

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

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3. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL

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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/53/1 prov. and CE/53/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its fifty-third session.

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Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2
(document CE/53/2)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization since its fifty-second session,

Having discussed it in depth,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report; and
 2. Congratulates him on the efforts made by the Secretariat under his authority.
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General programme of work of the Organization for the period 1996-1997

Agenda item 3
(documents CE/53/3 and CE/53/3 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken and planned in implementation of the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1996-1997, as well as on the activities carried out since its fifty-second session under the previous programme,

1. Takes cognizance of the results recorded in 1995 and the prospects for 1996 concerning the progress of field missions and the execution of technical cooperation projects;
2. Notes with interest the satisfactory outcome of the meetings of the Regional Commissions for the Middle East, East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia, held together with technical seminars during the first part of 1996, as well as the calendar of meetings of the organs and technical meetings scheduled for the various regions in the course of this year;
3. Encourages the Secretary-General to persevere in and intensify the Secretariat's efforts to heighten the awareness of both governments and the secretariats of international organizations of the challenges facing the tourism industry worldwide, of the importance that should be attached to tourism in the national priorities of each country seeking development assistance and of the value of fostering regional cooperation in the form of joint projects;
4. Urges the States Members of the Organization to encourage and facilitate the participation of national and local elected officials in the Second International Tourism Forum for parliamentarians and local authorities, to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 24 to 27 September 1996;
5. Expresses its gratitude to the Indonesian Government for the facilities generously made available to the Organization in order to ensure the success of this important event;
6. Notes with interest the various activities carried out, initiated or planned in the field of tourism education and training, and in particular the completion of the study on the quality of education, the preparation of the Graduate Tourism Aptitude Test, the granting of WTO awards, and the implementation of an

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ambitious programme of seminars on educating the educators and new short-term training courses;

7. Expresses its appreciation of the positive results of the new policy for revitalizing the Network of WTO Education and Training Centres, recorded since the fourth meeting of the Network in May 1995;
 8. Notes the new publications of the Organization in the fields of environment, planning and financing;
 9. Urges the Secretary-General to pursue his contacts with financing institutions, bilateral and multilateral alike, in order to encourage them to grant assistance, by all appropriate means, to tourism projects;
 10. Welcomes the new cooperation agreement between WTO and UNESCO;
 11. Takes cognizance of the progress made in implementing the Recommendations on Tourism Statistics, with particular reference to the preparation of technical manuals and training seminars in this area, as well as the preparation of the draft Satellite Account for Tourism;
 12. Takes note of the various standard statistical publications disseminated in the first few months of 1996, as well as of the update of the study on the Budgets and Promotional Activities of National Tourism Administrations;
 13. Notes with interest the various activities carried out, initiated or scheduled under the heading of Quality of Tourism Development, with particular reference to the preparation of guidebooks on quality, food safety, the situation of national tourism offices, the prevention of organized sex tourism, as well as the facilitation of tourist travel and stays and the safety and security of tourists;
 14. Expresses its satisfaction at the broader media coverage of the Organization's information and activities;
 15. Welcomes the development of the programme for the electronic dissemination of WTO information through the Internet and, in particular, the establishment of World Wide Web sites for more than sixty States Members of WTO; and
 16. Encourages the Secretary-General, in implementing the Organization's general programme of work, to have recourse, so far as possible as a priority, to the knowledge and skills of bodies and experts established in the Organization's member countries or to those of Affiliate Members.
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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
and plan of expenditure for 1996**

Agenda item 4(b)

(documents CE/53/4(b), CE/53/4(b) Add.1, CE/53/4(b) Add.2 and CE/53/4(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 examined the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the report on the 1996 plan of expenditure for execution of the programme of work, which matches expenditure to expected income;
2. Observes that the plan of expenditure for the current financial year remains within the limits of the appropriations approved by the General Assembly;
3. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 1996 as soon as possible, in order to facilitate the execution of the programme and avert delays; and
4. Approves, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the existing Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the United Nations, the revised salary scales for officials of the General Service category, with retroactive effect to 1 September 1995.

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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(c) Contributions of member States

Agenda item 4(c)
(documents CE/53/4(c) and CE/53/4(a))

The Executive Council,

Having before it document CE/53/4(c) on the contributions of member States,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on this matter,

1. Approves the proposal of the Secretary-General that, in calculating the contributions for 1997, the position in the first group of contributions left free by the United States of America should not be occupied by any other Member so as to preclude any increase in the contributions of the other Members of the Organization;
2. Acknowledges that there are some distortions in the result of applying the formula for fixing the contributions of member States, particularly in the case of countries with very small populations;
3. Approves the request of Andorra and fixes its contributions for 1996 and 1997 in the amount corresponding to the penultimate group, pending review of the formula for fixing contributions and subject to the corresponding approval by the Twelfth General Assembly in 1997;
4. Accepts the request of Botswana to pay its contribution as from the month of April each year to coincide with the beginning of its own financial year; and
5. Recommends to the Secretary-General that the estimates for 1997 should reflect the fact that the amount of 413,750 US dollars, corresponding to the contribution of the first group, will not be received.

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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(d) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of
the Organization for the financial year 1995**

Agenda item 4(d)
(documents CE/53/4(d) and CE/53/4 a))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and the administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1995,

Having heard the explanations by the Secretariat and having considered the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Notes that in the financial year 1995 an overall balance was maintained between budgetary expenditure and income;
2. Approves the transfers of appropriations between Parts I and III of the budget, made by the Secretary-General on closing the accounts for the financial year;
3. Recognizes the need that may arise, on closing the accounts, to make transfers between various Sections or Parts of the budget after the autumn meetings of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Executive Council;
4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to make such transfers between Sections of the same Part before closing the accounts for the financial year, after obtaining the authorization of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance. For transfers between various Parts of the budget the authorization of the Chairman of the Executive Council should be sought after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance. Any such transfers will be subject to confirmation by the Committee on Budget and Finance and by the Executive Council at their next meeting and session, respectively;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to refer this decision concerning transfers to the General Assembly;
6. Further requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly,

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with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1995;

7. Expresses its satisfaction at the considerable amount of arrear contributions collected and the level of contributions received for the financial year 1995, and recommends the Secretary-General to persevere in 1996 with the approaches made to Members that owe contributions to the Organization with a view to securing the payment of their arrears; and
 8. Urges member States in arrears with their contributions to discharge their obligations at the earliest opportunity.
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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(e) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes
and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules
attached to the Statutes**

Agenda item 4(e)
(documents CE/53/4(e) and CE/53/4(a))

The Executive Council,

Having been informed that, as of the date of this session, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN has settled a large part of its contribution arrears and that paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes is no longer applicable to that Member,

Having considered the situation of Members benefiting from suspension of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Member SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and the Affiliate Member PATRONATO PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO DE GRANADA have reduced their arrears to less than the amount of their contributions for the two previous years and are therefore no longer liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it at its next session of the compliance by the other Members with their commitments in the course of the current year;

3. Reminds Members benefiting from suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 334(XI), that they are obliged to pay the corresponding instalment in 1996 in order to comply with the plans for payment of their arrear contributions; and
 4. Urges all Members in arrears to take the necessary steps immediately for the payment of their contributions, if necessary in instalments, in accordance with a payment plan agreed with the Secretary-General.
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Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 5(a)
(document CE/53/5(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report presented by the Chairman of the Affiliate Members,

1. Thanks him for his report;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the activities carried out since the last meeting, as well as at the impetus those activities will gain from the Action Plan for 1996;
3. Welcomes the accession of a growing number of Affiliate Members; and

4. Takes note of the proposal of the Committee of Affiliate Members to increase the number of Vice-Chairmen of the Committee to one for every twenty-five Affiliate Members.
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Affiliate Members

**(b) Report of the Sub-Committee for the Review of applications
for affiliate membership**

Agenda item 5(b)
(document CE/53/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met at Madrid on 20 May 1996 in conjunction with its fifty-third session,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee;
2. Decides to submit to the twelfth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
 1. Annals of Tourism Research (United States of America)
 2. Asociación Paraguaya de Albergues Juveniles (Paraguay)
 3. Centro de Desarrollo de Altos Estudios Turísticos (C.D. TUR) (Spain)
 4. Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Versailles Val d'Oise - Yvelines (France)
 5. Costa del Sol Convention Bureau (Spain)
 6. Danish Tourist Board (Denmark)
 7. Egyptian Federation of Tourist Chambers (Egypt)
 8. Entreprise touristique de Kabylie (Algeria)
 9. Escuela Oficial de Turismo (CAIB-UIB) (Islas Baleares) (Spain)
 10. Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Associations (UFTAA)
 11. Feria y Pintura, S.L. (Spain)
 12. Instituto de Administración de Empresa (Spain)
 13. Mediterranean Travel and Tourism Agency (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
 14. Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (Nigeria)
 15. Patronato Municipal de Turismo de Mojácar (Spain)

16. Research Centre of Bornholm (Denmark)
17. Social Security Hotel Management (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
18. Technische Universität Dresden (Germany)
19. Travel Agent Magazine (United States of America)
20. Turisme de Barcelona (Spain)
21. TURYAT, A.S. (Turkey)

22. Union of Local Authorities (Israel)
 23. Universidad Internacional SEK - Facultad de Turismo y Patrimonio Cultural (Ecuador)
 24. Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Peru)
 25. World Association of Travel Agencies (WATA) (Switzerland)
3. Decides also to delete from the list of Affiliate Members the following bodies that have ceased to exist:
- DAGUFER, S.A.
 - Regina Tours
 - World Travel Marketing
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**Place and dates of the fifty-fourth session
of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 6
(document CE/53/6)

The Executive Council,

Having taken note with gratitude of the offers made by the Governments of the Philippines and Tunisia and the interest expressed by Jamaica in hosting a future session of the Council,

1. Decides to hold its fifty-fourth session at Tozeur, Tunisia on 15 and 16 November 1996, together with a seminar on tourism development and the environment;
 2. Selects the candidature of the Philippines for hosting its fifty-fifth session, which it will confirm at its next session; and
 3. Welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Jamaica and decides to take it into consideration at the appropriate time.
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Communication of the Secretary-General

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the announcement by the Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac, that he intended, irrevocably and for personal reasons, to relinquish his post on 1 September 1996,

Having taken note of his recommendation that Mr. Francesco Frangialli, the Deputy Secretary-General, should be appointed Secretary-General ad interim with effect from 1 September 1996,

1. Expresses its deep regret at this announced departure and its keen appreciation of the tasks accomplished by Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac since the beginning of his term of office at the head of the Organization ;
2. Cannot but respect this personal decision of Mr. Enríquez and take note thereof;
3. Proposes to pay solemn tribute to Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac on the occasion of its next session in Tunisia on 15 and 16 November 1996; and
4. Decides, under the powers vested in the Executive Council by virtue of Article 20 of the Statutes, to appoint Mr. Francesco Frangialli Secretary-General ad interim from 1 September 1996 until the end of the term of office to which Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac was appointed.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The fifty-third session of the Executive Council was attended by:

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council: Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Seychelles, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, and Spain as a privileged Member.
2. The Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Americas, East Asia and the Pacific, Middle East and South Asia.
3. The representatives of the following member States: Algeria, Austria, Bolivia, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Guinea, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Republic of Korea and Thailand, as observers.
4. The Holy See as Permanent Observer.
5. The Chairman of the Affiliate Members (International Federation of Tour Operators - IFTO).
6. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Argentina).
7. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Germany).
8. The Auditor (Spain).