



## **Executive Council**

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### **DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

**Madrid, Spain, 13 June 2012**

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**Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda item 1  
(document CE/93/1 prov. rev.1)

The Executive Council

Adopts the revised agenda of its ninety-third session as proposed.

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**Communication of the Chair**

Agenda item 2  
(document CE/93/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of the Chair of the 93<sup>rd</sup> session of the Executive Council, Honourable Danson M. Mwazo, Minister for Tourism of Kenya,

1. Thanks the Chair for his communication to the Executive Council;
  2. Agrees with his view that the acceptance of the open letter by the world leaders is a significant step towards the realization of the important role of tourism in all sectors of the world's economies;
  3. Takes note of his recommendation that UNWTO should assist travel facilitation by helping Member States with modalities of designing and implementing an electronic visa system;
  4. Further takes note of his challenge to UNWTO to provide leadership and guidance towards a successful and sustainable tourism industry;
  5. Shares his concern for ways of financing UNWTO for it to be able to meet its obligations as an Organization; and
  6. Extends its gratitude and appreciation to the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Council for their dynamic leadership and for their personal contributions to the successful deliberations of its various agenda items.
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**Report of the Secretary-General****(a) Current tourism trends and UNWTO priorities**

Agenda item 3(a)  
(document CE/93/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report presented by the Secretary-General and having discussed it,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his presentation, which provides the Members of the Council with a global overview on the recent developments and future prospects for the tourism sector, and shares the Secretary-General's analysis regarding the current situation and short-term prospects for the tourism sector, namely on current challenges;
2. Appreciates the general overview given by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programmes of Work (POW) 2010-2011 and 2012-2013;
3. Welcomes the information provided by the Secretary-General on special initiatives and projects undertaken in the framework of the POW and requests the Secretary-General to proceed with these initiatives and to continue reporting accordingly to the coming sessions of the Executive Council;
4. Appreciates the information provided on administrative and financial matters, notes with satisfaction the proposed Implementation Plan of the White Paper, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the steps taken regarding such implementation plan to the subsequent sessions of the Executive Council; and
5. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General to receive seconded officials from tourism administrations of Member States at the UNWTO Headquarters and thus reinforce the links between Members and the Secretariat.

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**Report of the Secretary-General****(b) New membership**

Agenda item 3(b)  
(document CE/93/3(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,

1. Welcomes with satisfaction the return of Myanmar to UNWTO, effective 1 June 2012;
  2. Notes with interest that the candidature of the United Arab Emirates could be formalized shortly;
  3. Takes note of the contacts maintained by the Secretariat with the countries that have shown an interest in joining the Organization; and
  4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with actively continuing these démarches and to report on follow-up actions taken at its next session.
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### **General programme of work**

Agenda item 4

(documents CE/93/4(a), CE/93/4(a) Annex, CE/93/4(b), CE/93/4(b) Add.1 and CE/93/4(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the following reports, as well as their annexes:

- (a) Concise report on the general programme of work for 2010-2011
- (b) Implementation of the general programme of work for 2012-2013
- (c) Joint report by the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) – Part I (Programme),

1. Thanks the PC and CBF Members for their continuous work for a more effective UNWTO;
2. Welcomes the integrated and summarized presentation of the main outputs of the Organization for the biennium 2010-2011 in line with the two corresponding UNWTO Annual Reports;
3. Supports the orientation given by the Secretariat for more rationalized production of publications and better availability for UNWTO Members, tourism stakeholders and the general public;
4. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue the collaboration with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in the implementation of the World Heritage Tourism Programme;
5. Shares the concerns expressed by PC and CBF Members noting that technical committees should be more effective and relevant to the preparation of the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization and requests the Secretary-General to produce guidelines with clear targets and objectives, time lines for outputs, and the modus operandi of such committees for the consideration of the Programme and Budget Committee in its first meeting;
6. Supports the proposal of PC and CBF Members to include two representatives of the Affiliate Members in the new PBC;
7. Shares the view of the Secretary-General regarding a regional approach for implementing technical cooperation missions and projects aiming at better use of financial and human resources and establishing the principles of regional cooperation, especially in crisis-affected regions;

8. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General of encouraging Members of the Organization to conclude agreements regarding the translation of UNWTO publications into national languages;

Having taken due note of the observations made during the joint PC-CBF meeting, including the different themes and areas of work suggested for the preparation of the programme of work and budget 2014-2015,

9. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and launch, at the beginning of the second half 2012, a survey on priorities for the biennium 2014-2015 in coordination with the current chairpersons of the PC and CBF, taking into account the mid-term framework constituted by the White Paper, and to report on its preliminary results at the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council;

Having read Annex 1 of the report CE/93/4(b) on the Silk Road Programme,

10. Supports the launch of the UNWTO Silk Road Action Plan 2012-2013 and welcomes the increasing engagement of Member States in this collaborative framework for sustainable and competitive growth;

Having considered Annex 2 on the activities towards the adoption of an international convention on tourist/consumer protection,

11. Thanks the members of the UNWTO Working Group on the Protection of Tourists/Consumers and Travel Organizers and the Secretary-General for their valuable work towards an international convention;
12. Takes note of the assurance by the Secretary-General that the Convention will be consistent with existing European Directives;
13. Requests the Secretary-General to regularly update the Members of the Executive Council on the progress made in the Working Group;
14. Requires the Secretary-General and the Working Group:
- (a) To present to the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council a presentation on the preliminary results achieved by the Working Group, and
  - (b) To submit to the 95<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council in 2013 the first draft text of the international convention;

Having taken note of Annex 3 on Hotel Energy Solutions,

15. Encourages further promotion of this initiative as one of the key pillars of the conversion of the tourism sector to the green economy; and

Having read Annex 4 on the activities of the Ethics and Social Dimensions of Tourism Programme, especially in the field of Accessible Tourism,

16. Invites the Secretary-General to present a draft of the revised text of the 2005 Resolution on "Accessible Tourism for All" for information of the Executive Council during its 94<sup>th</sup> session and to continue the work in this field.
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**Administrative and statutory matters**

**(a) Auditors' report and administrative accounts for the financial year 2011**

**(e) Joint report by the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance – Part II**

Agenda items 5(a) and (e)  
(documents CE/93/5(a) and CE/93/5(e))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2011,

Having considered the explanations by the Secretariat and the joint report of the Committees on Programme and Budget and Finance,

1. Notes that in the financial year 2011 the level of budgetary expenditure was maintained within the limit of approved appropriations;
  2. Observes that the level of budgetary income received in 2011 made it possible to execute 96 per cent of the approved budget and to lower the amount applied of the allocations planned for the sundry income reserve and the publications account, thus achieving an income/expenditure balance of zero in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly in Resolution 567(XVIII);
  3. Approves the transfers of appropriations indicated in the document and which were made with the prior authorization of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina) and the Chairman of the Executive Council (Kenya), in accordance with Financial Regulation 5(3) and Detailed Financial Provision 3.07;
  4. Recommends to the Secretary-General to continue in 2012 his approaches to Members that owe contributions to the Organization in order to secure their payment;
  5. Endorses the Auditors' appeal to all the Members to pay their contributions to the budget within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations;
  6. Recommends to the General Assembly to approve the administrative accounts for the financial year 2011, as reported by the Auditors; and
  7. Thanks the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina) and the Auditors (Spain and India) for the important work carried out.
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## **Administrative and statutory matters**

### **(b) Financial situation and plan of expenditure for 2012**

#### **(e) Joint report by the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance – Part II**

Agenda items 5(b) and (e)  
(documents CE/93/5(b), CE/93/5(b) Add. 1, CE/93/5(b) Add. 2 and CE/93/5(e))

The Executive Council,

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

Having heard the statements by the Secretariat and having before it the joint report of the Committees on Programme and Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for execution of the programme of work in 2012, in accordance with the expected level of income, and the measures taken by the Secretary-General in financial and personnel matters to ensure efficient management of the Secretariat;
2. Takes note of the preparation of an expenditure forecast for the current financial year established at 98 per cent of approved amounts, so as to maintain the necessary budgetary equilibrium, in accordance with the recommendation made by the General Assembly in resolution A/RES/603(XIX) and the Financial Provisions of the Organization;
3. Takes note of the breakdown of budgetary appropriations and allocations for 2012 contained in Annex II of the document;
4. Takes note of the level of collection of contributions from Members for the financial year 2012 as of 31 May 2012, amounting to 7,655,963.29 euros, which represents 64 per cent of the assessed contributions, and also of the collection of contribution arrears, amounting to 824,223.10 euros;
5. Takes note of the withdrawal of the Netherlands Antilles as an Associate Member of the Organization due to its dissolution on 10 October 2010 and agrees to write off the accounts the outstanding contributions corresponding to financial years 2011 and 2012;
6. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2012, thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution;
7. Takes note, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission of the adoption effective 1 January 2012 of a new salary scale applicable to staff of the professional and higher categories, as well as a new salary scale applicable to staff in the general service category effective 1 April 2012;
8. Expresses its satisfaction at the sound budgetary and financial situation of the Organization and the criteria followed by the Secretariat in its financial management, although the increasing budgetary pressures due to the zero nominal growth policy already followed for a period of four

years and extended in 2012-2013 was noted to be limiting the Organization's ability to carry out its programme of work, in particular by requiring an unusually high level of vacancies and by crowding out non-staff costs;

9. Takes note of the progress report on the implementation of the IPSAS standards and of the special recognition to the work done throughout 2011 in the implementation of IPSAS given by the External Auditors, and of the first draft amended Detailed Financial Rules (DFR) necessary for their adaptation as proposed by the Secretary-General, agrees that IPSAS 6 on "Consolidated and separate statements" will not be considered applicable to the operations of UNWTO until the process of reform of UNWTO external entities is finalized as per A/RES/602(XIX) par.13, approves amendments proposed on the Replacement Reserve and the Special Contingency Reserve under DFR 6.21-6.28, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue to advance in the proposed plan for its application; and
10. Takes note of the information provided by the Secretary-General on the human resource situation of the Organization, welcomes the transparency demonstrated by the Management of the Organization, and encourages the Secretary-General to carry out his efforts in implementing such reform.

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### **Administrative and statutory matters**

#### **(c) Human resource situation**

#### **(e) Joint report by the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance Part II (Budget and Finance)**

Agenda items 5(c) and (e)  
(documents CE/93/5(c) and CE/93/5(e))

Having read the report of the Secretary-General on the structure and human resource situation of the Organization as of 1 April 2012,

Having considered the explanations by the Secretariat and the joint report of the Committees on Programme and Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the current structure of the Organization and developments in its human resources since the last report of the Secretary-General to the Executive Council and the General Assembly;
2. Notes with satisfaction that, as entrusted by the Executive Council in its 91<sup>st</sup> session, the Secretary-General has taken steps to apply the amended provisions of Rule 15(2) to staff members in the service of the Organization on 1 January 2012, their date of entry into effect, by providing eligibility criteria and a procedure;
3. Also notes with satisfaction that the professional growth plan for staff members has now been introduced;



4. Appreciates the efforts of the Secretary-General in recognizing the value of the human resources of the Organization by ensuring staff wellbeing and motivation; and
5. Thanks the Secretary-General for keeping the Executive Council regularly informed on the human resource situation of the Organization.

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### **Administrative and statutory matters**

#### **(d) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes**

#### **(e) Joint report by the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance – Part II**

Agenda items 5(d) and (e)  
(documents CE/93/5(d), CE/93/5(d) Add.1 and CE/93/5(e))

The Executive Council,

Observing that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are applied to 21 Full Members, one Associate Member and 68 Affiliate Members,

Having been informed of the Members benefiting from temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, granted by the nineteenth General Assembly,

1. Thanks the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations despite their internal constraints;
2. Notes that Mongolia and Peru have paid their contribution arrears and are no longer liable to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as well as Libya that has partially settled its arrears, and welcomes with satisfaction the significant efforts undertaken by these countries;
3. Notes with satisfaction that Bolivia and Cambodia have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2012 and Nicaragua and Yemen partially;
4. Observes that Uruguay has respected its agreed payment plans up to 2011 while El Salvador has partially respected its agreed payment plan up to 2011;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to remind Members that have not yet fulfilled their agreed plans or have done so only partially that temporary exemption from the aforementioned provisions is subject to their full observance of those plans;
6. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform it, at its next session, about the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the

temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments; and

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 523(XVII), 557(XVIII) and 588(XIX) as well as Executive Council decision 7(LXXXIX),

7. Notes that Iraq benefits from an extended temporary exemption of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Article 34 of the Statutes until the twentieth session of the General Assembly pending the entry into force of its payment plan beginning 1 January 2014.

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### **Administrative and statutory matters**

#### **(f) Authorizations granted for the use of the UNWTO logo**

Agenda item 5(f)  
(document CE/93/5(f))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretariat regarding the authorizations granted for the use of the UNWTO signs under the Guidelines approved by the 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly resolution A/RES/601(XIX),

1. Welcomes the new procedures implemented by the Secretariat for the request, assessment and approval of authorizations to use the UNWTO signs as well as the consequent report to the Council;
  2. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretariat to explore the policies on patronage of the UN and other specialized agencies given the frequent requests received by the Secretariat in this respect and submit draft guidelines to the Executive Council;
  3. Acknowledges the efforts made by the Secretariat to request the protection of UNWTO's generic Top Level Domain to ICANN through the UN Legal Advisers Network; and
  4. Encourages the Secretariat to pursue this action in coordination with the UN system and to report on any new developments to the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council.
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CE/DEC/11(XCIII)

**Administrative and statutory matters****(g) UNWTO institutional image**Agenda item 5(g)  
(document CE/93/5(g))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretariat regarding the new UNWTO institutional image,

1. Welcomes the efforts implemented to strengthen the communication of the Organization including the streamlining of its messaging and the harmonization and modernization of its institutional image; and
  2. Acknowledges the proposal of the Secretary-General to present to the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council applications of the new institutional image to all official languages.
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**United Nations system activities**Agenda item 6  
(document CE/93/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/93/6,

1. Notes with interest of the UNWTO's regular collaboration with various United Nations networks and mechanisms, as well as its participation in technical meetings of the system, with the objective of ensuring the full recognition of tourism's contribution in favour of sustainable development and poverty reduction, and ensuring optimal utilization of the resources of the United Nations by avoiding duplication of efforts;
2. Recognizes and highly commends the work of the Secretariat in continuing its efforts in the framework of mainstreaming tourism notably through, inter alia, the inclusion of "tourism" in the CEB Statement to be made at the upcoming Rio+20 conference, the United Nations Oceans Compact and the various rounds of negotiations on the Zero Draft Outcome document, a defining declaration expected of the said Conference;
3. Recalls the initiative of the UNWTO Secretary-General in bringing together an alliance of eight other UN entities in the Steering Committee on Tourism for Development (SCTD), and further encourages the Secretariat to continue its work in delivering as one for tourism;

4. Takes note with particular interest the adoption of three resolutions at the 66th session of the UN General Assembly focusing on tourism or mentioning tourism and the UNWTO, which further exemplifies the growing importance of tourism and its role in global development agenda as expressed by Member States;
  5. Supports the ongoing work of Secretariat in its preparation for the Rio+20 Conference and the related activities with the objective of bringing tourism as a tool for the global development agenda; and
  6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it, at its forthcoming sessions, on the participation of the Organization in the UN system's coordination mechanisms.
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CE/DEC/13(XCIII)

### **Election of the Programme and Budget Committee members**

Agenda item 7  
(document CE/93/7)

The Executive Council,

Recalling the resolution A/RES/602(XIX) on the merger of the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) into a single committee: the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC),

Having taken note of the members already elected to the said committee during the Regional Commission meetings for East Asia and the Pacific (Malaysia), Europe (Croatia) and South Asia (Maldives),

Having considered the different candidatures to the membership of the PBC,

1. Appoints by consensus the following countries as PBC Members until the 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly session to be held in 2015:
  - Africa: Kenya
  - Americas: Argentina
  - East Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia
  - Europe: Italy
  - Middle East: Saudi Arabia
  - South Asia: India
2. Congratulates all new elected members; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General:
  - (a) To conduct elections during the Regional Commission meetings for Africa, the Americas and the Middle East in order to designate the three remaining PBC Members, and

- (b) To organize the first meeting of the PBC before the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council, at which time both the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance will be dissolved.

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### **Draft implementation plan for the White Paper**

Agenda item 8  
(document CE/93/8)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft implementation plan for the White Paper,

1. Supports the efforts of the Secretary-General in putting into practice the recommendations of the White Paper; and
2. Invites him to regularly inform the Executive Council on the results achieved in each area dealt with in this strategic document.

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CE/DEC/15(XCIII)

### **Affiliate Members**

#### **(a) Report of the Chair**

Agenda item 9(a)  
(document CE/93/9(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chair of the UNWTO Affiliate Members,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the electoral process carried out for the election of the members of the Board, which resulted in broad participation thanks to the careful handling of all the elements of the process;
2. Welcomes the procedure followed for the constitution of such organ on 23 March, on which occasion the Board elected as its Chair Mr. Georgios Drakopoulos (Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises SETE) of Greece;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Work Plan 2012, geared towards greater collaboration among the Affiliate Members as well as between them and the different Programmes of the UNWTO, more effective regionalization, and more efficient integration of the Members belonging to the education

sector through the Knowledge Network, was submitted to the Board for observations and comments, which were incorporated into the final work plan;

4. Takes note with interest of the four areas of action contained in the Work Plan, namely research and publications; seminars, meetings and forums; marketing and knowledge management;
5. Encourages the Affiliate Members Programme in its goal of attracting at least one Affiliate Member from those UNWTO member countries that currently have none, with the aim of making the Affiliate Members more representative and with a more equitable distribution;
6. Welcomes the impetus given to the participation and integration of the Affiliate Members and the activities carried out; and
7. Thanks the Chair for his concise and meaningful report.

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### **Affiliate Members**

#### **(b) Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership**

Agenda item 9(b)  
(document CE/93/9(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met on 13 June 2012, under the chairmanship of Madagascar,

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee; and
2. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates, pending ratification by the twentieth session of the General Assembly:
  - ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS (PALESTINE/PALESTINA)
  - CHIC OUTLET SHOPPING – VALUE RETAIL PLC (UNITED KINGDOM/ROYAUME UNI /REINO UNIDO).
  - CONSULTORES ASOCIADOS EN TURISMO S.A. DE C.V. (MEXICO/MEXIQUE/MÉXICO)
  - ÉCOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE (SWITZERLAND/SUISSE/SUIZA)
  - ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE TURISMO DEL INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO NACIONAL (MEXICO/MEXIQUE/MÉXICO)
  - FEDERACIÓN DE TURISMO DEL ESTADO BOLÍVAR (VENEZUELA)
  - FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION “RUSSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM AND SERVICE” (RUSSIAN FEDERATION/FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE/ FEDERACIÓN DE RUSIA)
  - FUNDACIÓN BARCELONA MEDIA (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)

- GDTUR (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
- GYEONGGI TOURISM ORG. (REPUBLIC OF KOREA/RÉPUBLIQUE DE CORÉE/REPÚBLICA DE COREA)
- HELLENIC CHAMBER OF HOTELS (HCH) (GREECE/GRÈCE/GRECIA)
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAW AND BUSINESS (LITHUANIA/LITUANIE/LITUANIA)
- MEDICAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE/ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA)
- MICROSOFT INNOVATION CENTER TOURISM TECHNOLOGIES – MICTT (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
- POS. LDA – PROVIDER OFFSHORE SERVICES (ANGOLA)
- SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL DE BENTO GONÇALVES (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
- RUSSIAN TRAVEL GUIDE CO LTD (RUSSIAN FEDERATION/FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE/FEDERACIÓN DE RUSIA)
- SANTUR – SANTA CATARINA TURISMO S/A (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
- SEG SWISS EDUCATION GROUP (SWITZERLAND/SUISSE/SUIZA)
- ST.-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY OF SERVICE AND ECONOMICS (RUSSIAN FEDERATION/FÉDÉRATION DE RUSSIE/FEDERACIÓN DE RUSIA)
- UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE CHIAPAS (MEXICO/MEXIQUE/MÉXICO)
- UNIVERSITY OF BUSINESS IN PRAGUE (CZECH REPUBLIC/ RÉPUBLIQUE TCHÈQUE/REPÚBLICA CHECA).
- UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY LEISURE SPORT AND TOURISM (AUSTRALIA/AUSTRALIE)

3. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates:

- STUDENT MARKETING (SLOVAKIA/SLOVAQUIE/ESLOVAQUIA)
- CITY OF VENICE (ITALY/ITALIE/ITALIA)

provided that, within the period of two months, they submit the accredited letter of governmental support; and

4. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidate:

- FUNDACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA LOS LIBERTADORES (COLOMBIA/COLOMBIE)

provided that, within the period of two months, it submits the letter of commitment to the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics and the application form duly signed.

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**Preparations for the twentieth session of the General Assembly**

Agenda item 10  
(document CE/93/10)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on the preparations for the twentieth session of the General Assembly,

Having heard the statement by the delegations of Zambia and Zimbabwe on the progress already made,

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the signature of the trilateral Agreement for this session of the General Assembly on 29 May, on the occasion of the visit of the Secretary-General to the area of the Victoria Falls;
2. Takes due note that the final dates established for the twentieth session of the General Assembly are 24-29 August 2013; and
3. Congratulates both countries on their excellent coordination and efficient progress towards an extremely successful session of the General Assembly in Africa.

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**Place and dates of the ninety-fourth session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 11  
(document CE/93/11)

The Executive Council,

Considering its decision 4(XCII), adopted at its ninety-second session in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea,

1. Commends the spirit of consensus shown by Egypt and Serbia which, taking into account the Mundo Maya celebration in 2012, have agreed to defer their candidatures to host the 94<sup>th</sup> session in favour of Mexico;
2. Decides to hold its ninety-fourth session in October 2012 in Campeche, Mexico, on a date to be set by the Secretary-General in consultation with the host Government;
3. Takes note of the interest of the Governments of Egypt, France (95<sup>th</sup> session), Islamic Republic of Iran, Serbia and Uzbekistan to host one session of the UNWTO Executive Council; and



4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Members of the Executive Council, to establish guidelines regarding decisions on the venue of Executive Council and General Assembly meetings and to submit them to the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council.
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### **Vote of thanks to the host country**

The Executive Council,

Having carried out the work of its ninety-third session under the excellent conditions placed at its disposal by the Kingdom of Spain,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Government and people of Spain for the support extended to the UNWTO and its Members in hosting this session of the Council in the beautiful capital city of Madrid, as well as for the opportunity provided to the delegates not only to enjoy the tourist attractions of the city, but also to attend several social events and technical tours to cultural Spanish destinations, thanks to the generosity of the City of Madrid, the Regional Government of Castilla y León, the City of Alcalá de Henares and the Regional Government of Madrid, as well as Paradores de Turismo and Real Madrid, F.C.;
2. Deeply thanks H.R.H. the Prince of Asturias, Felipe de Borbón y Grecia and H.E. José Manuel Soria López, Minister of Industry, Energy and Tourism of Spain, for honouring with their presence the opening session; and
3. Expresses its sincere recognition to H.E. Isabel Borrego, Secretary of State for Tourism of Spain, and to her team for their hospitality and constant support to the organization of the meeting.