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CE/DEC/1(CVI)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/106/1 prov. and CE/106/1 prov.suppl.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the provisional agenda and the supplementary provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat,

Decides to adopt the agenda of its 106th session as proposed.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(b) Financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 2(b) and 2(a)
(documents A/22/10(III)(b) and CE/106/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization,

Having heard 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 30 June 2017 amounting to EUR 9,800,066, and also of the collection of contributions in arrears, amounting to EUR 622,561;
2. *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;
3. *Takes note* with appreciation of the voluntary contributions, in-kind donations and Initiative projects and encourage 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;
4. *Approves* the use the Special Contingency Reserve (SCR) funding amounting to EUR 35,000 for the update of the CRM system within the Web project;
5. *Further takes note* that the United Nations may approve within 2017 a reviewed post adjustment index for staff in the Professional and higher categories with effect presumably within 2017 and an updated salary scale for staff in the General Service (GS) category effective 1 October 2017, and also take note that the Secretary-General may apply both in accordance with Staff Rule 33(1).
6. *Also takes note* of the advances made in the IPSAS post-implementation phase project and of the pressure that these major business projects (sustainability of IPSAS and implementation of Athena II plan) put on the Secretariat, particularly in the Budget and Finance Programme;
7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to advance in the IPSAS post-implementation phase project and to continue reporting its progress to the EC; and

8. Notes that the go-live of Athena II modules and processes is planned within the first semester of 2018.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(c) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Agenda items 2(c) and 2(a)
(documents A/22/8(b), A/22/8(b) Add.1 and CE/106/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the application of the Members mentioned in the above documents of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Having been informed of the Members granted temporary exemption from the provisions of Article 34 and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

Having heard the report of the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that Full Member Ghana is no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules since it has reduced its contribution arrears partially;
2. *Decides* in view of their compliance with their agreed payment plans, to propose to the General Assembly to renew the temporary exemption from provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members Bolivia, Cambodia, Iraq, Republic of the Gambia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nicaragua and Sao Tome and Principe;
3. *Also decides* to submit to the General Assembly the payment plans approved by the Executive Council at its 103rd, 104th and 105th sessions submitted by Full Members Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Guinea and Uruguay for revision, as well as the payment plans submitted to the present session of the Executive Council by the Full Members Bahrain, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen, and the two-year payment plan of Russian Travel Guide RTG;
4. *Further decides* to recommend to the General Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Sudan and Uruguay, as well as that of Affiliate Members Camara de Turismo de Cabo Verde and Instituto de Turismo Responsable

from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2018;

5. Notes that the following Members continue to be subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
BENIN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
CHAD
LIBERIA
LYBIA
MALAWI
RWANDA
SIERRA LEONE
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
VANUATU

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (Jordan)
ASOCIAÇÃO INTERPARLAMENTAR DE TURISMO (AIDT) – (Brazil)
ASSOCIATION OF TURKISH TRAVEL AGENCIES (TURSAB)
AZERBAIJAN TOURISM AND MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY
CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION (CTO) (Barbados)
BALKAN ALLIANCE OF HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS – BAHA (FYROM)
BORSA INTERNAZIONALE DEL TURISMO (BIT) (Belgium)
CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (USA)
CENTRE FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL TOURISM PRODUCT (Uzbekistan)
CLUB MEDITERRANEE (France)
CONDE NAST TRAVELLER LUXURY TRAVEL FAI/ZAO “CONDE NAST” (Russian Federation)
CONFEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJE – CEAV
CONSEJO FEDERAL DE TURISMO DE LA REPÚBLICA ARGENTINA
CONSEJO MEXICANO DE LA INDUSTRIA DEL TURISMO MEDICO A.C.
CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE TURISMO DE VENEZUELA
DELTA GROUP LTD (Azerbaijan)
DUSTY WORLD S.L. (Spain)
EGYPTIAN TRAVEL AGENTS ASSOCIATION
FEDERATION NATIONALE DE L’INDUSTRIE TOURISTIQUE CÔTE D’IVOIRE FENITOURCI
FEDERATION TUNISIENNE DE L’HÔTELLERIE
FEDERTURISMO/CONFINDUSTRIA (Italy)
FLOOFL CLC (UK)
FUNDACIÓN GENERAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE ALCALA (Spain)
GREEN TOURISM ACTIVE (South Africa)
IDESTUR – INSTITUTO DE DESENVOLVIMENTO DO TURISMO RURAL (Brazil)
INSTITUTE OF TRAINING REASECHAR & OPERATIONAL CONSULTANCY (Islamic Republic of Iran)

INSTITUT SUPÉRIEUR INTERNATIONAL DE TOURISME DE TANGER (ISITT) (Morocco)
 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND EXHIBITIONS GROUP (ITE) (UK)
 IRANIAN TOURISM SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION (ITSA)
 ISCET – HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM (Portugal)
 KHAZAR TRAVEL “XEZER TOURS AND TRAVEL” (Azerbaijan)
 LEADERS GROUP FOR CONSULTING AND DEVELOPMENT (Kuwait)
 LIBERTAS REGIS D.O.O. BEST CROATIAN TRAVEL
 LIVINGSTONE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM EXCELLENCE (Zambia)
 MACAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
 MISR TRAVEL (Egypt)
 NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM (NIHOTOUR) (Nigeria)
 PACIFIC ASIA TRAVEL WRITERS ASSOCIATION PAWTA (India)
 PORTOENORTE (Portugal)
 PRODIGY CONSULTORES S.L. (Spain)
 RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX (France)
 SABOREA ESPAÑA
 SAVEUR TROPICAL SARL (Gabon)
 “SLIK WAY” AIRLINES LLC. “SW TRAVEL BRANCH” (Azerbaijan)
 TEZ TOUR (Turkey)
 THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE
 TOURISM INTELLIGENCE INTERNATIONAL LTD (Germany)
 TOURISM & RECREATIONAL CENTERS ORGANIZATION (TRCO) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 TRAVEL WEEKLY GROUP (UK)
 TTF AUSTRALIA
 TTG ITALIA
 UBM ROUTES LTD (U.K.)
 UNIVERSIDAD DE OCCIDENTE (Mexico)
 UNIVERSIDAD LASALLE CANCUN (Mexico)
 UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL MAYOR DE SAN MARCOS (Peru)
 UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY (Canada)
 UNIVERSITY OF NATIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY (Bulgaria)
 UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN SYDNEY LEISURE SPORT AND TOURISM (Australia)
 UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, ECONOMICS AND LAW KUTEL (Ukraine)
 VIP TOURISM S.L. (Spain)

Having taken note of the list of Members currently subject to the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes,

6. *Observes* that the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes could be applicable to them in 2018 in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of General Assembly resolution 217(VII), if they have not reached an agreement with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment:

FULL MEMBERS

1. LIBYA
2. RWANDA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

1. AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
2. BALKAN ALLIANCE OF HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS - BAHA
3. CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
4. CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION - CTO
5. CONFEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES - CEAV
6. CLUB MEDITERRANÉE
7. CONSEJO FEDERAL DE TURISMO DE LA REPUBLIC ARGENTINA
8. CONSEJO MEXICANO DE LA INDUSTRIA DEL TURISMO MEDICO
9. CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE TURISMO - CONSETURISMO
10. DELTA GROUP LTD
11. EGYPTIAN TRAVEL AGENTS ASSOCIATION
12. FEDERTURISMO - CONFINDUSTRIA
13. FÉDÉRATION TUNISIENNE DE L'HÔTELLÉRIE
14. INSTITUT SUPÉRIEUR INT. DE TANGER
15. ISCET
16. KHAZAR TRAVEL "XEZER TOURS AND TRAVEL"
17. LEADERS GROUP FOR CONSULTING AND DEVELOPMENT
18. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM - NIHOTOUR
19. PACIFIC ASIA TRAVEL WRITERS ASSOCIATION - PATWA
20. PRODIGY CONSULTORES S.L.
21. RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX
22. SAVEUR TROPICALE SARL
23. SILK WAY AIRLINES-SW TRAVEL
24. TEZTOUR
25. TOURISM INTELLIGENCE INTERNATIONAL LTD
26. UBM ROUTES LTD
27. UNIVERSIDAD DE OCCIDENTE
28. UNIVERSIAD LA SALLE CANCÚN
29. UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY LEISURE SPORT
30. UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, ECONOMICS & LAW "LUTEL"
31. ZAO CONDE NAST – CONDE NAST TRAVELLER LUXURY TRAVEL

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Administrative and statutory matters

(d) Election of the External Auditor for 2018-2019

Agenda item 2(d)
(document A/22/10(III)(e) and CE/106/2(a))

The Executive Council,

1. *Expresses* its satisfaction for the competent work of the External Auditor elected for the current biennium, Spain, and thanks it for its contribution; and
2. *Requests* the General Assembly to designate Spain as the External Auditor to carry out the auditing of the Organization for the period 2018-2019 for the external audit of the UNWTO Financial Statements for the years ended 31 December 2017 and 2018.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(e) Report on the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in the context of the White Paper

Agenda item 2(e)
(document CE/106/2(e))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in 2016,

1. *Takes note* of the reports and the management letter issued by the Joint Inspection Unit in 2016 referenced in document CE/106/2(e) and thanks the Unit for its insights;
2. *Reconfirms* decision CE/DEC/7(XCIV) approving the White Paper Implementation Plan as the main instrument to drive the reform process at the UNWTO, also in line with the JIU Management Letter in 2016;
3. *Welcomes* the constructive approach started by the JIU in 2013 in relation to their differentiating recommendations addressed to smaller agencies into recommendations for information and recommendations for action according to their relevance to these agencies;
4. *Also takes note* of the relevant recommendations presented by the JIU reports in 2016; and
5. *Approves* the actions to be taken on each one of them, as proposed in the Annex to document CE/106/2(e) and requests the Secretary-General to report accordingly to the JIU on them.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(f) Information and communication technologies at the Secretariat

Agenda item 2(f)
(documents CE/106/2(f) and CE/106/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies at the Secretariat;

1. *Takes note* of the audit reports on the status of ICT activities in this document; and
2. *Also takes note* of the progress in the technology infrastructure already implemented by the Organization while acknowledging that a rapidly evolving technology environment and budgetary constraints represent a set of unique challenges in the near future.

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CE/DEC/7(CVI)

Implementation of the general programme of work for 2016-2017

Agenda item 3
(document CE/106/3)

The Executive Council,

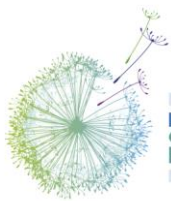
Having examined the report on the implementation of the general programme of work for 2016-2017,

1. *Takes note* of all the activities summarized in this report and its annexes;
2. *Thanks* the Members of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC) and the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS) and approves their respective reports;

Having specific regard to the Report of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC),

3. *Acknowledges* the progress made;
4. *Endorses* the definitions indicated in the CTC Report;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the endorsed definitions to the 22nd session of the General Assembly as recommendations for adoption; and
6. *Welcomes* the initiative proposed by the Chair of the CTC on developing technical guidelines to measure “tourism destination competitiveness”, encourages the CTC Members to contribute to this technical work and requests the UNWTO Members to share their knowledge and expertise when necessary with the Committee.

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CE/DEC/8(CVI)

Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership

Agenda item 4
(document CE/106/4)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met in Chengdu, China, on 12 September 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. CCRA INTERNATIONAL, INC (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 2. COMITE REGIONAL DU TOURISME DE NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE (FRANCE)
 3. CONFEDERACION PANAMERICANA DE ESCUELAS DE HOTELERIA Y TURISMO AC (CONPEHT) (MEXICO)
 4. ÉCOLE SUPERIEURE D'HOTELLERIE D'ALGER (ALGERIA)
 5. ESTUDIS D'HOTELERIA I TURISME (CETT), S.A. (SPAIN)
 6. FACHHOCHSCHULE WESTKUSTE (FHW) - HOCHSCHULE FUR WIRTSCHAFT UND TECHNIK (WEST COAST UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES) (GERMANY)
 7. FACULTAD DE TURISMO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE MÁLAGA (SPAIN)
 8. FUNDACIÓN ONCE PARA LA COOPERACIÓN E INCLUSIÓN SOCIAL DE PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD (SPAIN)
 9. LUXURIA TOURS (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)
 10. MND (FRANCE)
 11. MUNDO JOVEN TRAVEL SHOP (MEXICO)
 12. MUSEU FUTEBOL CLUBE DO PORTO- FC PORTO MUSEUM (PORTUGAL)

13. ORGANISMO AUTONOMO DE TURISMO DE ARONA (SPAIN)
14. PROMOCION DE LA CIUDAD DE LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA SA (SPAIN)
15. SAXION HOSPITALITY BUSINESS SCHOOL (NEATHERLANDS)
16. SEYCHELLES SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOUNDATION (SSTF) (SEYCHELLES)
17. THE MEDITERRANEAN TOURISM FOUNDATION (MALTA)
18. TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL INVESTMENT (MOROCCO)
19. TOURIST BOARD LINZ (AUSTRIA)
20. TRAVELINDEX (SEYCHELLES)

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Designation of the host countries for World Tourism Day 2018 and 2019

Agenda item 5
(document CE/106/5)

The Executive Council

Decides to propose to the 22nd session of the General Assembly the designation of Hungary and India to host the official celebrations of World Tourism Day in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

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Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

(a) Report on the activities of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 6(a)
(document A/22/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report submitted for information by the Chair of the Executive Council,

1. *Thanks* the chairmanship of the Executive Council for its leadership in advancing the issues in the Council's agenda; and
2. *Submits* the report to the General Assembly for approval.

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CE/DEC/11(CVI)

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

(b) Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly on the proposal of the Republic of Zimbabwe to include two new agenda sub-items in the agenda of the 22nd session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 6(b)
(document CE/106/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the proposal of the Republic of Zimbabwe to include two new sub-items in the agenda of the 22nd session of the UNWTO General Assembly, including the statements of alleged irregularities in the election procedure of the nominee to the post of Secretary-General for the period 2018-2021, as conducted by the 105th session of the Executive Council,

Acknowledging that in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes and Rule 38.2 (e), any Full Member can request a vote for the appointment of the Secretary-General at the General Assembly under provisional agenda item 9,

1. *Thanks* the Secretary-General for his detailed report illustrating full observance of the rules of the Organization in the conduct of the election procedure at the 105th session of the Executive Council;
2. *Decides*, upon the request of the Republic of Zimbabwe, to form a working group of Member States that will examine the existing rules of procedure for the election of the Secretary-General with a view to improving them; and
3. *Takes note* of the withdrawal of the above-mentioned proposal by the Republic of Zimbabwe.

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Place and date of the 107th session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 7
(document CE/106/7)

The Executive Council,

Following the practice for its sessions of the second semester in odd-numbered years,

Decides to hold its 107th session in the framework of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, in Chengdu, China, on 16 September 2017.

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