

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AT ITS SIXTIETH SESSION

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CE/DEC/1(LIX)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/60/1 rev.prov. and CE/60/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its sixtieth session.

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CE/DEC/2(LX)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2
(document CE/60/2)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his presentation;
 2. Takes note with interest of the information the report contains on world tourism trends, the activities carried out or due to be carried out by WTO in 1999 and the prospective work and development of the Organization, as reflected in particular in the draft programme budget for the period 2000-2001 and in the draft Global Code of Ethics for Tourism; and
 3. Encourages the Members to participate in the three major meetings to be held in the coming months, viz.: the World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism (Nice, France, June), the thirteenth session of the General Assembly (Santiago, Chile, September-October) and the Forum for Parliamentarians and Local Authorities (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November).
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CE/DEC/3(LX)

Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 3
(document CE/60/3)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of its Chairman,

1. Congratulates him on having followed the precedent set by his predecessor, H.E. Mr. Vitor Cabrita Neto, Secretary of State for Tourism of Portugal, in sharing with the Council his views and perspectives;
2. Thanks him for his remarks supporting the preservation of the Organization's intergovernmental status;
3. Endorses his proposals for establishing a genuine public-private sector cooperation; and
4. Agrees with his analysis of the need to strengthen WTO's activities in the various regions of the world and to base the programme of work on the major areas encompassing virtually all aspects of tourism.

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CE/DEC/4(LX)

WTO Business Council vision

Agenda item 4

The Executive Council

Having heard the report of the WTO Business Council presented on its Chairman's behalf by the Chief Executive Officer of the WTOBC,

Welcoming the association, now closer, of the members of the private sector with the management of the Secretariat through the Management Committee that has been set up within it,

Also welcoming the initiative taken by the Business Council in carrying out a survey among both its present members and operators from the various branches of the industry likely to be interested in joining the WTOBC,

1. Learns with great interest of the findings of this survey and the assessment, not devoid of criticism, of the present operation and results of the Business Council;
 2. Approves in the main the objectives for action outlined by the Business Council;
 3. Expresses its pleasure that the above-mentioned survey reflects the resolve of the private sector to make a greater commitment to WTO;
 4. Expresses the desire that the Business Council draw up an "Engagement Plan for the Private Sector" within WTO and that this be communicated to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session, through the General Meeting of the Affiliate Members;
 5. Shares the view that the activities that will bear out this desire for commitment should be selected in the light of the needs expressed by the market and incorporated, so far as possible, in the next programme of work; and
 6. Entrusts the Programme Committee, now wide open to the private sector, with playing the role of a task force in implementing the Engagement Plan for the private sector.
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CE/DEC/5(LX)

**Implementation of the general programme of work of the Organization
for the period 1998-1999**

Agenda item 5
(document CE/60/4)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made since its fifty-ninth session in implementing the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1998-1999,

1. Takes note of the results recorded in 1998 and the first months of 1999 concerning field missions and technical cooperation projects;

2. Takes cognizance of the outcome of the meetings of the Regional Commissions which were held, together with technical seminars, before the present Council session, as well as the calendar of meetings scheduled for the various regions during 1999;
3. Notes with interest the human resource development activities launched, with the support of the Themis Foundation, in the areas of information and standard setting, as well as the new education and training courses, seminars, distance-learning programmes, pedagogic materials and publications made available to officials of national tourism administrations;
4. Reiterates its gratitude to the Government of the Principality of Andorra for its constant support;
5. Observes the progress made in the development and implementation of the TEDQUAL methodology and the GTAT aptitude test;
6. Takes note of the initiative of the WTO network of education and training centres to offer new courses and scholarships for officials of national tourism administrations, supplementing those offered with the support of the Themis Foundation, on the one hand, and in cooperation with the Governments of France and Italy, on the other;
7. Notes with interest the information provided by the Secretary-General on the outcome of the seventh session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting the CSD decisions to the General Assembly;
8. Expresses its strong support for the objectives and broad scope of the International Work Programme on sustainable tourism development adopted by the Commission, and welcomes the prominent role that WTO is called upon to play, within the United Nations system, in the implementation of this programme, particularly by means of indicators on the environmental impact of tourism development currently being prepared and disseminated;
9. Takes cognizance of the final preparations for the World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism, thanks the French authorities for their invitation and the Government of Spain for its assistance in the field of national accounts and for helping Latin American countries to participate effectively in the Conference, and expresses its satisfaction at the level of participation announced so far;
10. Takes cognizance of the progress made in periodic forecasting studies such as "*Tourism: 2020 Vision*" in its revised version, the study on the effects of the Asian crisis on tourism and the analysis underway of the impact of the Balkans conflict;

11. Commends the Secretary-General on the new series of statistical publications and analytical reports on market trends published during the period under review;
 12. Notes with interest the preparations for the International Conference "*Towards a better partnership in international commercial transactions in tourism*" to be held jointly with UNCTAD at Tunis on 1 and 2 June 1999 and requests the Secretary-General to report on the outcome of this Conference to the sixty-first Council session;
 13. Notes with interest the various activities carried out in support of the international campaign to combat child prostitution, as well as the series of seminars and training courses on tourist safety, security and facilitation held in the various regions and stresses the active role that WTO should play in these fields;
 14. Notes with satisfaction the increasingly broad media coverage given to the Organization's information and activities and especially to the forthcoming World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism, as well as the large number of new publications issued since its fifty-ninth session and the appreciable increase in sales; and
 15. Notes with interest the progress made in the implementation of the various projects included in the programme under the heading "*Documentation*".
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CE/DEC/6(LX)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
and plan of expenditure for 1999**

Agenda item 6(a)
(documents CE/60/5(a), CE/60/5(a) Add.1 and CE/60/5(b))

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 Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for execution of the programme of work in 1999, in accordance with the level of expected income;
2. Observes that the expenditure forecast for the current financial year remains within the limit 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 1999, thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution;
4. Approves, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission, the incorporation of part of the post adjustment into the base salary resulting in new salary scales for the professional and higher categories, effective 1 March 1999, with the corresponding adjustment in the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries;
5. Also approves, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financing Rules and Financial Regulations, the request of South Africa to pay its contribution in April, the month in which its financial year begins; and
6. Invites South Africa to pay its contribution at the earliest opportunity.

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 CE/DEC/7(LX)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization
for the financial year 1998**

Agenda item 6(c)
(documents CE/60/5(c) and CE/60/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 1998,

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 1998 the level of budgetary expenditure was maintained within the limit of approved appropriations;

2. Approves the transfers of appropriations from Section 1 to Section 7 of Part I and from Section 5 to Section 7 of Part III, made with the prior authorization of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and in accordance with Financial Regulation 5(3)(a) and Detailed Financial Provision 3.07;
 3. Expresses its satisfaction at the large amount of contribution arrears collected and of the contributions received for the financial year 1998;
 4. Recommends the Secretary-General to pursue in 1999 his approaches to Members that owe contributions to the Organization in order to secure their payment; and
 5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1998.
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CE/DEC/8(LX)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

**(d) Closing of the audited administrative accounts
of the eleventh financial period (1996-1997)**

Agenda item 6(d)
(documents CE/60/5(d) and CE/60/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Considering document CE/60/5(d) providing information on the financial results of the audited accounts of the eleventh financial period (1996-1997) and the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance referring thereto,

1. Notes that the closing of the accounts for the period on 31 December 1998 reveals a surplus balance of 926,963.58 dollars;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the amount of this surplus, being the result of effective collection of contribution arrears; and

Having noted the proposal of the Secretary-General concerning the use of the available surplus from the financial period 1996-1997,

3. Recommends the General Assembly to authorize the use of this surplus for strengthening the activities of the Organization's programme of work in the biennium 2000-2001;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to employ this surplus taking account of the priority needs expressed by Members, especially those whose tourism industry is at the development stage; and
 5. Desires that the Secretary-General consider, in consultation with the Committee on Budget and Finance, the prospect of amending the Organization's Financial Regulations so that possible surpluses may be used without making exceptions to the prevailing rules.
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CE/DEC/9(LX)

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 6(e)
(documents CE/60/5(e) and CE/60/5(b))

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 thirty-two Full Members and sixty-five Affiliate Members,

1. Welcomes the fact that the Full Member Nepal has reduced its arrears to the equivalent of less than the past two years' contributions and is therefore no longer liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Member Togo, as Haiti before it, has made a considerable effort to reduce its arrears, although the two countries are still subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 since their arrears exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two financial years;
3. Also notes with satisfaction that the Members Bolivia and Turkmenistan have paid their contributions for the current year and proposed plans for the payment of their contribution arrears in instalments;
4. Urges the other Members that are also subject to these provisions to fulfil their commitments, if necessary proposing that they settle their arrear contributions in instalments;

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 Twelfth General Assembly,

5. Notes that the Full Members El Salvador, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Peru have complied this year with their agreed plans;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to remind Members that have not yet fulfilled their agreed plans that temporary exemption from the aforementioned provisions is subject to their compliance with those plans;
7. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform it at its next session of Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view to maintaining, as appropriate, temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules granted by the General Assembly or, alternatively, reapplying them to Members that have not fulfilled their commitments;

Having been informed of the request from Nicaragua for total exemption from its contribution arrears,

Considering that there is no provision in the existing Regulations for the cancellation of debts incurred in respect of contributions;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to this Member the possibility of discharging its debt in instalments and to report on this to its next session prior to the General Assembly.

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CE/DEC/10(LX)

Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(f) Revision of the contributions of Full, Associate and Affiliate Members

Agenda item 6(f)
(documents CE/60/5(f) and CE/60/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Recalling decision CE/DEC/7(LIX) by which it recommended at its fifty-ninth session that the General Assembly revise the formula for fixing the contributions of member States and chose values for the maximum and minimum contributions, capacity to pay, weighting coefficients and the transitional mechanism,

Convinced that such a revision should enable a more equitable scale of contributions to be established in the interest of all the Members,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report,

Having noted with interest the work of the Committee on Budget and Finance on this subject,

1. Congratulates the Committee on Budget and Finance on the progress made;
2. Notes that the Committee on Budget and Finance favours one particular hypothesis for fixing contributions ("Hypothesis 5" annexed to its report);

Considering that, at its fifty-ninth session, it requested that a study be submitted to it on the comparative advantages and disadvantages of the various hypotheses it had selected, which were characterized by a maximum contribution of 3.20 per cent, a minimum contribution of 0.20 per cent and a limit of 15 per cent a year on increases and decreases in contributions during the period of transition,

Having noted that in the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, an alternative to the aforementioned hypotheses was presented, which would change the minimum share to 0.25 per cent a year and reduce the limit on increases and decreases in the period of transition to 10 per cent a year;

3. Agrees with the Committee on Budget and Finance that a transitional mechanism with a limit reduced to 10 per cent a year would mitigate the financial repercussions of the revision, particularly for member States whose contributions would increase;
4. Decides to consider as a priority "Hypothesis 5" annexed to the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance, believing that it best serves the needs of Members and, from a managerial point of view, those of the Secretariat and whose characteristics are as follows:
 - (a) twelve groups
 - (b) maximum percentage share: 3.20 per cent
 - (c) minimum percentage share: 0.25 per cent
 - (d) application of special provisions in force for countries with small populations included in the last group
 - (e) transitional variation limit of 10 per cent a year;

Desirous nonetheless of allowing Members that have not yet done so the possibility of carrying out the necessary interministerial consultations to determine their position,

5. Invites the Members concerned to proceed as quickly as possible with their internal consultations;

6. Decides not to take a final decision on this subject until its session immediately preceding the General Assembly so as to be in a position to make a clear recommendation;
 7. Reiterates its recommendation to the Assembly that the contribution of the Associate Members be calculated at a rate 10 per cent lower than the amount payable by Full Members in the lowest contribution group; and
 8. Recommends the General Assembly to fix the contribution of the Affiliate Members at 1,800 US dollars a year, 400 dollars of which would be assigned direct to their own activities.
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CE/DEC/11(LX)

Draft programme of work and budget for the period 2000-2001

- (a) **Draft programme budget prepared by the Secretary-General**
 (b) **Report of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination**

Agenda item 7(a)(b)
 (documents CE/60/6(a) and CE/60/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2000-2001, 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 fifty-ninth session,

Having before it the reports of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Having been informed of the observations made by the Board of the Business Council and communicated by its Chairman in his report,

1. Approves the draft programme of work, bearing in mind the additions made by the Programme Committee;
2. Invites the Business Council to develop its own agenda on the basis of an "engagement strategy" focused on major issues of interest to the industry, as part of the Organization's general programme of work, in time for its presentation to the sixty-first Council session;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the Secretary-General's endeavours to target more effectively the programme's various outputs and activities and states its conviction that methodological improvements in the preparation of the programme will facilitate the necessary *ex post* evaluation of its achievements; and
 4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its next session, immediately preceding the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, all the supplementary data likely to entail a change in appropriations owing to application of the operational rate of exchange to be adopted for the next budgetary period; and
 5. Recommends the General Assembly to adopt the draft programme and budget for 2000-2001.
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CE/DEC/12(LX)

Technical Committee for Programme

(a) Composition

(b) Exercise of the external evaluation function

Agenda item 8(a)(b)
(document CE/60/7(a)(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's suggestions on the composition of the reformed Programme Committee and on the evaluation of programme implementation, prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 364(XII) and Executive Council decision 8(LIX),

Bearing in mind the brief on the legal implications of the reform of the Programme Committee attached to the Secretary-General's proposals,

1. Adopts the Secretary-General's proposals together with the amendments suggested by the Legal Adviser of the Organization, and entrusts the Secretary-General with submitting them to its next session for final approval;
2. Endorses the observation made by the Secretary-General that Affiliate Members participating in the Committee should be vested with a full and complete role, not a simply consultative one, given that the said Committee, as a subsidiary organ of the Council, reports to the Council concerning decisions to be taken;

3. Decides to designate the reformed organ as “Programme Committee” and to amend accordingly rule 9 of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure;
 4. Invites the Regional Commissions, during the meetings they will hold on the eve of the thirteenth session of the General Assembly on 25 September 1999, to nominate candidates to serve on the new Programme Committee as Members or Alternates;
 5. Requests the Secretary-General to send information on the composition of the new Programme Committee and its terms of reference to the Chairmen of the Regional Commissions in advance of the above-mentioned meetings; and
 6. Decides that the Chairman of the new Programme Committee shall continue to be appointed by the Council.
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CE/DEC/13(LX)

Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council

(a) Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 9(a)
(document CE/60/8(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the WTO Business Council - Affiliate Members - on the activities of the WTO Business Council since the previous Council session,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his report;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction at the activities carried out;
 3. Notes that the WTO Business Council wishes to continue to be actively involved in the preparation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
 4. Welcomes the initiative of the WTOBC to undertake a study on *The Impact of Information Technology and the Internet on the Promotion of Tourist Destinations* and expresses the desire that all the Members of the Organization, public and private alike, develop their commitment in this field; and
 5. Also welcomes the continuing trend towards an increase in the number of applications for affiliate membership of the Organization.
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CE/DEC/14(LX)

Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council

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

Agenda item 9(b)
(document CE/60/8(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 20 May 1999,

1. Endorses the Sub-Committee's recommendations; and
2. Decides to submit to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
 - 2.a. Complete applications:
 1. Christel DeHaan Tourism and Travel Research Institute - Nottingham Business School (University of Nottingham) (United Kingdom)
 2. Federación Española de Restaurantes, Bares y Cafeterías (Spain)
 3. ProMargarita - Fondo Mixto de Promoción Turística (Venezuela)
 4. PromPerú - Comisión de Promoción del Perú (Peru)
 5. Waleed Tours (Egypt)
 - 2.b. Applications to be submitted to the Sub-Committee on receipt of the necessary documents:
 1. Barceló Empresas (Spain)
 2. Cape Metropolitan Tourism (South Africa)
 3. DCDM Consulting (Mauritius)
 4. Ikeja Hotels Plc (Nigeria)
 5. International Tourism Institute (Switzerland)
 6. Polish Tourism Development Agency (Poland)
 7. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Tourism Council (STC)
 8. Saló Internacional de Turismo de Catalunya (Spain)
 9. Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain)

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CE/DEC/15(LX)

Consideration of the draft Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

Agenda item 10
(document CE/60/9)

The Executive Council,

Recalling resolution 373(XII) adopted by the General Assembly at Istanbul, whereby it authorized the Secretary-General to prepare a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism,

Having considered the draft Code drawn up by the Secretary-General in the light of the initial reflections of the Members of the Special Committee entrusted with its preparation,

1. Considers the draft favourably and approves its main orientations,
 2. Decides to pursue the preparation of the draft taking account of contributions submitted or promised by WTO Members and other institutions or bodies consulted on this subject;
 3. Requests Members still having comments or contributions to make with respect to the draft to transmit them to the Secretary-General as soon as possible and, in any case, not later than 30 June 1999; and
 4. Decides to submit the duly revised draft Global Code of Ethics for Tourism to the General Assembly for approval at its thirteenth session.
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CE/DEC/16(LX)

**World Tourism Day:
themes for 2000 and 2001 to be proposed to the General Assembly**

Agenda item 11
(documents CE/60/10, CE/60/10 Add.1, CE/60/10 Add.2 and CE/60/10 Add.3)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day in 1999 and the procedure for selecting, on the one hand, themes for 2000 and 2001 and, on the other, the country to be officially entrusted with the celebration of World Tourism Day in 2000,

Having considered the themes proposed by the Secretary-General for 2000 and 2001 in the light of the suggestions made by various Members,

Having noted that three Members of the Organization, viz. Germany, Israel and Viet Nam, have submitted their candidatures for hosting World Tourism Day in 2000, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 376(XII),

Having also noted that the Islamic Republic of Iran has already expressed interest in hosting this event in 2001,

1. Decides to propose the following themes to the General Assembly for the observance of World Tourism Day in 2000 and 2001:

2000: Technology and nature: two challenges for tourism at the dawn of the twenty-first century

2001: Tourism: a tool for peace and dialogue among civilizations

2. Decides to designate the host country for 2000 at its next session; and
3. Welcomes the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host World Tourism Day in 2001 and invites other member States also wishing to submit their candidatures for the same year to inform the Secretary-General accordingly, for decision by the Council at its sixty-third session in the spring of 2000.

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CE/DEC/17(LX)

**Report on the preparations for the thirteenth session
of the General Assembly**

Agenda item 12
(document CE/60/11)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on the preparations for the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, to be held at Santiago, Chile from 24 September to 1 October 1999,

Having heard the statement by the representative of Chile concerning the preparation of the Santiago General Assembly,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the agreement between the Government of Chile and the Organization was signed in January 1999, in accordance with the procedure adopted at the eleventh session of the General Assembly for the choice of venue of its sessions;
 2. Reiterates its gratitude to the Chilean authorities for the efforts already made to ensure the success of the Santiago session of the General Assembly; and
 3. Takes due note of the structure of the Assembly and of the eight-day duration of the proceedings and related activities, including two round table meetings, the meeting on the preparation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, as well as a special programme organized on the initiative of the WTO Business Council's Members.
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CE/DEC/18(LX)

Relations with other international organizations

Agenda item 13
(document CE/60/12)

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the initiative of India concerning WTO's cooperation with other international organizations,

Having reviewed the list of agreements already concluded by the Organization,

Decides to discuss this important subject in depth at one of its future sessions.

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CE/DEC/19(LX)

Place and dates of the sixty-first session of the Council

Agenda item 14

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions in conjunction with the thirteenth session of the General Assembly at Santiago, Chile on 25 September and 1 October 1999.

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CE/DEC/20(LX)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having completed the proceedings of its sixtieth session in conditions of outstanding efficiency and comfort, thanks to the facilities generously provided by the Malaysian Government,

1. Expresses its deepest gratitude to the Government of Malaysia;
2. Also thanks it for having taken the initiative of organizing a Seminar on Tourism and Heritage, as well as a technical visit to the historic city of Malacca; and
3. Expresses its warmest congratulations to all the officials at the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism of Malaysia, as well as the gratitude of the Council Members that have witnessed at first hand the traditional hospitality of the Malaysian people and the quality of the host venue.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The sixtieth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

- (1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Argentina, Benin, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Uzbekistan;
- (2) the Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Americas, East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia;
- (3) the representatives of the following member States: Austria, Chile, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Poland and Republic of Korea, as observers;
- (4) the Holy See as Permanent Observer;
- (5) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Germany);
- (6) the Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Argentina); and
- (7) the Auditor (Spain).