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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS NINETY-FIRST SESSION

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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/91/1 prov.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its ninety-first session as proposed, including the request by the Secretary-General to discuss matters related to the financial regulations under agenda item 2.

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Administrative and statutory matters

(b) Updated report on the financial situation

(a) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda items 2(a) and (b)
(documents A/19/10(b), A/19/10(b) add.1 and CE/91/2(a))

The Executive Council,

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

Having heard the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Notes with satisfaction, that, in accordance with the financial information contained in document A/19/10(b) add.1, some 81 per cent of the total contributions from Members for the current year have been received, and so, annual income targets are expected to be met;
2. Takes cognizance that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, a balance between expenditure and income has been maintained;
3. Observes that income from arrear contributions to end of August amounts to 785,531.34 euros, representing 79 per cent of the amount estimated for 2011;
4. Expresses its satisfaction at the current excellent budgetary and financial situation of the Organization and with the criteria followed by the Secretariat in its financial management, and encourages the Secretary-General to fully execute the programme and budget, including the transfers corresponding to the financial provisions as already notified to the Committee on Budget and Finance;

Observing nevertheless that persistent delays in paying contributions hamper the smooth operation of the Organization,

5. Urges the Members of the Organization to observe with the utmost rigour the statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Organization's financial affairs, with particular regard to the due date of contributions specified in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules, so as to ensure, in the interest of all the Members, that the execution of the programme and other activities of the Secretariat is in no way hampered by shortage of funds;
6. Requests Member States, Associate Members and Affiliate Members in arrears with their contributions to work out the most appropriate formulas for discharging their financial commitments and to reach the necessary agreement with the Secretary-General to ensure that they can readily meet their arrears obligations;
7. Approves the report presented by the Committee on Budget and Finance, and accepts its recommendations; and
8. Notes that in relation to the revision of the financial regulations (A/19/10(f)), the delegation of Germany has recently sent additional suggestions, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the 19th session of the General Assembly an updated version of the said regulations, trying in that revision to accommodate the concerns raised by Germany.

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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 Financial Rules

(a) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda items 2(a) and (c)
 (documents A/19/4(b), A/19/4(b) add.1 and CE/91/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the application to 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 Committee on Budget and Finance,

Having been informed by the Secretariat that Gabon, Lesotho, Mali, Uzbekistan and Netherlands Antilles have made payments so that provisions of paragraph 13 of the financing rules are no longer applicable to them,

1. Notes with satisfaction that Full Members Gabon, Mali, Lesotho, Uzbekistan and Associate Member Netherlands Antilles are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full;

2. Decides, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, to propose to the General Assembly to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Full Members Cambodia, Congo, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Togo and Yemen;
3. Also decides to recommend to the General Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of Bolivia, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Niger, Peru, and Uruguay, as well as that of the Affiliate Members Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL) and University of Tourism Economics and Law (KUTEL), 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 2012;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to inform Yemen that it must submit a new payment plan for its debt corresponding to the years 1979 to 1989, given that the regulations in force do not contain any provisions for exemption from the payment of contributions;
5. Notes that the following Members continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
BAHRAIN
BURUNDI
CAPE VERDE
CHAD
CÔTE D'IVOIRE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
DJIBOUTI
GUINEA-BISSAU
KYRGYZSTAN
LIBYA
MALAWI
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
SUDAN
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ABRAHAM PATH INITIATIVE (USA)
ACCOR (France)
ADVENTURE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (USA)
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (Jordan)
ASOCIACION EMPRESARIA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES ESPAÑOLAS (AEDAVE)
ASOCIACION DE AGENCIAS DE TURISMO DE CUSCO AATC-CUSCO (Peru)
ASOCIACION MUNDIAL PARA LA FORMACION PROFESIONAL TURISTICA AMFORT (Spain)
AUTHENTREX S.A. (Spain)
CAMARA DE PERIODISTAS Y COMUNICADORES DE TURISMO (Spain)
CAMARA PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO PICHINCHA-CAPTUR (Ecuador)

CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS TURÍSTICOS DE CANARIAS S.L. (Spain)
 CHAM PALACES AND HOTELES (Syrian Arab Republic)
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF THE DODECANESE (Greece)
 CONFEDERACION NACIONAL TURÍSTICA (Mexico)
 DESTINATION MARKETING ORG. CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE (South Africa)
 DNIPRO HOTEL (Ukraine)
 ECOTOURISM KENYA
 ELITE TRAVELER (USA)
 ENCIRCA INC (USA)
 FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (Brazil)
 FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE ASOCIACIONES DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (FEAAV)
 FÉDÉRATIONS INTER-ETATS DES SYNDICATS DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES ET DE
 TOURISME DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST ET DU CENTRE (Cameroon)
 FEDERATION OF TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS OF NIGERIA (FTAN) (Nigeria)
 FUNDACION EMPRESARIAL COMUNIDAD ERUPEA CHILE (EUROCHILE)
 FUNDAÇÃO COMISSAO DE TURISMO INTEGRADO DO NORDESTE – FUNDAÇÃO CTI-NE
 (Brazil)
 GIPET – GROUPEMENT INTERPROFESSIONNEL DES PROFESSIONNELS DES
 ENTREPRISES TOURISTIQUES (Cameroon)
 GLOBAL TOURISM INTERFACE (France)
 GREEN GLOBE (USA)
 INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION IATA (Switzerland)
 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT AND TOURISM (Russian
 Federation)
 JIBEK JOLY HOLDING COMPANY (Kazakhstan)
 KORA CULTURE & TOURISME POLICY INSTITUTE (KCTPI)
 LICOLN UNIVERSITY (New Zealand)
 MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES AIRLIBAN
 MONDIAL ENERGY INC. (Canada)
 MOONSHINE MARKETING (Spain)
 NEVADA TOURISM COMMISSION (USA)
 PALESTINIAN NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY
 PROVINCE OF AVELLINO (Italy)
 REED TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS (UK)
 ROUTES – THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LTD. (UK)
 TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY
 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARK AND TOURISM
 SCIENCES (USA)
 THE SCHOLARSHIP (USA)
 TOURISM RESOURCE LIMITED (Nigeria)
 TRALLIANCE CORPORATION (USA)
 TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS (Greece)
 UNION HOTELERA DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS (Spain)
 UNION INTER-ARABE POUR L'HÔTELLERIE ET LE TOURISME (Syrian Arab Republic)
 UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN – TOURISM RESEARCH CENTRE (Islamic Republic of Iran)
 VISA INTERNATIONAL (USA)
 WATCH-WORLD ASSOC. PROTEC. TANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (Italy)
 WEST AFRICA TOURISM UNON (WATU) (Ghana)

6. Decides to submit to the General Assembly the payment plans submitted by the Full Members Central African Republic, Guinea and Mongolia, and by the Affiliate Members Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sul Turismo e sulla Promozione Turistica di Assisi (CST) and Souv Club

Cameroon, approved by this session of the Executive Council, Iraq and Nicaragua already approved by its 89th session and Gambia and Mauritania approved at its 90th session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report at its 93rd session on the fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by Members with a view to deciding whether to maintain the exemptions or reapply the provisions of paragraph 13; and

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

8. Observes that the following Members have accumulated contribution arrears equal to or exceeding four financial years and that, consequently, the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes could be applicable to them in 2012, in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of General Assembly resolution 217(VII):

FULL MEMBERS

CHAD
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ACCOR
AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
ASOCIACION MUNDIAL PARA LA FORMACIÓN PROFESIONAL TURISTICA (AMFORT)
CAMARA DE PERIODISTAS Y COMUNICADORES DE TURISMO
CHAM PALACES AND HOTELS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF INDUSTRY OF THE DODECANESE
CONFEDERACIÓN NACIONAL TURISTICA A.C.
DNIPRO HOTEL
ECOTOURISM KENYA
ENCIRCA INC.
FEDERATION OF TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS OF NIGERIA (FTAN)
FUNDACION EMPRESARIAL COMUNIDAD EUROPEA CHILE – EUROCHILE
GREEN GLOBE
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)
JIBEK JOLY HOLDING COMPANY
MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES – AIRLIBAN
MONDIAL ENERGY INC.
NEVADA TOURISM COMISSION
TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY
THE SCHOLARSHIP
TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS
UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL
HERITAGE IN THE TIMES OF ARMED CONFLICT – WATCH
WEST AFRICA TOURISM UNION (WATU)

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Administrative and statutory matters

(d) Election of Auditors for the period 2012-2013

(a) Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance

Agenda item 2(d)
(documents A/19/10(e) and CE/91/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Expressing its appreciation of the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Spain (Mrs. Mercedes Lebrancón Cortés) and India (Mr. Vimalendra Patwardhan),

1. Thanks them for their contribution; and

Having regard to Articles 12(g) and 26 of the Statutes of the Organization stipulating that the General Assembly shall elect two Auditors on the recommendation of the Executive Council,

2. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to designate India and Spain as the Auditors for the period 2012-2013, and to entrust to India the function of special Auditor in charge of inspecting the accounts relating to the activities carried out by the UNWTO, in its capacity as an executing agency of the UNDP, with the funds coming from this programme.

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CE/DEC/5(XCI)

Amendments to the Staff Rules

Agenda item 3
(document CE/91/3)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the ongoing harmonization of the UNWTO Staff Regulations and Rules to those of the United Nations Common System,

Having before it the proposals to modify Staff Rule 15(2) "Locally recruited officials" and Staff Rule 17(1) "Special leave" to further align the UNWTO's current practices to those of the UN Common System,

1. Approves the amended text of Staff Rule 15(2) and of Staff Rule 17(1);

2. Takes note that amendment of Staff Rule 17(1) would come into force as from 1 January 2012;

3. Also takes note that the amendment of Staff Rule 15(2) would come into force for new entries to the Organization as from 1 January 2012; and

4. Entrusts the Secretary-General, in the spirit of fair and equal treatment endorsed within the Common System, to establish the eligibility criteria and procedures whereby the implementation of the amendment of Staff Rule 15(2) could also be made extensive, as from 1 January 2012, to staff already in the service of the Organization.

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CE/DEC/6(XCI)

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

Agenda item 4
(document CE/91/4)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met on 9 October 2011, with the attendance of Brazil, Egypt, France, and South Africa, and the participation of the Executive Director, the Director of Affiliate Members and the Legal Adviser,

1. Endorses the recommendations made by the Committee upon the conclusion of its meeting;
2. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership, pending ratification by the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, the following organizations which submitted complete sets of supporting documents for their candidatures:
 1. AECTE (ASOCIACIÓN DE EMPRESAS DE CONSULTORÍA TURÍSTICA DE ESPAÑA) (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 2. ASSOCIATION OF CROATIAN TRAVEL AGENCIES
 3. CASTELLDEFELS (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 4. CQ UNIVERSITY (AUSTRALIA / AUSTRALIE)
 5. EUROPA MUNDO VACACIONES S.L (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 6. EVERIS TOURISM (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 7. EXPOGAYS (S.B.R. PRODUCCIONES, S.L.U.) (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 8. FUNDACIÓN CIDTUR (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 9. ISCET (PORTUGAL)
 10. JSC CONCERN "ACHEMA GROUP" (LITHUANIA / LITUANIE / LITUANIA)
 11. PATRONATO DE TURISMO DE FUERTEVENTURA (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 12. SABOREA ESPAÑA (SPAIN / ESPAGNE / ESPAÑA)
 13. TUOFED – TURISTIK OTELCILER, ISLETMECILER, YATIRIMCILAR, FEDERASYONU (TURKEY / TURQUIE / TURQUÍA)
3. Decides to provisionally admit the candidatures of:
 14. FINANCIERA RURAL (MEXICO / MEXIQUE / MEXICO), and
 15. CHINA TRAVEL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (CHINA / CHINE / CHINA)

provided that, within the period of two months, they submit the accredited letter of governmental support and the letter of acceptance of the UNWTO Statutes, and in the case of:

16. FONDAZIONE ROMUALDO DEL BIANCO (ITALY / ITALIE / ITALIA)

provided that, within the period of two months, it submits the accredited letter of governmental support; and

4. Takes note of the two letters addressed to the Organization expressing the interest in affiliate membership of the entities AUTOMOBILE AND TOURING CLUB OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (TACI) and HORIZON CO IRANIAN TOURISM, which are invited to complete their respective applications with the essential documentation and to submit them to the 93rd session of the Executive Council.

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CE/DEC/7(XCI)

Updated Draft Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 5
(document A/19/11 ann.2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the Report of the Chairman of the UNWTO Affiliate Members,

1. Expresses its satisfaction over the initiatives for growing integration of the Affiliate Members with the regional and operational programmes of the Organization;
2. Encourages the Secretary-General in his efforts to provide added value to the Affiliate Members as well as to increase their number and their involvement in the activities of the Organization; and

Recalling its decision CE/DEC/15(XC),

3. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to consider the adoption of the Updated Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members.

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CE/DEC/8(XCI)

Designation of the host countries for the World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013

Agenda item 6
(document A/19/15)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day in 2010 and 2011 and on the candidatures submitted to host World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013,

Having considered the themes proposed by the Secretary-General and taking into account those adopted for the international years declared under the aegis of the United Nations,

1. Conveys its gratitude to the Governments of China and Egypt for having organized the celebrations of World Tourism Day 2010 and 2011 respectively, in their capacity as the host country of these events;
2. Decides to select the following themes for the next two editions of World Tourism Day:
 - 2012: Tourism and Sustainable Energy - Powering Sustainable Development
 - 2013: Tourism and Water - Protecting our Common Future

Recalling General Assembly resolution 470(XV), whereby it adopted the principle of geographic rotation for the celebration of World Tourism Day,

3. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to accept the candidatures of Spain and Maldives respectively to host World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013.

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CE/DEC/9(XCI)

Report on the activities of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 7
(document A/19/6)

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/10(XCI)

Place and date of the ninety-second session of the Executive Council

Agenda item 8

The Executive Council,

Decides to hold its ninety-second session in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, on 14 October 2011, in the context of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.