

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 6
**Election of the Vice-Chairs of the
Executive Council for 2019**

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Executive summary

The Executive Council is invited to elect a first Vice-Chair and a second Vice-Chair for a term of one year.

Argentina has expressed interest in serving as first Vice-Chair of the Council in 2019.

Action by the Executive Council

DRAFT DECISION¹

The Executive Council,

Having regard to Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,

Recalling its decision 8 (CVII) regarding the designation of Zambia as Chair of the Council for 2019,

1. *Decides* to elect ... as first Vice-Chair in 2019;
2. *Decides* to elect ... as second Vice-Chair in 2019;
3. *Requests* the Full Members elected to the chairmanship/vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties in accordance with Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedures; and
4. *Pays special tribute* to the outgoing Chair, H.E. Mr. Gustavo Santos, Minister of Tourism of Argentina, the first Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Charles Romel Banda, Minister of Tourism and Arts of Zambia, and the second Vice-Chair H.E. Mr. K.J. Alphons, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture of India, for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

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.

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for a term of one year.

Officers of the Council

Rule 5

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*
 2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*
 3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*
 4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*
2. Although Rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers, in accordance with resolution 16 (II) of the General Assembly.
 3. According to decision 8 (CVII), the Executive Council at its 107th session held in Chengdu, China, on 16 September 2017, decided “to elect Zambia as Chair of the Council for 2019”.

II. Candidatures

4. On 23 October 2018, the UNWTO Secretariat received an official communication from the Government of Argentina expressing the interest of Argentina to serve as first Vice-Chair for 2019.
5. As of the date of issue of this document, no other candidatures have been received for the positions of first Vice-Chair or second Vice-Chair of the Executive Council for the year 2019.

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