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Place and dates of the ninety-fifth session of the Executive Council

I. Procedure for establishing the place and dates of Executive Council sessions

1. Article 8(2) of the Organization's Statutes and rule 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure provide that the sessions of the Council shall be held at the Organization's Headquarters, unless the Council decides otherwise.
2. A decision is to be adopted at the present session on the place and dates of the ninety-fifth Council session.

II. Candidatures received for the ninety-fifth session

3. In the ninety-third session of the Executive Council (Madrid, Spain, 13 June 2012), the delegation of **France** presented France's candidature to host the next Council session in the island of Reunion; the delegation of **Egypt** expressed, once again, its wish to host a Council session, though not in the hot months of spring and the delegation of **Serbia** reiterated its wish to host the next session of the Council. The delegations of the **Islamic Republic of Iran** and **Uzbekistan** also showed interest in hosting a Council session.
4. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 16 July 2012 and signed by Ms. Sylvia Pinel, Minister of Handicrafts, Commerce and Tourism of France, France confirmed its candidature to host the 95th session of the Council in the island of Reunion, situated in the Indian Ocean.
5. In another letter addressed to the Secretary-General, dated 29 August 2012 and signed by Mr. Goran Petkovic, State Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Serbia, Serbia reconfirmed its candidature to host the 95th session of the Council. In the same letter, the State Secretary recalled that Serbia had first presented its candidature to host a Council session during the 88th session in Iguazu, Argentina, and renewed its candidature in all subsequent sessions to date. The State Secretary also drew attention to the fact that Serbia had already withdrawn its candidature 3 times in favour of Kenya, Spain and Mexico.



6. It is recalled that, in a laudable spirit of consensus, and taking into account the *Mundo Maya* celebration in 2012, Egypt, along with Serbia, had agreed to defer its candidature to host the 94th session in favour of Mexico.

III. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

7. The Executive Council is requested:

- (a) To make a final decision on the place and dates of its ninety-fifth session, in accordance with its decision CE/DEC/18(XCIII).