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I. Introduction

1. Pursuant to the “Guidelines on the selection of venues of Executive Council and General Assembly sessions” (document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev. 1) approved by the Executive Council through decision CE/DEC/11(XCIV), the Council, during its 108th session, is called upon to decide on the places of its meetings up to the next General Assembly.

II. Candidatures

2. In a letter to the Secretariat dated 12 February 2018, Bahrain communicated its wish to host the 109th session in Manama in the latter half of the year (see Annex I).

3. In a letter to the Secretariat dated 1 February 2018 Azerbaijan communicated its wish to host the 110th session in 2019 (see Annex II).

4. The 111th session of the Council is to be held immediately before the 23rd session of the General Assembly to be hosted by the Russian Federation in St. Petersburg.

III. Action by the Executive Council

DRAFT DECISION¹

The Executive Council,

Having heard the statements of the candidates to host its meetings up to the 23rd General Assembly,

1. *Thanks* them for their generous offers;

¹ This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.



2. *Decides* to hold its 109th session in Manama, Bahrain, on the dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country;
3. *Decides* to hold its 110th session in Azerbaijan at the venue and dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country; and
4. *Decides* to hold its 111th session immediately prior to the 23rd General Assembly session in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.

Annex I: Letter of candidature of Bahrain to host the 109th session of the Executive Council

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN
**Ministry of Industry,
 Commerce and Tourism**



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12th February 2018

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Your Excellency,

I would like to congratulate you once again on the occasion of your appointment as the Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization and look forward to working with you in the near future. I would also like to express my gratitude for your warm reception and kind remarks during our last meeting in Madrid.

As you know, for the last two years, the tourism industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain is witnessing a new resurrection, which has resulted in remarkable growth. Furthermore, last year the Kingdom was elected as a member of the UNWTO executive committee.

In this context, and to further celebrate the achieved success, we would like to express our interest to host the upcoming 109th Meeting of the UNWTO Executive Council, in November 2018, to be held in Manama, the Capital of Bahrain.

In this regard, we commit to work together with all member states and UNWTO relevant administrations to ensure the success of this important event and to achieve the Executive Council objectives.

I hope this above proposal meets your approval, looking forward to provide us with all necessary procedures.

I wish you the best of success in your new challenging responsibilities.

Yours Sincerely,

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Annex II: Letter of candidature of Azerbaijan to host the 110th session of the Executive Council

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H.E. Zurab Pololikashvili
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World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Dear Secretary-General,

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan presents its compliments to the UNWTO and has the honour to refer to the recent procedures on defining the host countries for the 109th and 110th sessions of its Executive Council.

We would like to kindly inform you that Azerbaijan is intended to propose its candidacy to host the 110th session of the UNWTO's Executive Council.

Our country held the chair position in the UNWTO Executive Council for the period of 2017 and did its best to increase the efficiency and productivity of our common efforts toward better future. During the sixteen years of membership in UNWTO our country has always been striving for full and active participation and standing for sustainable tourism development in the World. As a result of active membership in the Executive Council within 2014-2017 years, at the 22th session of General Assembly in Chengdu, we were re-elected for the next period of 2018-2021. Azerbaijan aims at contributing significantly to the development of partnerships and cooperation among the Council members to achieve the best solutions.

Azerbaijan also has considerable experience of hosting global events and it is hardly be an exaggeration to state that all of them were organized very successfully. In order to continue strengthening our collaboration with the UNWTO, we hereby kindly ask you to consider the Republic of Azerbaijan as a candidate to host the 110th session of the Executive Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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