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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1

(documents CE/96/1 prov. and CE/96/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat,

Decides to adopt the agenda of its ninety-sixth session as proposed.



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CE/DEC/2(XCVI)

Report of the Secretary-General on administrative and statutory matters

(b) Updated report on the financial situation

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 2(a) and (b)
(documents A/20/5(II)(b), A/20/5(II)(b) Add.1 and CE/96/2(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 Programme and Budget Committee,

1. Takes note of the level of collection of contributions from Members for the financial year 2013 as of 30 June 2013 amounting to EUR9,255,417.10, and also of the collection of contributions in arrears, amounting to EUR730,113.51;
2. Takes note of the adjustments made by the Secretary-General on the structure of programmes for 2013;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to urge 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; and
4. Takes note of the budgetary pressures experienced by the Organization due to the zero nominal growth policy already followed for a period of six years, while noting with satisfaction the prudent financial management exercised by the Secretary-General.



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(c) Detailed Financial Rules

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 2(a) and (c)
(documents CE/96/2(c), CE/96/2(c) Add.1 and CE/96/2(a))

The Executive Council,

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

Approves the final amended Detailed Financial Rules (DFR) and agrees that the amended DFR will enter into force once IPSAS is operative, targeting 1 January 2014.



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(d) 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 Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 2(a) and (d)
(documents A/20/4(b) and CE/96/2(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 Programme and Budget Committee,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Members Malawi, Myanmar and Pakistan are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules or Article 34 of the Statutes, 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 the Full Members Cambodia, Guinea and Lao People's Democratic Republic;
3. Decides to submit to the General Assembly the payment plans submitted by the Full Members Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger and Uganda and by the Affiliate Members Fundação Comissao de Turismo Integrado do Nordeste – Fundação CTI-NE and United Federation of Travel Agents Association (UFTAA), already approved by the Executive Council at its 95th session;
4. Further notes that Iraq continues to benefit 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 present session of the General Assembly and proposes the General Assembly to approve the entry into force of its payment plan beginning 1 January 2014;

5. Also decides to recommend to the General Assembly to maintain the temporary exemption of Bolivia, Central African Republic, Congo, El Salvador, Gambia, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Togo, Uruguay and Yemen, as well as the Affiliate Members Asociación Mundial para la Formación Profesional (AMFORT) and Souv Club Cameroon 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 2014;
6. 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;
7. Notes that the following Members continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
 BAHRAIN
 BURUNDI
 CAPE VERDE
 DJIBOUTI
 GUINEA BISSAU
 KYRGYZSTAN
 PAPUA NEW GUINEA
 SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
 SIERRA LEONE
 SUDAN
 THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
 TURKMENISTAN
 VANUATU

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ATUR CAIXAS DO SUL – ASSOC. TURISTICA DO CAIXAS DO SUL (Brazil)
 ATHENS TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEV. COMPANY (Greece)
 BIMAN BANGLADESH AIRLINES
 BROCK UNIVERSITY (Canada)
 CAMARA DO TURISMO DE CABO VERDE
 CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION (CTO) (Barbados)
 CENGIZ (Nigeria)
 CENTRO INTERNATIONAL DE ESTUDIOS TURISTICOS DE CANARIAS (Spain)
 CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY – DPT. OF HOTEL & TOURISM MANAGEMENT
 DAR AL – DIAFA FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM EDUC. CONSULTANCY (Jordan)
 DESTINATION MARKETING ORG. CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE (South Africa)
 DUBLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Ireland)
 ELAGRO – GREEK SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ORGANIZATION (Greece)
 EMPRESA DE TURISMO DE BAHIA – BAHIA-TURSA (Brazil)
 ENIT – ITALIAN TOURIST BOARD (Italy)

FEDECATUR – FEDERACION DE CAMARAS DE TURISMO DE CENTROAMERICA (Honduras)
FEDERATION TUNISIENNE DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES ET DE TOURISME FTAV
FUNDACION MUNICIPAL “TURISMO PARA CUENCA” (Spain)
FUNDACION SIERRA CALDERONA (Spain)
GEOS (France)
GLOBAL TOURISM SOLUTIONS (France)
ICEI – ISTITUTO COOPERAZIONE ECONOMICA INTERNAZIONALE (Italy)
IGGY TOURISM CONSULTING, TOURISM TRADEMARK (Argentina)
INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE TURISMOLOGOS
INSTITUTO DE TURISMO RESPONSIBLE (Spain)
INTISHAR TOURIST SERVICES (Sudan)
IRAN CULTURE HERITAGE & TOURISM INVESTMENT CO.
ISRAEL SCHOOL OF TOURISM
IXEO INTERACTIVE TRAVEL S.A. (Switzerland)
JORDAN SOCIETY OF TOURIST AND TRAVEL AGENTS
KENYA TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
KOREA CULTURE & TOURISME POLICY INSTITUTE (KCTPI)
KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT & CARNET CLUB
KYUNG HEE UNIVERSITY (Republic of Korea)
LEISURE QUEST INC. LL (USA)
MEETING PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL (USA)
PAKISTAN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
RESERVA DE LA BIOSFERA DE FUERTEVENTURA (Spain)
SENECA (Italy)
U.S. TRAVEL ASSOCIATION
ZAGREB FAIR (Croatia)

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report at its 98th 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,

9. 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 2014, in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of General Assembly resolution 217(VII):

FULL MEMBERS

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
VANUATU

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

BIMAN BANGLADESH AIRLINES
BROCK UNIVERSITY
CENGIZ
CENTRO INTERNACIONAL DE ESTUDIOS TURISTICOS DE CANARIAS S.L.
CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY – DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL AND TOURISM
MANAGEMENT
DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION – CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE
ELAGRO, GREEK SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ORGANIZATION
EMPRESA DE TURISMO DA BAHIA S.A. – BAHIATURSA
FEDERATION TUNISIENNE DES AGENCES DE VOYAGES ET DE TOURISME
INSTITUTO DE TURISMO RESPONSABLE
IXEO INTERACTIVE TRAVEL S.A.
KOREA CULTURE & TOURISM POLICY INSTITUTE (CKTPI)
KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT & CARNET CLUB
LEISURE QUEST INTERNATIONAL LLC.
RESERVA DE LA BIOSFERA DE FUERTEVENTURA
ZAGREB FAIR



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Report of the Secretary-General on administrative and statutory matters

(e) Election of the Auditors for 2014-2015

(a) Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Agenda items 2(a) and 2(e)
(documents A/20/5(II)(e) and CE/96/2(a))

The Executive Council,

Expressing its appreciation to the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Spain (Mr. Manuel Toledano Torres and Mr. Juan Ruiz-Rico Alcaide) and India (Mr. Kulwant Singh and Ms. Mudumbai Himabindu),

1. Thanks them for their contribution;

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 to the General Assembly to designate Spain, Germany and India, the latter subject to the formal approval of the Comptroller General of India, as the External Auditors for the period 2014-2015;

Taking into account the implementation of IPSAS by the UNWTO from 1 January 2014 (CE/95/3(II)(a) add.1), in line with the IPSAS work plan (CE/88/5(a)) and in addition to the External Auditors' mandate under the UNWTO Financial Regulations (FR) (FR, Annex I) as stated in document A/20/5(II)(e),

3. Recommends the General Assembly to entrust to the External Auditors of UNWTO the auditing of the restated opening balance compliant with IPSAS as at 1 January 2014 and the review of UNWTO IPSAS pilot financial statements as at 30 September 2014;
4. Furthermore thanks the External Auditors for the additional time and resources devoted in order to complete these additional activities during the year 2014.



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(f) Information and communication technologies at the Secretariat

Agenda item 2(f)
(document CE/96/2(f))

The Executive Council,

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

1. Notes the reports on the status of ICT activities in this document; and
2. Supports the orientation given by the Secretariat to the ICT Programme of Work, in particular the projects related to IPSAS implementation and telecommunications infrastructure and services.



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(g) Joint Inspection Unit recommendations in the context of the White Paper

Agenda item 2(g)
(document CE/96/2(g))

The Executive Council,

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

1. Takes note of the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit annexed to this document, thanking the Unit for their insights;
2. Endorses decision CE/DEC/7(XCIV); which approved the White Paper Implementation Plan as the main instrument to drive the reform process at the UNWTO; and
3. Further takes note of the 112 recommendations presented in JIU reports and notes in 2012 and summarized in Annex 2 and the 582 recommendations presented in JIU reports and notes for the period 2006 to 2010, and considers that no further action is to be made on them by the Organization, in view of current status of the matter within the Secretariat and the costs required by their implementation while noting the 110 recommendations for 2011 have already been closed by the Executive Council [CE/DEC/7(XCIV)].



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CE/DEC/8(XCVI)

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(h) World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2012 and 2013, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2014-2015

Agenda item 2(h)
(document CE/96/2(h))

The Executive Council

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

- World Tourism Day 2014: Tourism and Community Development (Mexico)
- World Tourism Day 2015: One billion tourists, one billion opportunities (Burkina Faso)



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(i) Rules of procedure of the Technical Committees on Competitiveness and Sustainability

Agenda item 2(i)
(document CE/96/2(i))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the rules of procedure of the Technical Committees on Competitiveness and Sustainability,

1. Welcomes the participation of any Member State in the Technical Committees as observer; and
2. Approves the said rules.



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CE/DEC/10(XCVI)

Draft programme and budget of the Organization for 2014-2015

Agenda item 3
(document A/20/5(l)(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft programme and budget of the Organization for 2014-2015,

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

Having heard the reservations from Germany, Italy and Hungary regarding the zero real growth policy for the UNWTO budget for the biennium 2014-2015,

Recalling its decision CE/DEC/17(XCV) “*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*”, and

Appreciating the efforts of the Secretary-General to meet with several members in order to reach such consensus,

Decides to support the proposed Programme and Budget of the Organization for 2014-2015 as proposed by the UNWTO Secretary-General in document A/20/5(l)(c) and to submit it to the General assembly for final approval.



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CE/DEC/11(XCVI)

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 4
(document A/20/8)

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/12(XCVI)

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

Agenda item 5
(document CE/96/5)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met on 25 August 2013 under the chairmanship of Madagascar,

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. AMERICAN HOTEL & LODGING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE/ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA)
 2. CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE TURISMO (CONSETURISMO) (VENEZUELA)
 3. DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM – PORTO ALEGRE CITY COUNCIL (BRASIL/BRÉSIL/BRAZIL)
 4. DESIGNATED AREAS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ADMINISTRATION (THAILAND/THAÏLANDE/TAÏLANDIA)
 5. GAUTENG TOURISM AUTHORITY (SOUTH AFRICA/ AFRIQUE DU SUD/ SUDAFRICA)
 6. INSTITUTO MOVATUR, S.L. (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
 7. LEADERS GROUP FOR CONSULTING AND DEVELOPMENT (KUWAIT/KOWEÏT)
 8. UNIVERSITY OF NOVIY SAD, FACULTY OF SCIENCES, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT (SERBIA/SERBIE)
 9. ZAGREB TOURIST BOARD & CONVENTION BUREAU (CROATIA/CROATIE/CROACIA)
3. Also decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates:
 1. FACULTAT DE TURISME I GEOGRAFIA UNIVERSITAT ROVIRA I VIRGILI (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA)
 2. KAI COMMUNICATIONS (CHINA/CHINE)
 3. INSTITUTE OF TOURISM, BEIJING UNION UNIVERSITY (CHINA/CHINE)
 4. TAV TUNISIE (TUNISIA/TUNISIE/TUNEZ)

5. UNIVERSIDAD DE LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA (SPAIN/ESPAGNE/ESPAÑA),

provided that, within the period of ninety days, they submit the accredited letter of governmental support and

6. ZAMBIA TOURIST BOARD (ZAMBIA/ZAMBIE),

provided that, within the same period, it submits the letter of acceptance of the Statutes of the UNWTO.



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CE/DEC/13(XCVI)

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

Agenda item 6
(document CE/96/6)

The Executive Council,

Following the practice for its sessions of the second semester on odd years,

Decides to hold its ninety-seventh session in the framework of the twentieth session of the General Assembly, in Livingstone, Zambia, on 29 August 2013.