

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to initiate a review of the mechanism for assessing Members' contributions for the next programme and budget cycle;

9. *Encourages* the Secretariat to further continue with its efforts in cost savings and control of expenditures and takes note that the Programme and Budget only includes Regular Budget programmes within the General Fund and notes that Other programmes within the General Fund or Other Funds (Voluntary Contributions Funds and Fund In Trust) will be added to the Organization's output and reinforce the resources and thus the activities of the Organization, especially in respect of technical cooperation; and

10. *Commends* the members of the Programme and Budget Committee and its Chair for their valuable contributions to the preparation of the Organization's draft Programme of Work for 2018-2019.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(a) Financial report of the Organization for 2017

Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (Administrative and statutory matters)

Agenda item 7(a)
(documents CE/105/7(a) and CE/105/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined document CE/105/7(a), the financial report of the Organization for 2017, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Takes note* of the level of collection of contributions from Members for financial year 2017 as of 31 March 2017 amounting to EUR 7,719,429, and also of the collection of contributions in arrears, amounting to EUR 440,310;
2. *Also takes note* of the adjustments made by the Secretary-General to the staff appropriations of programmes for 2017 as submitted for approval under document CE/105/5(b);
3. *Urges* Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2017 thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution;
4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the voluntary contributions, in-kind donations and Initiative projects and encourages the Secretary-General to implement them, seeking whenever possible to diversify the sources of financing UNWTO activities in support of the aims of the Organization; and
5. *Further takes note* of the salary scales approved by the United Nations and applied by the Secretary-General in accordance with Staff Rule 33(1) as follows: (a) amended salary scale for staff in the General Service (GS) category effective 1 October 2016, (b) unified salary scale and revised pensionable remuneration scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories with effect from 1 January 2017, and (c) revised pensionable remuneration scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories with effect from 1 February 2017.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(b) UNWTO financial report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

Agenda item 7(b)
(document CE/105/7(b) and CE/105/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined document CE/105/7(b) on the UNWTO financial report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the unqualified opinion of the External Auditors that the UNWTO Financial Statements for the year ended 2016 present a true image of the financial position of the UNWTO as at 31 December 2016 and of its performance, its cash flows and changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2016, in compliance with UNWTO Financial Regulations and Rules and International Public Sector Accounting Standards;
2. *Takes note* that the issue which led to an audit opinion exception regarding the timing difference in the auditing of the Financial Statements of the Themis Foundation raised during the external audit of the UNWTO Financial Statements for the year ended 2015 has been resolved;
3. *Recommends* the General Assembly to approve the UNWTO Financial Statements for the year ended 2016;
4. *Notes* that in the financial year 2016 the level of budgetary expenditure was maintained within the limit of approved appropriations, resulting in an implementation rate of 92% out of the total budgetary income and observes that the level of budgetary income received (cash-in) in 2016, including Members' arrears, represents 94% of the approved budget income, resulting in a cash surplus which was returned to the Working Capital Fund (WCF) to partially cover the advance made from the WCF in previous years;
5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General continue in 2017 his approaches to Members that owe

contributions to the Organization in order to secure their payment;

6. *Approves* the adjustments made by the Secretary-General to the 2016 transfers of appropriations indicated in the document recommended by the Programme and Budget Committee and by the Executive Council members through a written consultation in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.3(a) and 5.3(b);

7. *Takes note* of the decisions taken by the UN General Assembly following its consideration of the report on After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) of the UN ASHI Working Group;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the progress of the UN ASHI Working Group, particularly on full funding or alternatives to full funding of ASHI liabilities and on standardizing the general valuation methodology, in order to assess, in the context of the social and legal backdrop as well as acquired rights, cost-containment measures for UNWTO after-service employee benefits and to take into account, as appropriate, UN ASHI Working Group recommendations on adequate funding of the ASHI liability prior to presenting draft budgets and proposals to the Executive Council; and

9. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Chair of the Programme and Budget Committee (Argentina) and the External Auditor (Spain) for the work carried out.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(c) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (Administrative and statutory matters)

Agenda item 7(c)
(documents CE/105/7(c) and CE/105/4))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report by the Secretariat, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Thanks* the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations despite their internal constraints;
2. *Notes with satisfaction* that Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan and Nicaragua have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2017;
3. *Notes with appreciation* that Full Members Pakistan, Togo, Senegal and Venezuela are no longer subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially;
4. *Approves* the payment plan submitted by Guinea for the settlement of its arrears as well as the revision proposal made by Uruguay for its payment plan;
5. *Reminds* Members to pay their contributions to the budget within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations; and
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform it, at its next session, about the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(d) Report of the Working Group on the Review of the Amendment Procedure of the Statutes

Agenda item 7(d)
(document CE/105/7(d))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Working Group on the Review of the Amendment Procedure of the Statutes,

1. *Thanks* the Working Group for its work and takes note of its activities on the Review of the Procedure of Amendment to the Statutes and Financing Rules pursuing the objectives of amending Article 33 of the Statutes, as set out in resolution A/RES/662(XXI) and decision CE/DEC/13(CIII);
2. *Approves* the proposal made by the Working Group on pending amendments that could enter into force once the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes is effective and requests the Secretary-General to submit this list for approval by the UNWTO General Assembly at its twenty-second session;
3. *Supports* the suggestion of Germany to amend the proposed wording of Article 33(3) as follows:

“An amendment shall come into force for all Members within one year after it has been adopted by the Assembly, unless the resolution by which it is adopted provides that the procedure established in paragraph 4 shall be applicable.”; and
4. *Requests* the Working Group to analyse other pending amendments and evaluate whether they are still appropriate or relevant in order to submit recommendations to the General Assembly at its 22nd session for approval.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(e) Human resources report

Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (Administrative and statutory matters)

Agenda item 7(e)
(documents CE/105/7(e) and CE/105/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the human resources situation of the Organization, as well as the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided on the human resources of the Organization;
2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the work currently being carried out by those persons in the service of the Organization and their contribution to its Programme of Work, especially in view of the rising demands made on the Organization with its limited resources;
3. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Secretariat for the financing of Junior Professional Officers at UNWTO, through the UNDP framework agreement; and
4. *Thanks* the Ethics Officer for the work carried out, as presented in his report, and takes note of the ongoing implementation of the ethics functions.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: Administrative and statutory matters

(f) Report of the Staff Association

Agenda item 7(f)
(document CE/105/7(f))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the UNWTO Staff Association,

1. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General, the Administration and Human Resources programmes and the UNWTO Staff Association on the progress achieved in the area of work-life balance;
2. *Encourages* the establishment of a management team in which there is a more balanced representation of men and women;
3. *Supports* the exchange of information, dialogue and consultations with staff and their Association in order to foster a smooth transition that will enable the Organization to continue to carry out its important work and to fulfil with the utmost rigour and enthusiasm the mandate given by its Members;
4. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General draw a clearer distinction between time-bound projects and the core tasks of the Organization; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a concrete and viable plan to improve the training and skills development of the staff.



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CE/DEC/15(CV)

Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8(a)
(document CE/105/8(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members,

1. *Acknowledges* the increasing influence of the UNWTO Awards beyond the UNWTO Members, and their impact in promoting the UNWTO and its activities in order to engage potential members and partners;
2. *Encourages* the participation of the Member States in the existing UNWTO Networks (gastronomy, shopping, city) and their proactive involvement in new areas of exchange of expertise;
3. *Takes note* of the further dissemination and visibility of the UNWTO Prototype methodology, including phases 4 and 5, as an ideal framework where the public and private sectors can collaborate in the sharing of knowledge and development of projects that enhance competitiveness within an ethical and sustainable environment;
4. *Supports* the creation of the Wine Tourism Network, "The Joyful Journey - A UNWTO Wine Tourism Network" and endorses the terms and conditions for participating in the Network as well as the Guidelines for the use of its specific logo in order to be applicable in future Prototypes; and
5. *Thanks* the Secretary-General for distributing to the members of the Executive Council, for information, the draft text of new Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members, which is to be approved by the Plenary of the Affiliate Members and submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session for ratification.

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Affiliate Members

(b) Guidelines for States on criteria for endorsement of candidates to affiliate membership

Agenda item 8(b)
(document CE/105/8(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the document “Guidelines for States on criteria for endorsement of candidates to affiliate membership”,

1. *Approves* the proposal made by the Secretariat to help the States take into consideration the most important factors that should be reviewed before admission to affiliate membership takes place, as requested by the Executive Council at its 100th session held in Rovinj, Croatia, in 2015; and
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate of the “Guidelines for States on criteria for endorsement of candidates to affiliate membership” to the Full Members before submitting it to the consideration of the General Assembly.

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Affiliate Members

(c) Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership

Agenda item 8(c)
(document CE/105/8(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met in Madrid, Spain, on 11 May 2017, under the chairmanship of Thailand,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Committee; and
2. *Decides* to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates, pending ratification by the twenty-second session of the General Assembly:

1. ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS HOTÉIS E RESORTS DE ANGOLA – AHRA (ANGOLA)
2. ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE ENOTURISMO (AEE) (SPAIN)
3. BETTERFLY TOURISM (FRANCE)
4. BILBAO EKINTZA (SPAIN)
5. COHU EXPERIENCE (FINLAND)
6. DESARROLLO E INVESTIGACIONES TURISTICA, S.L. – GLOBALDIT (SPAIN)
7. EMPRESA MUNICIPAL DE INICIATIVAS Y ACTIVIDADES DE MÁLAGA, S.A. – PROMÁLAGA (SPAIN)
8. INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO TURÍSTICO (INFOTUR) (ANGOLA)
9. INSTITUTO MEDIO DE GESTAO, HOTELARIA E TURISMO - FRANCISCO DOS SANTOS (IMGHT-FS) (ANGOLA)
10. INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE TOURISM INITIATIVE, CENTER FOR HEALTH AND

- THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT - HARVARD T.H. CHAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
(UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
11. JAPAN FEDERATION OF SERVICE & TOURISM INDUSTRIES WORKERS' UNIONS
(SERVICE-RENGO) (JAPAN)
 12. NECSTOUR – THE NETWORK OF EUROPEAN REGIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND
COMPETITIVE TOURISM (BELGIUM)
 13. NON-COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION TO DEFENCE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY "INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND UNIVERSAL
DESIGN" (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
 14. NYÍREGYHÁZI TURISZTIKAI NONPROFIT KFT. (HUNGARY)
 15. PUNTA DEL ESTE CONVENTION BUREAU (URUGUAY)
 16. RISSHO UNIVERSITY – FACULTY OF ECONOMICS (JAPAN)
 17. SAS LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE (FRANCE)
 18. SCIENTIFIC-CULTURAL CENTER OF ADMINISTRATION OF STATE HISTORICAL -
ARCHITECTURAL RESERVE "ICHERISHEHER" (AZERBAIJAN)
 19. THE FEDERATION OF JTB GROUP WORKERS' UNIONS (JAPAN)
 20. ULSAN METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT (REPUBLIC OF KOREA)
 21. UNIVERSITÉ DE PERPIGNAN VIA DOMITIA (FRANCE)
 22. VIOLIN TRAVEL (HUNGARY)
 23. WORLD CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR DESTINATIONS (CANADA)
 24. WORLD TOURISM FORUM LUCERNE (SWITZERLAND)

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CE/DEC/18(CV)

Report of the Chair of the Executive Council on the credentials of the Members

Agenda item 9
(document CE/105/9)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Chair of the Executive Council on the credentials of the members,

Decides to approve the credentials of the members of the Council.

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CE/DEC/19(CV)

Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2018-2021

Agenda item 10
(document CE/105/10 rev.1)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the statement of Mr. Alain St. Ange,

1. *Takes note of his withdrawal; and*

Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and Rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having heard the presentations of the five candidates,

Having held a private meeting in accordance with Rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure and the relevant provisions contained in document CE/104/9,

Having heard the designation by its Chair of the representatives of Croatia, Italy, Mexico and Thailand as tellers to count the votes,

Having held a secret ballot during this meeting in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

Noting that the ballot gave 3 votes to Mr. Jaime Alberto Cabal (Colombia), 7 votes to Ms. Young-shim Dho (Republic of Korea), 4 votes to Mr. Márcio Favilla (Brazil), 11 votes to Mr. Walter Mzembi (Zimbabwe) and 8 votes to Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili (Georgia),

Noting that none of the candidates received the required majority of votes in the first ballot and that a second ballot was held,

Noting that the second ballot gave 15 votes to Mr. Walter Mzembi and 18 votes to Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili,

Also noting that Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili received in the second ballot the required majority of Council members' votes,

2. *Recommends* the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili to the post of Secretary-General for the period 2018-2021.

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CE/DEC/20(CV)

Preparations for the twenty-second session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 11
(document CE/105/11)

The Executive Council

1. *Takes note* of the report on the preparations for the twenty-second session of the General Assembly; and
2. *Also takes note* of the statement by Argentina regarding its candidature to host the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

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Executive Council

105th session

Madrid, Spain, 10-12 May 2017

CE/DEC/21(CV)

Place and dates of the 106th and 107th sessions of the Executive Council

Agenda item 12
(document CE/105/12)

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its 106th and 107th sessions in Chengdu, China, on 12 and 16 September 2017, respectively, in the context of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.

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Executive Council

105th session

Madrid, Spain, 10-12 May 2017

CE/DEC/22(CV)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having carried out the work of its 105th session under the excellent conditions placed at its disposal by the Kingdom of Spain,

1. *Expresses its most sincere gratitude* to the Government and people of Spain for the support extended to the UNWTO and its Members in hosting this session of the Council in the beautiful capital city of Madrid, and for the opportunity provided to the delegates to enjoy the tourism attractions of the city as well as social events; and
2. *Deeply thanks* H.E. Matilde Pastora Asían González, Secretary of State for Tourism of Spain, for honouring the Council's Members with her presence, and expresses its sincere recognition to her and her team for their hospitality and constant support to the organization of the session.

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