



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION  
(Rome, 14-24 September 1981)

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3. Decisions taken by the Council

CE/DEC/1 (XVI)

Application of the provisions of paragraph 13  
of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 2 (document CE/16/2)

The Executive Council,

Having already had occasion to express its concern regarding late contribution payments by the Members to finance the Organization's programme,

Recalling in this regard its decisions taken at its thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth sessions, by which it instructed the Secretary-General to take incisive action in respect of the Members subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

Recalling also that it proposed to the General Assembly a draft amendment to paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules intended to make the advocated measures more stringent than they now are in respect of Members in arrears,

Recalling, finally, that those decisions were taken in conjunction with both statutory and regulatory provisions of the Organization,

1. Reaffirms its concern regarding the cash-flow problems created by the delay which late contribution payments owing to WTO occasion, inasmuch as that delay, regardless of the reasons offered for it, is in all instances harmful to the Organization's activities;
2. Requests the General Assembly, under resolution 50(III), adopted at its third session, to ask the Members once again to ensure that their payments be completed within the statutory time-limits in order to discharge their financial obligations;
3. Recommends to the General Assembly that, as provided for in paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, it apply the provisions thereof in respect of the Members subject to it;
4. Points out to the General Assembly that on 13 September 1981, twelve Full and five Affiliate Members, as indicated on the list that follows, are subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules:

Full Members

Bahrain  
Bolivia  
Burundi  
Democratic Kampuchea  
Democratic Yemen  
Dominican Republic  
Grenada  
Jamaica  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Sierra Leone  
Viet Nam

Affiliate Members

Confederación de Camaras Nacionales de Comercio,  
Servicios y Turismo  
Instant Travel Inc.  
Nepal Association of Travel Agents  
Sri Lanka Railway Tourist Service  
Turkiye Turing Ve Otomobil Kurumu

5. Recommends, nevertheless, that the General Assembly not apply paragraph 13 to the following Members for the reasons indicated:
- (a) Bolivia announced in July 1981 that during the current year it would remit a part of the amount due, sufficient to render paragraph 13 inapplicable in its case.
  - (b) The Dominican Republic has announced that an austerity programme attributable to a budget imbalance and to extraordinary expenses required by a natural disaster, it was impossible for it to settle its arrears for the financial years 1978 and 1979. The Dominican Republic concluded by letting it be known that it intended to settle its arrears in the course of 1981.
  - (c) Sierra Leone has let it be known that a transfer of 40,000 dollars is already under way. This amount renders the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules inoperative in Sierra Leone's case.
  - (d) Democratic Yemen has indicated that it would transfer a part of its arrears as soon as possible, though without specifying whether that amount would spare this country from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules.

(e) Jamaica, which, since joining WTO in 1976, has made its payments until 1977, suspended payments 1977 to 1979 inclusive, and has just paid its dues for 1980 and 1981. Its dues for the years 1977, 1978 and 1979 are therefore still owing. However, the Government of Jamaica points out that during that period it had withdrawn its membership in WTO, for which it reapplied in 1979, and it believes that it should not be required to pay contributions for the period during which it was not considered a Member.

A difference of opinion has arisen over the fact that, when Jamaica expressed its desire to leave the Organization, the form in which this desire was communicated was not the prescribed one, and a long correspondence ensued, lasting until the time at which the Government of Jamaica resumed its activities within WTO.

In the view of the Secretary-General the arguments advanced by Jamaica are acceptable.

The Council recommends that the Assembly be most understanding in regard to the case of Jamaica and the other member States, with the request that the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they relate to them should be waived.

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 CE/DEC/2 (XVI)

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2 (document CE/16/2)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General for which it thanks him.  
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CE/DEC/3 (XVI)

Membership of the Organization

Agenda item 3 (documents A/4/7, A/4/7 Add.1, A/4/7 Add.2 and A/4/7 Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Takes note of reports A/4/7, A/4/7 Add.1, A/4/7 Add.2 and A/4/7 Add.3 concerning the membership of the Organization, which were submitted to the General Assembly for information.  
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CE/DEC/4 (XVI)

Auditors' reports and administrative accounts of the Regional Secretariats for the financial years 1978, 1979 and 1980 and of CIEST for the financial year 1980

Agenda item 4 (document A/4/9(d))

The Executive Council,

Takes note of the Auditors' reports on the administrative accounts of the Regional Secretariats for the financial years 1978, 1979 and 1980 and of CIEST for the financial year 1980, which were prepared for the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/5 (XVI)

Reimbursements to the Working Capital Fund for 1978-1979: situation as at 31 August 1981

Agenda item 4(c) (document CE/16/4(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the reimbursement to the Working Capital Fund of advances made to the General Fund for the financial period 1978-1979,

Notes with satisfaction that the amount of 338,320.05 dollars due to the Working Capital Fund has been fully reimbursed to it since the Council's last session in May 1981.

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CE/DEC/6 (XVI)

Decentralization of the Organization's activities

Agenda item 5 (document CE/16/5)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the problems connected with the decentralization of the Organization's activities, prepared in accordance with Council decision 1(XV),

Decides to transmit this document to the General Assembly for action.

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CE/DEC/7 (XVI)

Reports on the activities of the Environment and Facilitation Committees

Agenda item 6 (document CE/16/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the reports on the activities of the Environment and Facilitation Committees submitted to it at its fifteenth session in May 1981,

Having discussed the substance and form of the reports of these two Committees,

Having taken note of the amendments proposed by the delegations which made statements during the discussion,

Decides to transmit these reports to the General Assembly, together with the amendments proposed by the delegations to the Council and the financial implications of the programme of work proposed by the Environment Committee.

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CE/DEC/8 (XVI)

Report of the Chairman of the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code

Agenda item 7 (document CE/16/7)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Chairman of the Working Party on the Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code,

1. Expresses its satisfaction to the Members of the Working Party and to its Chairman in particular, at the quality both of their work and of the draft Tourism Bill of Rights and Tourist Code submitted to the General Assembly at its fourth session;
2. Thanks the Working Party for having thus fulfilled the task with which it was entrusted.

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CE/DEC/9 (XVI)

Report of the Chairman of the  
Committee of Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8 (document A/4/21)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted to it for information by the Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members,

Expresses its satisfaction at the Committee's activities which constitute a high-quality technical contribution to the Organization's work.

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CE/DEC/10 (XVI)

Celebration of World Tourism Day in 1982 and 1983:  
choice of themes to propose to the General Assembly

Agenda item 9 (document CE/16/9)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1982 and 1983,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly the two following themes for the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1982 and 1983, respectively:

1982: Pride in travel: good guests and good hosts

1983: Travel and holidays are a right but also a responsibility for all.

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CE/DEC/11 (XVI)

Candidacies to the posts of Auditor  
for the financial years 1982 and 1983

Agenda item 10 (document CE/16/10)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 12(g) of the Organization's Statutes,

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Expressing its satisfaction at the task carried out by Spain and Kenya, appointed as Auditors for the period 1980-1981,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that Spain and Kenya be reappointed as Auditors for the financial period 1982-1983.

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CE/DEC/12 (XVI)

Proposals to amend the Staff Regulations of the Organization

Agenda item 11 (document A/4/10(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the proposed amendments contained in document CE/16/11 submitted to it by the Secretary-General,

Notes that the said document, prepared and intended for the Assembly, has already been discussed by one of the Assembly Committees.

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CE/DEC/13 (XVI)

Place of the sessions of the Executive Council

Agenda item 13

The Executive Council,

Noting that, although the expenses incurred for meetings of the organs of WTO held away from Headquarters are covered by the host States, such meetings entail additional charges for the Organization and increase the workload of the Secretariat staff,

Decides that as a general rule the meetings of the Council and its subsidiary organs shall be held at WTO Headquarters;

Believes that the Assembly should also follow that practice.

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4. Participants in the sixteenth session

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council attended the session: Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Gambia, Germany (Federal Republic of), Greece, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America.
2. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (France) was present.
3. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Jordan) was present.
4. The Auditors of the Organization (Kenya and Spain) were present.
5. The Associate Members were represented by the delegate of Gibraltar.
6. The Chairman of the Committee of Affiliate Members was present.
7. The representatives of Argentina and Belgium attended the session as observers, and the Permanent Observer from the Holy See was present.
8. The representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) attended the session.