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Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2013

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 2013.

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.
 3. On 16 August 2012, the UNWTO Secretariat received a letter, dated 26 July 2012, from Mr. Eduard Hellvig, Minister of Regional Development and Tourism of Romania, submitting Romania's candidature for the chairmanship of the Council.
 4. No candidatures for either vice-chairmanship have been received to date.
 5. The tables of Annexes I, II and III show the States elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council since the Organization's inception.



Actions to be taken by the Executive Council:

6. The Executive Council is requested:
 - (a) To elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2013.