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ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL AND STATUTORY MATTERS

(a) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

1. The Committee on Budget and Finance held its fifty-fourth meeting at Gyeongju (Republic of Korea), on 8 October 2011, under the chairmanship of Argentina, represented by Mr. Daniel Pablo Aguilera. Delegations of the following States participated in this meeting of the Committee: Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, and South Africa. The delegations of the following States not Members of the Committee also participated as observers: Benin, Croatia, India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

2. The UNWTO Secretariat was represented by the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of Programme and Coordination, and the Director of Administration and Finance. A list of participants is attached to this report (Annex I).

3. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda CBF/54/1 Prov. and proceeded to consider the following documents, which will be submitted to the Executive Council at its ninety-first session (9 October 2011).

Documents

Adoption of the Agenda

CBF/54/1 prov.

Report on the financial situation

A/19/10(b)

A/19/10(b) Add.1

Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes, and Requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financial Rules

A/19/4(b)

A/19/4(b) Add.1

Election of the Auditors for the period 2012-2013

A/19/10 e)

Place and dates of the first meeting of the Committee on Programme and Budget

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REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION (DOCUMENTS A/19/10(b) AND A/19/10(b) Add.1))

4. The Committee took note of document A/19/10(b) Add.1), which updates to 31 August 2011 the information contained in the main document A/19/10(b). Furthermore, the Secretariat provided an oral update signaling that Botswana, France, Lebanon and Madagascar had made contribution payments not reflected in the Annex I on contribution payments as of 31 August 2011. The Committee noted with satisfaction as of end of August, the level of contributions collected for the current year had risen to EUR9,459,377.32. This represents 81 per cent of the total amount of contributions payable by Members in 2011 (EUR11,723,765.12) and 90 per cent of the estimated income from contributions (EUR10,470,000) so that income targets are expected to be met by year end. After the addition of allocations from sundry income and publications the total budgetary income received amounts to EUR10,503,377.32 representing 92 per cent of the income estimates for the year (EUR11,433,000)

5. The Committee took note that arrears of Members' contributions collected as of 31 August 2011 were 79 per cent of the forecast amount (EUR1,000,000).

6. The Committee also took note that the implemented expenditure amounts to EUR11,248,009.17 out of which EUR7,230,691.39 have already been disbursed, furthermore EUR4,017,317.78 are already committed until year end, staff costs included.

7. The Committee noted that the contributions received for the current year would enable the Secretary-General to finalize implementation of the expenditure plan proposed for 2011 and maintain a balance between income and expenditure in accordance with the mandate recommendation of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly.

8. The Committee expressed its gratification at the good budgetary and financial situation of the Organization and of the criteria followed by the Secretariat in its financial management.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 34 OF THE STATUTES. REQUESTS FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE FINANCING RULES (DOCUMENTS A/19/4(b)).

9. The Committee noted with satisfaction that Gabon, Lesotho, Mali and Uzbekistan are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, since they have reduced its contribution arrears.

10. It noted with satisfaction that Full Members Central African Republic, Guinea and Mongolia submitted a payment plan to the present session of the Executive Council, while Iraq and Nicaragua had their plans approved by the Executive Council at its 89th Session as well as Gambia and Mauritania who also had theirs approved at its 90th session. Mauritania, Nicaragua and Gambia have complied with the terms proposed in their plans, and Iraq's payment plan will become in effect on 1st January 2014.

11. The Committee also noted that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes will be applicable in 2012 to Full Members Tchad and Papua New Guinea if by that time they have failed to cancel arrears or to agree with the Secretary-General on a payment plan to settle their arrears in instalments.

12. It welcomed the fact that Cambodia, Congo, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Yemen have complied with the terms established in their respective payment plans during the two-year period 2010-2011.

13. In view of the above, the Committee recommends the Executive Council:

a) to propose to the General Assembly that it renews the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to the Full Members Cambodia, Congo, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Yemen and that it grants the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to the Full Members Central African Republic, Iraq, Gambia, Guinea, Mauritania, Mongolia, Nicaragua and to the Affiliate Members Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sul Turismo e sulla Promozione Turistica di Assisi (CST) and Souv Club Cameroon.

b) to propose, in the case of Members Bolivia, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Niger, Peru and Uruguay as well as the Affiliate Members Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL) and University of Tourism Economics and Law (KUTEL) that it renews the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will, once again, be applied to these Members if they are not up to date in their payment plans by 1 April 2012.

RECOMMENDATION ON THE ELECTION OF THE AUDITORS FOR THE PERIOD 2012-2013 (DOCUMENT A/19/10(e))

14. The Committee, having studied with interest the Secretary-General's observations and recommendations on this subject, agreed to his proposal that, Article 26 of the Statutes and 15 of the Financing Regulations be strictly complied with in relation to the number of Member States engaged as auditors, until the General Assembly decides to modify these articles. It recommended the Council to consider favourably the candidatures submitted by India and Spain to continue with their audit mandate for the period 2012-2013

PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

15. It was decided to hold the first meeting of the Committee on Programme and Budget at the Organization's Headquarters in Madrid in the Spring of 2012 and prior to the 93rd session of the Executive Council

ANNEX I

CBF/54/LIST.PART.PROV
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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMITÉ DE PRESUPUESTO Y FINANZAS
COMITÉ DU BUDGET ET DES FINANCES

Fifty-fourth meeting / Quincuagésimo-cuarta reunión / Cinquante-quatrième réunion

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
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I. CHAIRMAN/ PRESIDENTE/
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ARGENTINE

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Coordinadora de Monitoreo y Planeamiento Estratégico
Ministerio de Turismo

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Ministerio de Turismo

II. MEMBERS/ MIEMBROS/
MEMBRES

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Ministry of Tourism

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Ministry of Tourism

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OBSERVADORES NO MIEMBROS

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CROATIE
CROACIA

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ANNEX II

LIST OF FULL AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 34 OF THE STATUTES (IN BOLD) AND PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE FINANCING RULES, ATTACHED TO THE STATUTES

FULL MEMBERS

1. **AFGHANISTAN**
2. **BAHRAIN**
3. **BURUNDI**
4. **CAPE VERDE**
5. CHAD
6. **CÔTE D'IVOIRE**
7. **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**
8. **DJIBOUTI**
9. **GUINEA BISSAU**
10. **KYRGYZSTAN**
11. **LIBYA**
12. **MALAWI**
13. PAPUA NEW GUINEA
14. **SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE**
15. **SIERRA LEONE**
16. **SUDAN**
17. **TURKMENISTAN**
18. **UGANDA**

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

1. ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE (USA)
2. ACCOR (FRANCE)
3. ADVENTURE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (USA)
4. AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (Jordan)
5. ASOCIACION EMPRESARIA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES ESPAÑOLAS (AEDAVE)
6. ASOCIACION DE AGENCIAS DE TURISMO DE CUSCO AATC-CUSCO (Peru)
7. ASOCIACION MUNDIAL PARA LA FORMACION PROFESIONAL TURISTICA AMFORT (Spain)
8. AUTHENTREX S.A. (Spain)
9. CAMARA DE PERIODISTAS Y COMUNICADORES DE TURISMO (Spain)
10. CAMARA PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO PICHINCHA-CAPTUR (Ecuador)
11. CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS TURÍSTICOS DE CANARIAS S.L. (Spain)
12. CHAM PALACES AND HOTELES (Syrian Arab Republic)
13. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE DODECANESE (Greece)
14. CONFEDERACION NACIONAL TURÍSTICA (México)
15. DESTINATION MARKETING ORG. CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE (Southafrica)
16. DNIPRO HOTEL (Ukraine)
17. ECOTOURISM KENYA
18. ELITE TRAVELER (USA)
19. ENCIRCA INC (USA)
20. FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (Brasil)
21. FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE ASOCIACIONES DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES

- (FEAAV)
22. FÉDÉRATIONS INTER-ETATS DES SYNDICATS DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES ET DE TOURISME DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE (Camerun)
 23. FEDERATION OF TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS OF NIGERIA (FTAN) (Nigeria)
 24. FUNDACION EMPRESARIAL COMUNIDAD ERUPEA CHILE (EUROCHILE)
 25. FUNDAÇÃO COMISSAO DE TURISMO INTEGRADO DO NORDESTE – FUNDAÇÃO CTI-NE (Brasil)
 26. GIPET – GROUPEMENT INTERPROFESSIONNEL DES PROFESSIONNELS DES ENTREPRISES TOURISTIQUES (Camerun)
 27. GLOBAL TOURISM INTERFACE (France)
 28. GREEN GLOBE (USA)
 29. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION IATA (Switzerland)
 30. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM (Russian Federation)
 31. JIBEK JOLY HOLDING COMPANY (Kazakhstan)
 32. KORA CULTURE & TOURISME POLICY INSTITUTE (KCTPI)
 33. LICOLN UNIVERSITY (New Zealand)
 34. MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AIRLIBAN
 35. MONDIAL ENERGY INC. (Canada)
 36. MOONSHINE MARKETING (Spain)
 37. NEVADA TOURISM COMMISSION (USA)
 38. PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY
 39. PROVINCE OF AVELLINO (Italy)
 40. REED TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS (UK)
 41. ROUTES – THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LTD. (UK)
 42. TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY
 43. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM SCIENCES (USA)
 44. THE SCHOLARSHIP (USA)
 45. TOURISM RESOURCE LIMITED (Nigeria)
 46. TRALLIANCE CORPORATION (USA)
 47. TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS (Greece)
 48. UNION HOTELERA DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS (Spain)
 49. UNION INTER-ARABE POUR L'HÔTELLERIE ET LE TOURISME (Syrian Arab Republic)
 50. UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN – TOURISM RESEARCH CENTRE (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 51. VISA INTERNATIONAL (USA)
 52. WATCH-WORLD ASSOC. PROTEC. TANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (Italy)
 53. WEST AFRICA TOURISM UNON (WATU) (Ghana)