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### **Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies**

1. In agreement with the Chairs of the UNWTO Commissions and subject to confirmation by the Regional Commissions themselves at their Meetings in the first semester of 2019, there will be no meetings of the Commissions in the framework of the 23rd session of General Assembly in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation. This initiative was taken after careful analysis of the previous editions of the General Assembly (GA) with the aim of reducing the overloaded programme of the GA, optimizing resources, as well as improving the productivity of the 23rd session. This will also enhance the relevance and efficiency of this edition of the Meetings of the Commissions in 2019. The initiative was endorsed by the 109th session of the Executive Council in Manama, Bahrain through decision CE/DEC/10(CIX).
2. Consequently, the agendas of the meetings of the Regional Commissions to be held in the first semester of 2019 will be extensive, since they will include the nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies. These include the nominations of the candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council (2019<sup>1</sup>-2023) and to the 23rd session of the General Assembly (Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, Credentials Committee), the election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Regional Commissions (2019-2021), the nomination of candidates to the different technical Committees, as well as the selection of the places and date of the subsequent meetings of the Commissions.
3. The Regional Commissions will be held in 2019 in the following Member States:
  - 45th Meeting of the Commission for the Middle East (Egypt, 18-19 March 2019);
  - 64th Meeting of the Commission for the Americas (Guatemala, 15-17 May 2019);
  - 64th Meeting of the Commission for Europe (Croatia, 27-30 May 2019);
  - 31st Joint Meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the Commission for South Asia (CSA) and two separate meetings of the Commissions: the 53rd CAP meeting and the 57th CSA meeting (Bhutan, 3-5 June 2019);
  - 62nd Meeting of the Commission for Africa (Mali, 10-12 June 2019)

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<sup>1</sup> The Executive Council will meet in its new composition at its 111th session to be held immediately after the 23rd session of the General Assembly in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation.

## I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Nomination of the Officers of the 23rd session of the General Assembly

4. For the conduct of its business and in accordance with Rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly is called upon to elect its President and Vice-Presidents “on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, making allowance for the region represented by the President”.
5. If the Assembly follows the tradition of nominating as President the head of delegation of the host country (Russian Federation), there would only be one post of Vice-President for the region of Europe.
6. The Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly should therefore represent the UNWTO regions as follows: two for Africa, two for the Americas, **one** for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East.
7. Bearing this in mind, the Regional Commissions are requested to nominate candidates to represent their regions as Vice-Presidents of the twenty-third session of the Assembly.
8. The Officers of the previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex I to this document.
9. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from the Regional Commission for the position of Vice-President have been received at the Secretariat.

## II. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### A. Credentials Committee: Appointment of members

10. Rule 13(1) of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure provides for the appointment by the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, of a Credentials Committee composed of nine delegates chosen from among the Full Members.
11. The Regional Commissions are called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly the same number of representatives for the Credentials Committee as they have Officers of the Assembly. The nine Members of the Committee (two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East) thus nominated will then elect from among themselves a Chair and a Vice-Chair in accordance with Rule 13(2) of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.
12. To assist the Regional Commissions in their deliberations, the offices held by Members at previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex II.
13. As of the date of this document no candidatures from the Regional Commission for membership in the Credentials Committee have been received at the Secretariat.

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**B. Regional Commissions: Election of Officers**

14. In accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, as they apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Regional Commissions, and consistent with the practice followed so far, each Regional Commission should elect one Chair and two Vice-Chairs from among its Members for a term of two years, commencing from the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.
15. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from Member States for the chairmanship and/or vice-chairmanship of the Commission for the period 2019-2021 have been received at the Secretariat.
16. The Secretariat invites Member States from the Region that wish to submit their candidatures for the chairmanship/vice-chairmanship of the Commissions for the forthcoming biennium to do so in the period leading up to the meeting of their respective Commission. Any candidatures reaching the Secretariat before the date of the meeting of the Commissions will be announced in an addendum to this document.
17. A list of the Officers of the Regional Commissions since 1976 is given in Annex III.
18. The Regional Commission is called upon to elect its respective Chair and Vice-Chairs accordingly.

**C. World Committee on Tourism Ethics<sup>2</sup>**

19. In accordance with resolution 607(XIX) adopted by the nineteenth session of the General Assembly in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, the members of the Committee are directly elected by the General Assembly upon the proposal of a Selection Committee (President of the General Assembly, Chair of the Executive Council, Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, the UNWTO Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel).
20. The twentieth session of the General Assembly held at Victoria Falls, Zambia-Zimbabwe, recalled through resolution 636(XX) “the need for applying the staggering principle by which the members of the Committee will be renewed by half every two years”.
21. Thus, the twenty-third session of the General Assembly is required to elect, in plenary session, four members.
22. Nominations to the Committee may be presented by the Full, Associate and Affiliate Members of UNWTO, as well as by the Secretary-General.
23. The Selection Committee will examine the proposed nominations and recommend to the General Assembly the names of the four personalities to be appointed.

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<sup>2</sup> This part on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics is provided for information. No action is required in the framework of the Regional Commission meeting.

### **III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

24. The General Assembly is required to elect, at each of its sessions, one-half of the membership of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes of the Organization, which reads as follows<sup>3</sup>:

“The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution.”

25. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

“The term of elected Members shall be four years (...). Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years.”

26. This provision is enlarged upon in Rule 55(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, paragraph 4 of which reads:

“The term of office of the Members of the Council shall begin immediately following their election by the Assembly and shall end on the election of their successors.”

27. Article 14(1) of the Statutes provides that the total number of the Organization’s Full Members determines the number of seats on the Council. In order to achieve, so far as possible, fair and equitable geographical representation, the number of seats per region is calculated on the basis of one seat for every five Members out of the total number of Members in each region.

28. At its 22nd session in Chengdu, China, the General Assembly decided (resolution 697(XXII)) to amend Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as follows:

“The Assembly shall elect by secret ballot the Members of the Council in the proportion of one Member of the Council for every five Full Members of the Organization, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution. This proportion shall be applied to the number of Full Members by region in order to determine the number of seats on the Executive Council to be allocated to the corresponding region. In the event that the figure obtained after the calculation of the said ratio is not whole, it shall be rounded up to the nearest higher integer.”

29. Consequently, in accordance with the number of Full Members per region at the date of this document (see Annex IV), the Council may be composed of 34 members in addition to Spain as a permanent member, during the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.

30. The current membership of the Executive Council is indicated in Annex V, and Annex VI provides a graphical representation of terms of office, broken down by region, since the creation of the UNWTO.

31. The table in Annex VII illustrates the situation, subject to the submission of other possible candidatures for membership, or the possible renunciation of a candidate. In such circumstances, the data given would have to be changed to reflect the modifications.

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<sup>3</sup> The same provision is repeated in Rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

32. Column 5 of Annex VII shows that the terms of office of 17 members expire at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly. Column 6 shows that 17 Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of 1 member for every 5 Full Members per region, as follows:

<b>Africa</b>	6 seats
<b>Americas</b>	2 seats
<b>East Asia and the Pacific</b>	4 seats
<b>Europe</b>	4 seats
<b>Middle East</b>	1 seat
<b>South Asia</b>	0 seats
<b>TOTAL</b>	17 seats

33. At the time of preparation of this document, the following States had communicated to the Secretariat, on the date appearing between brackets, their intention of presenting their candidatures for membership of the Council for the period 2019-2023:

**AFRICA** (6 seats to be filled)

**Algeria**, 5 October 2018, new  
**Tunisia**, 19 October 2018, new  
**Angola**, 6 November 2018, new  
**Morocco**, 22 November 2018, renewal

**AMERICAS** (2 seats to be filled)

**Paraguay**, 6 November 2018, renewal  
**Guatemala**, 9 November 2018, new

**EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC** (4 seats to be filled)

**Fiji**, 7 August 2018, new  
**Philippines**, 15 October, new  
**Republic of Korea**, 23 October 2018, renewal  
**Japan**, 7 November 2018, renewal  
**China**, 23 November 2018, renewal

**EUROPE** (4 seats to be filled)

**Turkey**, 15 May 2018, new  
**Bulgaria**, 1 June 2018, new  
**Georgia**, 6 July 2018, new  
**Italy**, 25 October 2018, renewal  
**Portugal**, 19 November 2018, renewal

**MIDDLE EAST** (1 seat to be filled)

**Syria**, 26 June 2018, new  
**Iraq**, 31 July 2018, new  
**UAE**, 18 September 2018, new

**SOUTH ASIA** (no seats)

34. Any other candidatures reaching the Secretariat before the date of the Meetings of the Regional Commissions will be announced in an addendum to this document.
35. It should be recalled that Executive Council decisions 4(XXXIII) and 4(XXXIV) recommend that "...only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council".

36. The Regional Commissions are called upon to recommend to the Assembly, on the basis of the regional distribution of new Council seats shown in paragraph 32 of this document, the 17 Council members to be elected for the period 2019-2023.
37. Associate Members are, for their part, requested to nominate their representative to the Executive Council.
38. The Board of Affiliate Members is requested to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council. This function is traditionally assumed by the Chair of the Board.

#### **IV. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

##### **A. Programme and Budget Committee (PBC)**

39. In accordance with decision 5(LXXXIX) taken by the Executive Council at its eighty-ninth session (24-26 October 2010, Kish Island, Islamic Republic of Iran), it has been decided that the Programme and Budget Committee will be composed of:
- 2 full members per region, as follows:
    - 6 members of the Executive Council, one per region, each designated by the Council itself for four years (members elected by the Executive Council have a mandate limited to their Executive Council mandate);
    - 6 members, one per region, designated by their respective regional commission for four years. (If a member elected by a Regional Commission were to become a member of the Executive Council, its term on the Committee would automatically come to an end, with the Regional Commission electing a replacement for the remaining part of the term);
  - The representative of the Associate Members in the Executive Council;
  - The representative of the Affiliate Members in the Executive Council and another representative of the Affiliate Members.

These regulations entered into force when they were approved by the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

40. As the Regional Commissions designated their representatives to the Programme and Budget Committee for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly, i.e. from 2015 to 2019, the six members, one per region, have to be designated by their respective regional commission for the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, i.e. from 2019 to 2023.
41. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from Member States for the Programme and Budget Committee for the period 2019-2023 have been received at the Secretariat.
42. The Associate Members and the Affiliate Members are requested to nominate their representatives to serve on the Committee.
43. The membership of the PBC in 2017-2019/21 is indicated in Annex VIII to this document.

## **B. Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)**

44. The Committee is composed of nine members, appointed on the recommendation of the Regional Commissions.
45. The Committee will elect its Chair and its Vice-Chair from its members. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex IX to this document.
46. The term of office of the members of this Committee for the period 2015-2019 will expire upon the commencement of the 111th session of the Executive Council. This session, held immediately after the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, will approve the new composition of the Committee elected for a period of four years (2019-2023).
47. The nominated members of the Committee will be invited to participate as observers to the meeting of the Committee, which will be convened immediately prior to the opening of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.
48. The Regional Commissions are requested to nominate their candidates for the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability for the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, in accordance with the following distribution, (as per the Rules of Procedure of the Technical Committees adopted by the 96th Executive Council (Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, August 2013) (CE/DEC/9(XCVI)):
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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Africa:                    | 2 members |
| Americas:                  | 2 members |
| East Asia and the Pacific: | 1 member  |
| Europe:                    | 2 members |
| Middle East:               | 1 member  |
| South Asia:                | 1 member  |
49. The Committee will include one Associate Member, designated among them and one Affiliate Member designated according to Article 12(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members.
50. In accordance with decision 9(XCVI) taken by the Executive Council at its ninety-sixth session (25 August 2013, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe), this technical committee, a subsidiary organ of the Executive Council, has an advisory and consultative role. It is meant to carry out the first step of validation processes and channel technical outputs to the Executive Council. It is therefore advisable for representatives of Member States participating in the work of this Committee to have technical expertise in the field and ensure active participation.
51. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from Member States for the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability for the period 2019-2023 have been received at the Secretariat.

### **C. Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account (CSTSA)**

52. The World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism (Nice, June 1999) set up this Committee, which is composed of nine members designated by the Regional Commissions, and four ex officio Members.

53. The Committee contributes to the fulfilment of Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Agreement signed between the United Nations and UNWTO, which states:

*“The United Nations recognizes UNWTO as the appropriate organization to collect, to analyze, to publish, to standardize and to improve the statistics of tourism, and to promote the integration of these statistics within the sphere of the United Nations system.”*

54. Consequently the Committee advises and collaborates in the following three key areas of the Department: (a) Development of international statistical standards, i.e. speak common language and worldwide consensus building; (b) Implementation and capacity building, i.e. assist countries in applying standards; (c) Data compilation and dissemination through UNWTO’s comprehensive database on tourism statistics.

55. The term of office of these members expires in 2019 upon the conclusion of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

56. The Regional Commissions are required to nominate their candidates for the Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account for the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, according to the following distribution among the Member States:

Africa	2 Members
Americas	2 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	1 Member
Europe	2 Members
Middle East	1 Member
South Asia	1 Member

57. At the time of preparation of this document, no Member State from the region had communicated to the Secretariat its intention of presenting its candidature for membership of this Committee for the period 2019-2023.

58. Moreover, France, Canada and Brazil, as Host States of World Conferences on Statistics, and Spain, which chaired the Steering Committee of the Ottawa Conference, serve on this Committee as ex officio Members.

59. Once formed, the Committee will have to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs from among its members.

60. The Committee will include one Associate Member, designated from among them and one Affiliate Member designated according to Article 12(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members.

61. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex X to this document.



#### **D. Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC)**

62. The Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness is composed of nine members, appointed on the recommendation of the Regional Commissions.
63. The Committee will elect its Chair and its Vice-Chair from among its members. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex XI to this document.
64. The term of office of the members of this Committee for the period 2015-2019 will expire upon the commencement of the 111th session of the Executive Council. This session, held immediately after the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, will approve the new composition of the Committee elected for a period of four years (2019-2023).
65. The nominated members of the Committee will be invited to participate, as observers to the meeting of the Committee, which will be convened immediately prior to the opening of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.
66. The Regional Commissions are requested to nominate their candidates for the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness for the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly, in accordance with the following distribution (as per the Rules of Procedure of the Technical Committees adopted by the 96th Executive Council (Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, August 2013) (CE/DEC/9(XCVI)):
- |                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Africa                    | 2 members |
| Americas                  | 2 members |
| East Asia and the Pacific | 1 member  |
| Europe                    | 2 members |
| Middle East               | 1 member  |
| South Asia                | 1 member  |
67. The Committee will include one Representative of the Associate Members, designated among them and one Representative of the Affiliate Members designated according to Article 12(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members.
68. In accordance with decision 9(XCVI) taken by the Executive Council at its ninety-sixth session (25 August 2013, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe), this technical committee, a subsidiary organ of the Executive Council, has an advisory and consultative role. It is meant to carry out the first step of validation processes and channel technical outputs to the Executive Council. It is therefore advisable for representatives of Member States participating in the work of this Committee to have technical expertise in the field and ensure active participation.
69. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from Member States for the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness for the period 2019-2023 have been received at the Secretariat.

#### **E. Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership**

70. Pursuant to Executive Council decisions 8(XXV), 5(XXVI), 2(XXVII), 16(XXVIII) and General Assembly resolution 172(VI), and by virtue of Article 19(g) of the Organization's Statutes, a Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership was established within the framework of the Executive Council. This Committee is composed of six members of the Council, appointed biennially on a regional basis by the Council itself. The Committee elects its own Chair and authorizes the Chair of the Committee of Affiliate Members to participate in its business without the right to vote.

71. Since the two-year term of office of the present members of the Committee expires at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation), the Executive Council, at its 110th session (Baku, Azerbaijan) will appoint, from among its number, the six new members of the Committee for the period 2019-2021.
72. When formulating their recommendations, Members should take into account the fact that this Committee always meets during Council sessions.
73. In accordance with the established practice for the election of the members of the other subsidiary organs of the Executive Council, the Regional Commissions are each called upon to recommend a representative to the Council for appointment to the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2019-2021.
74. As of the date of this document, no candidatures from Member States for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2019-2021 have been received at the Secretariat.
75. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex XII to this document.

**V. DESIGNATION OF THE HOST COUNTRIES FOR WORLD TOURISM DAY 2020 AND 2021**

76. By resolution 470(XV), the General Assembly designated Malaysia and Qatar as host countries of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005. By the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the Executive Council and decided that the following geographic order would apply to World Tourism Day celebrations beginning in 2006: 2006 in Europe; 2007 in South Asia; 2008 in the Americas; and 2009 in Africa.
77. World Tourism Day celebrations have been awarded to:
  - WTD 2006: Portugal (Europe)
  - WTD 2007: Sri Lanka (South Asia)
  - WTD 2008: Peru (Americas)
  - WTD 2009: Ghana (Africa)
  - WTD 2010: China (East Asia and the Pacific)
  - WTD 2011: Yemen (Middle East),
  - WTD 2012: Spain (Europe)
  - WTD 2013: Maldives (South Asia)
  - WTD 2014: Mexico (Americas)
  - WTD 2015: Burkina Faso (Africa)
  - WTD 2016: Thailand (East Asia and the Pacific)
  - WTD 2017: Qatar (Middle East)
  - WTD 2018: Hungary (Europe)
  - WTD 2019: India (South Asia)
78. Following the geographic order as decided by the General Assembly, World Tourism Day would be celebrated in the Americas in 2020 and in Africa in 2021.
79. The Commissions for the Americas and Africa are requested to submit their recommendations to the 110th session of the Executive Council regarding the host countries for the official celebrations of 2020 and 2021, respectively.

**ANNEX I**

**OFFICERS OF THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

ASSEMBLY	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENTS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
<b>AG/I (1975)</b> <b>Madrid - SPAIN</b>	Spain	Morocco Uganda	Argentina Mexico	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Czechoslovakia** Italy	Egypt
<b>AG/II (1977)</b> <b>Torremolinos - SPAIN</b>	Cameroon	Gambia Mali	Ecuador Uruguay	Philippines	Iran	Austria Hungary	Jordan
<b>AG/III (1979)</b> <b>Torremolinos - SPAIN</b>	Philippines	Senegal Zambia	Peru Venezuela	Japan	Bangladesh	Bulgaria Italy	Syrian A.R.
<b>AG/IV (1981)</b> <b>Rome - ITALY</b>	Italy	Togo UR of Tanzania	Uruguay Mexico	Thailand	India	Austria Romania	Iraq
<b>AG/V (1983)</b> <b>New Delhi - INDIA</b>	India	Burkina Faso Zimbabwe	Brazil Mexico	Indonesia	Pakistan	Austria GDR**	Iraq
<b>AG/VI (1985)</b> <b>Sofia - BULGARIA</b>	Bulgaria	Cameroon Ethiopia	Peru Venezuela	China	Nepal	Finland Spain	Syrian A.R.
<b>AG/VII (1987)</b> <b>Madrid - SPAIN</b>	Jordan	Gabon UR of Tanzania	Argentine Jamaica	Indonesia	Nepal	Greece Malta	Syrian A.R.
<b>AG/VIII (1989)</b> <b>Paris - FRANCE</b>	France	Rwanda Zambia	Canada Colombia	Indonesia	Pakistan	Bulgaria	Iraq
<b>AG/IX (1991)</b> <b>Buenos Aires ARGENTINA</b>	Argentina	Nigeria UR of Tanzania	Venezuela	Indonesia	Iran	Czech. and Slovak Rep.** Germany	Yemen
<b>AG/X (1993)</b> <b>Bali - INDONESIA</b>	Indonesia	Algeria Nigeria	Brazil Canada		Sri Lanka	Romania Spain	Syrian A.R.

ASSEMBLY	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENTS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/XI (1995) Cairo - EGYPT	Egypt	Cameroon Malawi	Chile Colombia	Malaysia	India	Cyprus Finland	
AG/XII (1997) Istanbul - TURKEY	Turkey	Algeria Nigeria	Chile Cuba	Philippines	Maldives	Cyprus	Libyan A. J.
AG/XIII (1999) Santiago - CHILE	Chile	Malawi Tunisia	Uruguay	Philippines	Nepal	France Greece	Libyan A. J.
AG/XIV (2001) Seoul/Osaka – REP. OF KOREA/JAPAN	Rep. of Korea/Japan	Guinea Zimbabwe	Jamaica Mexico		Nepal	Albania Hungary	Jordan
AG/XIV (2003) Beijing - CHINA	China	Benin Namibia	Ecuador Panama		Maldives	Croatia Romania	Yemen
AG/XVI (2005) Dakar - SENEGAL	Senegal	South Africa	Colombia Jamaica	Cambodia	Pakistan	Portugal Serbia & Montenegro **	Iraq
AG/XVII (2007) Cartagena - COLOMBIA	Colombia	Cameroon Ethiopia	Ecuador	Republic of Korea	Islamic Republic of Iran	Kazakhstan Spain	Egypt
AG/XVIII (2009) Astana - KAZAKHSTAN	Kazakhstan	Benin Lesotho	Jamaica Venezuela	Timor-Leste	Islamic Republic of Iran	Spain	Iraq
AG/XIX (2011) Gyeongju – REP. OF KOREA	Rep. of Korea	Madagascar Kenya	Jamaica Mexico		Islamic Republic of Iran	Azerbaijan France	Iraq
AG/XX(2013) Victoria Falls/Livingstone – Zimbabwe /Zambia	Zambia - Zimbabwe		Costa Rica Mexico	Indonesia	Islamic Republic of Iran	Croatia Russian Federation	Iraq
AG/XXI(2015) Medellin - COLOMBIA	Colombia	Namibia Uganda	Bahamas	Malaysia	Bangladesh	Bulgaria Spain	Saudi Arabia
AG/XXII(2017) Chengdu - CHINA	China	Cabo Verde Nigeria	Mexico		Sri Lanka	Romania Switzerland	Iraq

\*\* No longer exist as States: Czechoslovakia, Czech and Slovak Republic, German Democratic Republic (GDR) and Serbia & Montenegro

**ANNEX II**  
**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

ASSEMBLY	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/I (1975) Madrid - SPAIN	Lebanon	Kenya / <u>2</u> Gabon	Brazil Canada	Malaysia	Iran	Ireland * Romania / <u>1</u>	
AG/II (1977) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Afghanistan	Ethiopia Togo	Dominican Rep. El Salvador	Malaysia		GDR ** Turkey	Kuwait / <u>1</u>
AG/III (1979) Torremolinos - SPAIN	Cyprus	Burkina Faso / <u>1</u> Malawi	El Salvador Venezuela	Thailand	Afghanistan	GDR **	Lebanon
AG/IV (1981) Rome - ITALY	Cyprus	Morocco Sierra Leone	Chile Colombia	Rep. of Korea	Sri Lanka / <u>1</u>	Czechoslovakia**	Syrian A.R.
AG/V (1983) New Delhi - INDIA	United States*	Ethiopia / <u>1</u> Mali	Haiti	Thailand	Maldives	Czechoslovakia** Cyprus	Syrian A.R.
AG/VI (1985) Sofia - BULGARIA	Cyprus	Côte d'Ivoire Malawi	Argentina Brazil	Indonesia / <u>1</u>	Sri Lanka	Romania	Kuwait
AG/VII (1987) Madrid - SPAIN	Cyprus	Lesotho / <u>1</u> Mali	United States* Panama	Thailand	Sri Lanka	USSR **	Jordan
AG/VIII (1989) Paris - FRANCE	Congo	Malawi	United States* Jamaica	D.P.R. of Korea	Nepal	Cyprus / <u>1</u> USSR **	Yemen
AG/IX (1991) B.A. - ARGENTINA	United States*	Angola Mali	Argentina	Japan	Bangladesh	Romania / <u>1</u> Bulgaria	Libyan A.J.

ASSEMBLY	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
AG/X (1993) Bali - INDONESIA	Argentina	Guinea-Bissau Lesotho	United States*	Japan / <u>1</u>	Maldives	Israel Poland	Yemen
AG/XI (1995) Cairo - EGYPT	Czech Republic	Benin / <u>1</u> Côte d'Ivoire	United States* Jamaica	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Italy	Libyan A.J.
AG/XII (1997) Istanbul - TURKEY	Angola	Botswana	Argentina Uruguay	Rep. of Korea	Iran	Poland / <u>1</u> Israel	Lebanon
AG/XIII (1999) Santiago - CHILE	Angola	Benin	Chile / <u>1</u> Mexico	Macau	Maldives	Croatia Romania	Lebanon
AG/XIV (2001) Seoul/Osaka R. KOREA/JAPAN	Angola	Gabon	Argentina	Rep. of Korea	Nepal	Israel Romania / <u>1</u>	Lebanon
AG/XV (2003) Beijing - CHINA	Canada	Lesotho Guinea	Haiti	Fiji	Nepal	Italy / <u>1</u> Israel	Lebanon
AG/XVI (2005) Dakar - SENEGAL	Cyprus	Ethiopia Madagascar	Bahamas Uruguay	Australia / <u>1</u>	Maldives	Hungary	Lebanon
AG/XVII (2007) Cartagena - COLOMBIA	Australia	Ghana D.R. of the Congo	Brazil Canada		Sri Lanka	Israel Poland	Iraq
AG/XVIII (2009) Astana - KAZAKHSTAN	Croatia	Angola Ethiopia / <u>1</u>	Brazil Venezuela	Indonesia	Sri Lanka	Cyprus	Qatar
AG/XIX (2011) Gyeongju – REP. OF KOREA	Croatia	Ghana / <u>1</u> Togo	Argentina Ecuador	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Sri Lanka	Austria	Qatar
AG/XX(2013) Victoria Falls/Livingstone – Zimbabwe /Zambia	Haiti	Ethiopia Mali	Paraguay	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Maldives	Cyprus Israel	Qatar
AG/XXI(2015) Medellin - COLOMBIA	Argentina	South Africa Uganda	Jamaica	Philippines	Bhutan	Hungary Portugal	Qatar/ <u>1</u>
AG/XXII(2017) Chengdu - CHINA	Ghana	Côte d'Ivoire	Chile Panama	Malaysia	Iran	Cyprus/ <u>1</u> Portugal	Bahrain

1 Vice-Chairman - 2 Rapporteur

\* Former Member \*\* No longer exist as States: Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (GDR) and USSR

**ANNEX III**  
**OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**  
**MIDDLE EAST**

PERIOD	Chairman	Vice-Chairmen
1975-1977	Egypt	Iraq United Arab Emirates *
1977-1979	Egypt	Democratic Yemen ** Kuwait
1979-1981	Jordan	Democratic Yemen ** Iraq
1981-1983	Jordan	Democratic Yemen ** Iraq
1983-1985	Jordan	Democratic Yemen ** Iraq
1985-1987	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Kuwait *
1987-1989	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Kuwait *
1989-1991	Egypt	Jordan Yemen
1991-1993	Egypt	Jordan Yemen
1993-1995	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1995-1997	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1997-1999	Lebanon	Jordan Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
1999-2001	Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
2001-2003	Egypt	Bahrain Jordan
2003-2005	Syrian Arab Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Jordan
2005-2007	Syrian Arab Republic	Saudi Arabia Iraq
2007-2009	Lebanon	Egypt Saudi Arabia
2009-2011	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic
2011-2013	Iraq	Lebanon Qatar
2013-2015	Libya	Iraq Yemen
2015-2017	Lebanon	Egypt Yemen
2017-2019	UAE	Lebanon Iraq

\* Former Member

\*\* No longer exists as a State

**ANNEX IV**  
**MEMBER STATES OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION – 158**

**CAM 24**

Argentina  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Bolivia  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Jamaica  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Uruguay  
Venezuela

**CEU 42**

Albania  
Andorra  
Armenia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belarus  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Israel  
Italy  
Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyzstan  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Monaco  
Montenegro

Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Spain  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Switzerland  
The FYROM Dem.  
Tajikistan  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Ukraine  
Uzbekistan

**CAF 51**

Algeria  
Angola  
Benin  
Botswana  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cameroon  
Cabo Verde  
Central African Rep.  
Chad  
Congo  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Rep. of the Congo  
Djibouti  
Equatorial  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Sudan  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia

Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mauritius  
Morocco  
Mozambique  
Namibia  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Rwanda  
Sao Tome and-Principe  
Senegal  
Seychelles  
Sierra Leone  
*Somalia*  
South Africa  
Swaziland  
Togo  
Tunisia  
Uganda  
United R. of Tanzania  
*Union of Comoros*  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

**CME 13**

Bahrain  
Egypt  
Iraq  
Jordan  
Kuwait  
Lebanon  
Libya  
Oman  
Qatar  
Saudi Arabia  
Syrian Arab Republic  
United Arab Emirates  
Yemen

**CSA 9**

Afghanistan  
Bangladesh  
Bhutan  
India  
Iran  
Maldives  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Sri Lanka

**CAP 19**

Brunei Darussalam  
Cambodia  
China  
DPR of Korea  
Fiji  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Lao PDR  
Malaysia  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Rep. of Korea  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Vanuatu  
Viet Nam  
Samoa

Observers: Holy See

**Associate Members:**

Aruba  
Flanders  
Hong Kong, China  
Macao, China  
Madeira  
Puerto Rico



## ANNEX V

MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

		TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN	
REGION	MEMBERS	2019	2021
AFRICA	Cabo Verde		X
	Congo		X
	Democratic Republic of Congo	X	
	Ghana	X	
	Morocco	X	
	Mozambique	X	
	Namibia		X
	Seychelles	X	
	Sudan		X
	Zambia	X	
	Zimbabwe		X
AMERICAS	Argentina/Peru		X
	Jamaica/Honduras		X
	Mexico	X	
	Paraguay	X	
	Uruguay/Brazil		X
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	China	X	
	Japan	X	
	Republic of Korea	X	
	Thailand	X	
SOUTH ASIA	India		X
	Iran(Islamic republic of)		X
EUROPE	Azerbaijan		X
	France	X	
	Greece		X
	Italy	X	
	Lithuania		X
	Portugal	X	
	Romania		X
	Russian Federation		X
	Slovakia	X	
	Spain	Permanent Member	
MIDDLE EAST	Bahrain		X
	Egypt		X
	Saudi Arabia	X	



**ANNEX VII**

**ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

	<i>Column No 1</i>	<i>Column No 2</i>	<i>Column No 3</i>	<i>Column No 4</i>	<i>Column No 5</i>	<i>Column No 6</i>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BY REGION</b>	<b>COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2019</b>	<b>TERMS OF OFFICE CONTINUING UNTIL 2021</b>	<b>TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING in 2019</b>	<b>NEW SEATS CORRESPONDING TO SETS OF FIVE MEMBERS BY REGION</b>	<b>COUNCIL SEATS FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2021</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>	51	11	5	6	6	11
<b>AMERICAS</b>	24	5	3	2	2	5
<b>EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>	19	4	0	4	4	4
<b>EUROPE</b>	42	9	5	4	4	9*
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	13	3	2	1	1	3
<b>SOUTH ASIA</b>	9	2	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b> =====	<b>158</b> ===	<b>34</b> ==	<b>17</b> ==	<b>17</b> ==	<b>17</b> ==	<b>34</b> ==

(\*) In addition, Spain is a Permanent Member of the Executive Council

## ANNEX VIII

### PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Chairperson**

India

*Vice-Chair*

***France***

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<b>Africa:</b>	<b>EC</b>	Zimbabwe* (2021)
	<b>RC</b>	Cameroon ** (2019)

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<b>Americas:</b>	<b>EC</b>	Mexico* (2019)
	<b>RC</b>	Peru** (2019)

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<b>East Asia and the Pacific:</b>	<b>EC</b>	Japan* (2019)
	<b>RC</b>	Malaysia** (2019)

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<b>Europe:</b>	<b>EC</b>	France* (2019)
	<b>RC</b>	Hungary** (2019)

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<b>Middle East:</b>	<b>EC</b>	Saudi Arabia* (2019)
	<b>RC</b>	Lebanon** (2019)

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<b>South Asia:</b>	<b>EC</b>	India* (2021)
	<b>RC</b>	Maldives** (2019)

Representative of the Associate Members

Flanders (2019)

Representatives of the Affiliate Members

(Chairman of the Affiliate Members Board) (2019)

Instituto de Calidad Turística Española (ICTE), Spain

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\* PBC Members elected by the Executive Council have a mandate limited to their EC mandate

\*\*Member elected by the respective Regional Commission, until 2019



**ANNEX IX**  
**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND SUSTAINABILITY (CTS)**

**A) MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM COMMITTEE**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS						OBSERVERS
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East	
1999-2003	Costa Rica	Algeria Malawi	Bolivia	Thailand	India	Greece /1 Israel	Jordan	Canada France
2003-2007	Thailand	Ghana DRC	Canada (03-05) Panama (03-05) Costa Rica (05-07) Haiti (05-07)		Bangladesh Iran	Greece /1 Romania	Saudi Arabia Jordan (03-05) Egypt (05-07)	Algeria Zimbabwe
2007-2011	Greece	Algeria Seychelles	Bahamas Costa Rica /1	Philippines	India	Croatia	Saudi Arabia	
2011-2013	---	Senegal Seychelles	Bahamas Bolivia	China	Iran	Serbia Israel	Iraq	

**B) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND SUSTAINABILITY**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS						OBSERVERS
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East	
2013-2015	Bahamas	Senegal Seychelles	Bolivia	China	Iran	Serbia Israel /1	Iraq	Lithuania
2015-2019	Colombia /1 (acting)	Morocco Senegal	Honduras	China	Bhutan	Lithuania Montenegro	Oman	Brazil Chile Paraguay

/1 Vice-Chairman

**ANNEX X**  
**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND THE TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS						Associate Members	Affiliate Members	Observers
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East			
1999-2003	France *	Morocco South Africa	Canada * /1 Cuba Mexico	Philippines	Sri Lanka	Israel Portugal Spain * /1	Egypt	Aruba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ciset</li> <li>• IATA</li> <li>• IH&amp;RA</li> <li>• Mastercard International</li> </ul>	Australia Singapore ** Sweden ** United States *
2003-2007	Brazil *	Mozambique Tunisia	Canada* Ecuador Mexico	Australia Philippines	India	Cyprus France * /1 Israel Spain * /1	Egypt	Aruba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises</li> <li>• Ciset</li> <li>• George Washington University</li> <li>• ICCA</li> </ul>	Singapore ** Sweden ** United States **
2007-2011	Brazil *	Morocco Zambia	Bahamas Canada * Mexico	Philippines	India	Czech Rep. France * /1 Spain * /1 Switzerland	Qatar	Aruba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Araldi, S.L.</li> <li>• Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises</li> <li>• Ciset</li> <li>• George Washington University</li> <li>• ICCA</li> </ul>	Singapore ** Sweden ** United States **
2011-2015	Spain*	Mozambique South Africa	Argentina Brazil* Colombia	Philippines	India	France * Georgia /1 Israel	Saudi Arabia	Macao, China	Instituto para la Calidad Turística (Spain) Chair of AM Board	
2015-2019	Austria (2016-2017) Spain * (2018-2019)	Mozambique South Africa	Brazil* Chile Peru	Philippines	India	France* Georgia /1	Saudi Arabia	Macao, China	Instituto para la Calidad Turística (Spain) Chair of AM Board	

/1 Vice-Chairmen; \*Ex officio Member; \*\*Non-member State

**ANNEX XI**

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND COMPETITIVENESS (CTC)**

**A) MEMBERS OF THE FORMER QUALITY SUPPORT AND TRADE COMMITTEE**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
2003-2007	Portugal	Kenya Malawi	Canada / <u>1</u> Panama	Philippines	Nepal	Romania	Lebanon

**B) MEMBERS OF THE FORMER COMMITTEE ON MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND PROMOTION**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
2003-2007	Mexico	Algeria Botswana	Colombia	Thailand / <u>1</u>	India Maldives	Malta Spain	Jordan

/1 Vice-Chairman

**C) MEMBERS OF THE FORMER MARKET AND COMPETITIVENESS COMMITTEE**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
2007-2011	---	Botswana U. R. of Tanzania	Jamaica Paraguay	Australia	Iran	Hungary Lithuania	Egypt



D) **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND COMPETITIVENESS**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
2011-2015	Mexico	Tunisia Namibia	Mexico Uruguay	Australia	Nepal	Belarus Croatia	Oman
2015-2019	Peru	Gambia Namibia	Mexico	Republic of Korea	Maldives	Croatia Italy/ <u>1</u>	Qatar

1 Vice-Chairman

**ANNEX XII**

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

PERIOD	CHAIRMAN	MEMBERS					
		Africa	Americas	East Asia and the Pacific	South Asia	Europe	Middle East
1985-1987	France	Nigeria	Mexico	Indonesia	Sri Lanka		Iraq
1987-1989	Mexico	Congo		Japan	Maldives	Netherlands	Iraq
1989-1991	United States *	Congo		Japan	Maldives	Netherlands	Jordan
1991-1993	Jordan	Gabon	United States *	Indonesia	Nepal	Poland	
1993-1995		Ghana	Canada	Indonesia	Nepal	Finland *	Syrian A.R.
1995-1997	Mexico	South Africa		D.P.R. of Korea	Bangladesh	Israel	Syrian A.R.
1997-1999	Jamaica	Ethiopia		Macau	Bangladesh	Spain	Syrian A.R.
1999-2001	Brazil	Namibia		Macau	Maldives	Spain	Syrian A.R.
2001-2003	Brazil	Côte d'Ivoire		China	Iran	Spain	Lebanon
2003-2005	Spain	Nigeria	Ecuador	China	Maldives		Lebanon
2005-2007	San Marino	Kenya	Canada	Philippines	Iran		Lebanon
2007-2009	San Marino	Senegal	Argentina	China	Iran		Iraq
2009-2011	Brazil	South Africa	Brazil	China	Iran	France	Egypt
2011-2013	Madagascar	Madagascar	Jamaica	China	Iran	France	Egypt
2013-2015	Egypt	Mozambique	Jamaica	China	Iran	Russian Federation	Egypt
2015-2017	Thailand	Tunisia	Mexico		India	Croatia	Egypt
2017-2019	Thailand	Tunisia	Mexico		India	Croatia	Egypt

\* Former Member