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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/95/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its ninety-fifth session as proposed.

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Communication of the Chair

Agenda item 2
(document CE/95/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of the Chair of the 95th session of the Executive Council, the Honourable Maria Grapini, Minister for Tourism of Romania,

1. Thanks the Chair for her communication to the Executive Council;

2. Shares her views regarding the major role of tourism, its important impact on the economic recovery and growth, and the high potential of the tourism industry in the global economy;

3. Also shares the views of the Chair also on the need for UNWTO to continue working with regional and international organizations and to focus on criteria related to ethics, sustainability, competitiveness and environmental protection; and

4. 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 deliberation of its various agenda items.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(a) International tourism in 2012 and outlook for 2013

Agenda item 3(I)(a)
(document CE/95/3(I)(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report presented by the Secretary-General on international tourism in 2012 and prospects for 2013 and having discussed it,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his presentation, which provides the Members of the Council with a global overview of the recent developments and future prospects of the tourism sector; and

2. Takes note of the information provided including current challenges facing the development of international tourism.

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Part I: Current situation and activities

(b) Mainstreaming tourism in the global agenda

Agenda item 3(I)(b)
(document CE/95/3(I)(b))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report presented by the Secretary-General on mainstreaming tourism in the global agenda and having discussed it,

1. Takes note of the work of the Secretariat in mainstreaming tourism in the international and national agendas;

2. Commends the Members that have joined the Open Letter initiative and encourages those that have not yet joined to do so;

3. Supports the priorities set forth by the Secretary-General, namely:

   - travel facilitation;
   - taxation; and
   - connectivity

   and requests him to continue reporting to the Executive Council on the progress made in advancing advocacy on all three issues;

4. Supports the efforts of the Secretariat in achieving full Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligibility and mobilizing new resources for the Organization and, upon the proposal of South Africa, requests the Secretariat to create a Working Group chaired by South Africa to advance this objective and report regularly to the Executive Council; and

5. Takes note that, during the ninety-fifth session of the Executive Council, the following Members have expressed interest in taking part in the ODA Working Group: Egypt, the Flemish Community of Belgium, France, Germany, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritania, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and South Africa.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(c) Protection of tourists/consumers and travel organizers

Agenda item 3(I)(c)
(document CE/94/3(I)(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report by the Secretary-General on the protection of tourists/consumers and travel organizers,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his recurrent updates on the results achieved by the UNWTO Working Group on the Protection of Tourists/Consumers and Travel Organizers;

2. Welcomes the discussions and consultations with all Member States, particularly, through the Regional Commissions' meetings; and

Recalling Executive Council decision CE/DEC/5(XCIV),

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General to advise the Working Group to continue the elaboration of the text of the Convention taking into account the results of such consultations and to report on its progress to the General Assembly.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(d) UNWTO activities in the UN system

Agenda item 3(I)(d)
(document CE/95/3(I)(d))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of document CE/95/3(I)(d),

1. Notes with interest the UNWTO's regular collaboration with various United Nations networks and mechanisms 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. Applauds the unanimous decision taken by the UN General Assembly in adopting the resolution entitled *Promotion of ecotourism for poverty eradication and environment protection* (A/RES/67/223) and further supports the work of UNWTO in this area;

3. Recognizes and supports the Secretariat in mainstreaming tourism and building upon the outcome document "The Future We Want", e.g., through key initiatives such as the 10-Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP), for a *post-Rio+20* Tourism for Development Agenda within the UN system and in support to Member States;

4. Encourages the Secretariat to continue its participation in the discussions and activities leading to the formulation of Sustainable Development Goals as part of the post-2015 Development Agenda;

5. Acknowledges and commends the important work of the Secretariat related to its commissioned project of the European Commission's Directorate General for Development and Cooperation (DG DEVCO) and its opportunity to mobilize ODA for developing countries;

6. Further encourages the Secretariat to engage actively in the preparations and processes which will contribute to the Third UN Conference on Small Island Developing States scheduled for 2014 in Samoa;

7. Takes note of the important decision taken by UNWTO in strengthening its engagement with the GPST initiative and its collaborative work with UNEP as well as to further support its joint work; and

8. 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 and relevant activities.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(e) Technical committees on competitiveness and sustainability issues

Redefining name, mandate, composition and modus operandi

Agenda item 3(I)(e)
(document CE/95/3(I)(e))

The Executive Council,

Having read the report of the Secretary-General on technical committees on competitiveness and sustainability issues: Redefining name, mandate, composition and modus operandi,

1. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General concerning the two renewed committees on competitiveness and sustainability issues;

2. Approves the change in the names of:

   (a) The Sustainable Development of Tourism Committee (SDTC) to "Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)", and

   (b) The Market and Competitiveness Committee (MCC) to "Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC)";

3. Requests the Secretary-General:

   (a) To organize the first meetings of both committees in the framework of the forthcoming General Assembly (2013, Zambia and Zimbabwe); and

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(b) To submit to the 97th session of the Executive Council the rules of procedures proposed for the two committees[1] as well as the list of invited participants for each committee as stipulated under "Composition of the Committees";

4. Approves that the representative of the Associate Members in the Executive Council be temporarily their representative in both committees until the Associate Members designate a Member for each committee;

5. Also approves that the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members be temporarily their representative in both committees until the Board designates an Affiliate Member for each committee; and

6. Further approves the addition of a representative of each committee to the Programme and Budget Committee.

[1] See rule 8.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(a) Financial situation of the Organization

and

Part III: General Programme of Work for 2012-2013

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 3(II)(a) and 3(III)(a)
(documents CE/95/3(II)(a), CE/95/3(II)(a)Add. 1 and CE/95/3(III)(a))

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 report of the Committee on Programme and Budget,

1. Takes note of the of the level of collection of contributions from Members for the financial year 2013 as of 31 March 2013 amounting to EUR6,734,010.91, and also of the collection of contributions in arrears, amounting to EUR362,619.99;

2. Also takes note of the adjustments made by the SG on the structure of programmes for 2013;

3. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2013, thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution;

4. Notes the budgetary pressures experienced by the Organization due to the zero nominal growth policy already followed for a period of four years, while noting with satisfaction the prudent financial management exercised by the Secretary-General;

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5. Also notes the progress made on IPSAS implementation and of the special recognition given by the External Auditors to the work done in 2012 in the IPSAS project, as well as the Secretary-General's comment in respect that the application of IPSAS 6, IPSAS 7 or IPSAS 8 to the operations of UNWTO may be delayed until a final structure and relationship of the UNWTO and its separate entities ("satellites") is approved by the UNWTO General Assembly at a future time;

6. Approves the third set of draft amendments to the Detailed Financial Rules (DFR) necessary for their adaptation to IPSAS and agrees that the amended DFR will enter into force once IPSAS is operative, targeting 1 January 2014, except paragraphs 11 and 24 of the Annex I (Travel Guidelines) of the amended DFR which will enter into force immediately;

7. Takes note that the technical comments submitted by the German delegation at the ninety-fifth session of the Executive Council (see Annex) will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate into a more complete version of the DFR to be submitted to the ninety-sixth session of the Council; and

8. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to advance in the IPSAS implementation project.

Annex

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Statement by the German Delegation on Agenda Item 3, Part II (a) Add. 1: Amendments to the Detailed Financial Rules (DFR)

Madame Chair,

We have examined the document on the Amendments to the Detailed Financial Rules. Under German law, we must also consult the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Federal Court of Auditors on documents regarding the financial rules of international organisations. Following careful consultations of the German authorities, I would like to present the following comments by the German delegation:

- *Ad Rule 3.07: It has so far been necessary that the Committee on Budget and Finance confirms transfers of credits between various parts of the UNWTO budget. According to the new wording of Rule 3.07, however, the Committee on Budget and Finance shall be informed only after transfers of credits. From the German point of view, this weakens the rights of the member countries since it is not in line with the IPSAS requirements. We request that the existing Rule should be retained and that the Committee on Budget and Finance should be involved prior to any transfers of credits.*

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- *Ad Rule 5.14: According to the new wording of Rule 5.14, the use of voluntary contributions for specific purposes within the framework of the Voluntary Contribution Fund shall in future be possible. However, the overarching Financial Rules (Rule 10 No. 4) do not allow for provisions on the use of voluntary contributions specifying a particular activity. We therefore request the* **complete deletion** *of Rule 5.14.*

- *Ad Rule 6.21: A replacement reserve has so far been possible only for the acquisition of new computer hardware, photocopiers and vehicles. The new wording of Rule 6.21 refers to "non-expendable fixed assets" in general; according to the Rule, these include any goods that are worth less than 250 US dollars and at least one year old. Will the scope of goods for which a reserve is necessary be expanded due to the new definition? If yes, Germany cannot accept this provision unless the contributions of the member countries will not rise due to an increased reserve.*

- *According to Rule 6.24, a new reserve fund, the Special Contingency Reserve, shall be established. The new contingency fund is planned to be financed through budget surpluses.* **Germany rejects the new Contingency Reserve.** *Surpluses should be used to reduce the contributions of the member countries, as in the past. In addition, according to the new wording of the Rule, the Reserve is planned to be used not only for contingencies, but also as seed money to finance voluntary projects. We believe that this is dangerous since if the expected voluntary contributions will not be paid, the funds of the Reserve would soon be exhausted.*

- *Rule 8.01 makes clear that the activities of the external financial control cover* **all** *funds and accounts of the UNWTO. This important aspect should be laid down in the* **overarching Regulations**.

The German delegation requests that its statement should be taken into account in the draft decision on the above-mentioned agenda item.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(b) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2012

and

Part III: General programme of work for 2012-2013

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda item 3(II)(b) and 3(III)(a)
(documents CE/95/3(II)(b) and CE/95/3(III)(a))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2012,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General and the Programme and Budget Committee,

1. Notes that in the financial year 2012 the level of budgetary expenditure was maintained within the limits of approved appropriations;

2. Observes that the level of budgetary income received in 2012 made it possible to execute 98.7 per cent of the approved budget, while maintaining 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 Chairmen of the Programme and Budget Committee (Argentina and Malaysia) as well as the Chairman of the Executive Council (Romania), in accordance with Financial Regulation 5(3) and Detailed Financial Provision 3.07;

4. Recommends to the Secretary-General to continue in 2013 his efforts with the 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 2012, as reported by the Auditors; and

7. Thanks the Chairmen of the Programme and Budget Committee (Argentina and Malaysia) and the Auditors (Spain and India) for the important work carried out.

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Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(c) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the eighteenth financial period (2010-2011)

and

Part III: General programme of work for 2012-2013

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 3(II)(c) and 3(III)(a)
(documents CE/95/3(II)(c) and CE/95/3(III)(a))

The Executive Council,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General on the financial results of the audited accounts of the eighteenth financial period (2010-2011) and taking note of the report of the Programme and Budget Committee referring thereto,

Recommends the General Assembly to endorse the Executive Council decisions CE/DEC/6(XC) and CE/DEC/6 (XCIII) on accounts for 2010-2011 approving their closing.

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Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(d) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

and

Part III: General Programme of Work for 2012-2013

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 3(II)(d) and 3(III)(a)
(documents CE/95/3(II)(d) and CE/95/3(III)(a))

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 22 Full Members and one Associate Member,

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 with satisfaction that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules are no longer applicable to the Full Member Myanmar since it has settled its arrear contributions in full up to and including the financial year 2013 and that the Full Member Pakistan has reduced its arrears to less than two years' contributions, and is therefore no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;

3. Also notes with satisfaction that Cambodia, Guinea, and Lao People's Democratic Republic have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2013;

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4. Approves the payment plans submitted by the Full Members Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda and the Affiliate Members Fundaçao Comissao de Turismo Integrado do Nordeste – Fundaçao CTI-NE and United Federation of Travel Agents Association;

5. 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;

6. Endorses the Auditors' appeal to all Members to pay their contributions to the budget within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financing Regulations; 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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Report of the Secretary-General

Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(e) Authorizations granted for the use of the UNWTO logo

Agenda item 3(II)(e)
(document CE/95/3(II)(e)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report presented by the Secretary-General on the authorizations granted for the use of the UNWTO signs,

Takes note of the entities to which the Secretariat has, during the period April 2012-April 2013, granted permission to use the UNWTO signs.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(f) Human resources matters

Agenda item 3(II)(f)
(document CE/95/3(II)(f))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the human resources situation of the Organization,

1. Takes note of the information provided on the human resources of the Organization and expresses its satisfaction at the work currently being carried out by those persons in the service of the Organization;

2. Invites Member States to avail themselves of the Organization's offer to accept, on a non-reimbursable loan arrangement, tourism officials sponsored by Member States as part of the existing capacity-building framework; and

3. Approves the proposed amendments to Rule 17(1) Special Leave as follows: "A special leave of up to eight weeks may be granted to an official in the case of adoption of a child", and Rule 24(4) Age of Retirement as proposed.

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Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

(g) Report of the Staff Association

Agenda item 3(II)(g)
(document CE/95/3(II)(g))

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the UNWTO Staff Association's report,

1. Thanks the Vice-Chair of the Staff Association Committee for her presentation and appreciates the report submitted in accordance with decision 3(LXXXIII) adopted at its eighty-third session;

2. Acknowledges and appreciates the spirit of cooperation between the Secretary-General's office, Administration and the UNWTO Staff Association and its Committee;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue supporting and collaborating with the Staff Association in its activities, including specifically the formulation of post-specific job descriptions according to the programme-based structure of the Organization so as to ensure the filling of vacancies and promotions on a fair and competence-based manner, in accordance with the Professional Growth Plan and the Staff Rules;

4. Further encourages the Secretariat to continue addressing staff concerns, such as gender balance and work-life balance within the Organization; and

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General to support and encourage the implementation of a phased, yet continuous, training programme for the Staff within the available financial resources so as to expand and update their expertise and, thereby, the quality of service to the Members.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Part III: General programme of work for 2012-2013

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the general programme of work

Agenda item 3(III)(b)
(documents CE/95/3(III)(b), CE/95/3(III)(b) Annex and CE/95/3(III)(b) Add.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the general programme of work, its annex on specific projects and initiatives, and its addendum on setting up Observatories of Sustainable Tourism under the auspices of UNWTO,

1. Takes note of the considerable amount of work accomplished in times of budgetary constraints;

2. Supports the Global Observatory of Sustainable Tourism initiative and the stages proposed for setting up observatories;

3. Endorses the official name "Observatories of Sustainable Tourism under the auspices of UNWTO" and requests the General Assembly to approve its use for Observatories under the Guidelines on the use of UNWTO signs by bodies other than UNWTO Secretariat.

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Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2014-2017

Agenda item 4
(document CE/95/4)

The Executive Council,

Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having heard the presentation of the candidate,

Having held a private meeting in accordance with rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure and the relevant provisions contained in document CE/95/4,

Having heard the designation by its Chairman of the representatives of Serbia and Spain as tellers to count the votes,

Having held a secret ballot during this meeting in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

Noting that the ballot gave 28 votes to Mr. Taleb Rifai (Jordan),

Also noting that Mr. Taleb Rifai received in the first ballot the required majority by unanimous vote of the Council Members,

Recommends the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Taleb Rifai for the period 2014-2017.

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General programme of work and budget for 2014-2015

Agenda items 5(a) and (b)
(documents CE/95/5(a) and CE/95/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2014-2015, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 23(2) of the Statutes and on the basis of the policy guidelines and programming principles adopted by the Council at its seventy-ninth session in decision 11(LXXIX),

Having before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC),

1. Takes note with appreciation of the Secretariat proposal and of the report of the PBC; and

Considering the situation resulting from the application of a Zero Nominal Growth budget policy for the last six consecutive years,

2. Decides to continue discussions on the resources gap and proposed intervention and support from Member countries, with the aim of reaching a consensus on the programme of work and budget 2014-2015 before the next session of the General Assembly.

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Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 6(a)
(Document CE/95/6(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report prepared by the Chairman of the Board of the UNWTO Affiliate Members and presented on his behalf,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his report;

2. Supports the projects proposed in the Work Plan to strengthen the interaction, synergies and exchange of knowledge and best practices among Affiliate Members;

3. Takes note with satisfaction of the importance of working on recommendations regarding specific segments such as sport tourism and city tourism as well as challenges for growth given by seasonality;

4. Encourages the Member States to help identify potential Affiliate Members from their countries and in particular from those countries not represented within the Committee of Affiliate Members; and

5. Congratulates the Secretariat on its efforts aimed at enhancing the geographic coverage and sectoral representation of new members.

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

Agenda item 6(b)
(document CE/95/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met on 28 May 2013, under the chairmanship of France,

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee;

2. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates, pending ratification by the twentieth session of the General Assembly:

    1. ADVERTISING AGENCY « GREAT SILK ROAD » (UZBEKISTAN/OUSBEKISTAN)
    2. ASSOCIAÇAO BRASILEIRA DAS OPERADORAS DE TURISMO – BRAZTOA (BRAZIL/BRÉSIL/BRASIL)
    3. AYUNTAMIENTO S. BARTOLOME DE TIRAJANA (MASPALOMAS) (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
    4. BENCH EVENTS (UNITED KINGDOM/ GRAND BRETAGNE / REINO UNIDO)
    5. CASPIAN TRAVEL AGENCY AND CARGO LLC (AZERBAIJAN)
    6. CONFEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (CEAV) (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
    7. CONSOLIDATED TOURISM AND INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS LTD CTICO (JAMAICA/JAMAÏQUE)
    8. CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU DELLA REPUBBICA DI SAN MARINO (SAN MARINO/SAINT-MARIN)
    9. DELTA GROUP LTD (AZERBAIJAN)
    10. ELCORTE INGLES (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
    11. ELEGANT TRAVEL" (AZERBAIJAN)
    12. ERA STYLE (AZERBAIJAN)
    13. EUROTOURISM COMPANY (AZERBAIJAN)
    14. FEST TRAVEL (TURKEY/TURQUIE/TURQUÍA)
    15. FINNISH SANTA CLAUS FOUNDATION (FINLAND/FINLANDE/FINLANDIA)
    16. GILAN TOURISM (AZERBAIJAN)

17. GLOBAL LLC (AZERBAIJAN)
18. GUBILEN S.A (URUGUAY)
19. IATCA INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING CERTIFICATION AUDIT SERVICES LTD. (TURKEY/TURQUIE/TURQUÍA)
20. IMPROTEX TRAVEL, TOURS CONFERENCES (AZERBAIJAN)
21. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD ASSOCIATION (NETHERLANDS/ PAYS-BAS/PAISES BAJOS)
22. KASPIAN TUR MMC (AZERBAIJAN)
23. KHAZAR TRAVEL "XEZER TOURS AND TRAVEL" (AZERBAIJAN)
24. KWELA FLEET MANAGEMENT (SOUTH AFRICA/AFRIQUE DU SUD/SUDAFRICA)
25. LESLIE HOSPITALITY CONSULTING (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE/ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA)
26. MARTA ROSSI E SILVA ZORZANELLO FAIRS AND ENDEAVORS (BRAZIL/BRASIL)
27. MEXICO TRAVEL CHANNEL (MEXICO)
28. MISS HERITAGE WORLD ORGANISATION (MHW) (NAMIBIA/NAMIBIE)
29. NH HOTELES (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
30. OBSERVATORIO DE DERECHO DE TURISMO – FACULTAD DE DERECHO UNIVERSIDAD DE BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA/ARGENTINE)
31. "PASHA TRAVEL" LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) (AZERBAIJAN)
32. QAFQAZ POINT HOTEL (AZERBAIJAN)
33. SAPPHIRE LLC (AZERBAIJAN)
34. "SINDBAD"LLC (AZERBAIJAN)
35. "SLIK WAY " AIRLINES LLC- " SW TRAVEL" BRANCH (AZERBAIJAN)
36. SMART HOLIDAY (AZERBAIJAN)
37. SPEKTR KO LLC (AZERBAIJAN)
38. THE ADMINISTRATION OF WINTER AND SUMMER TOURIST COMPLEX "SHAHDAG" (AZERBAIJAN)
39. ZIMBABWE YOUTH IN TOURISM (ZIMBABWE)

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

1. DEPT. TOURISM & HOSPITALITY HAZARA UNIVERSITY MANSEHRA KP (PAKISTAN)
2. GAUTENG TOURISM AUTHORITY (GTA) (SOUTH AFRICA, SUD AFRICA, AFRIQUE DU SUD)
3. INSTITUTE OF TOURISM, BEIJING UNION UNIVERSITY (CHINA/CHINE)
4. INSTITUTO MOVATUR (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
5. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (UKRAINE/UKRAINE/ UCRANIA)
6. MONA TOURS LTD. (ISRAEL)
7. NANKAI UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TOURISM AND SERVICE MANAGEMENT (CHINA/CHINE/CHINA)
8. SEASTAR CONSULTANCY (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)
9. UNIVERSIDAD LA SALLE CANCÚN (MEXICO/MEXIQUE)
10. VISIT ELCHE (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
11. YOUNG TOURISM LEADERS (TURKEY/TURQUIE/TURQUIA)

provided that, within the period of 30 days, they submit the accredited letter of governmental support.

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(c) UNWTO Affiliate Members/Knowledge Network-TedQual Joint Membership Benefits Plan

Integration of UNWTO TedQual Certified Programmes and Knowledge Network within the Affiliate Members Programme

Agenda item 6(c)
(document CE/95/6(c))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report on the integration of UNWTO TedQual Certified Programmes and Knowledge Network within the Affiliate Members Programme,

1. Thanks the Secretariat for the report;

2. Recognizes the benefit that this proposal represents to all participating parties, UNWTO Affiliate Members, the Knowledge Network and the UNWTO.Themis Foundation;

3. Endorses the proposal to strengthen UNWTO affiliate membership as part of UNWTO's plan to further support its Members; and

4. Approves the above proposal for its ratification at the General Assembly.

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World Tourism Day: themes and host countries for 2014 and 2015 to be proposed to the General Assembly

Agenda item 7
(document CE/95/7)

The Executive Council,

1. Approves for submission to the 20th session of the General Assembly the following host countries for World Tourism Day 2014 and 2015:

   (a) World Tourism Day 2014: Mexico

   (b) World Tourism Day 2015: Burkina Faso

2. Takes note that the themes for World Tourism Day 2014 and 2015 will be proposed by the Secretariat to the 96th session of the Executive Council.

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Preparations for the twentieth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 8
(document CE/95/8)

The Executive Council

Takes note of the report on the preparations for the twentieth session of the General Assembly.

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Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having carried out the work of its ninety-fifth session under the excellent conditions placed at its disposal by the Republic of Serbia,

1. Expresses its most sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of Serbia for the support extended to the UNWTO and its Members in hosting this session of the Council in the beautiful city of Belgrade, as well as for the opportunity provided to delegates to participate in the pre-Council Seminar on *Sustainable Tourism at Inland Water Destinations* and to enjoy the tourist attractions on their way; and

2. Expresses, in particular, its deepest appreciation to Prime Minister Ivica Dacic, Minister of Finance and Economy Mladjan Dinkic, State Secretary Goran Petkovic, Mayor of Belgrade Dragan Djilas and National Tourism Organization Director Gordana Plamenac, as well as to their team members and staff, for their magnificent hospitality and for their personal involvement and constant support to the organization of the meeting.

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