

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION**

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CE/DEC/1(LXV)

#### Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1  
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The Executive Council,

Having discussed a proposal to delay consideration of item 2, placing it in the final agenda as item 5, and to bring forward that of item 10 as item 4,

Noting that a majority of delegations were in favour of considering all the items on the provisional agenda in accordance with that proposal,

Decides to adopt the agenda of its sixty-fifth session as amended.

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CE/DEC/2(LXV)

#### Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 2  
(document CE/65/3)

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 and the work carried out by WTO since its last session, in particular at the meetings of the Regional Commissions, and on the main activities of the programme of work; and
3. Notes with satisfaction the excellent financial situation of the Organization and the progress it has made in the past ten years in its internal management.

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CE/DEC/3(LXV)

**Communication of the Chairman**

Agenda item 3  
(document CE/65/4)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of its Chairman, Mr. Caio Luiz de Carvalho, President of EMBRATUR,

1. Thanks him for it;
  2. Subscribes to the views expressed by its Chairman concerning the role of sustainable tourism in poverty alleviation, regional development and the creation of jobs and income; and
  3. Endorses the suggestion from the Chairman of the Executive Council that WTO awards should be organized and asks the Secretary General to make a proposal in this regards.
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CE/DEC/4(LXV)

**Future of the Organization****(a) Activities of the Working Group**

Agenda item 4(a)

The Executive Council

1. Recalls the process of modernizing the Organization, as desired by the General Assembly, to which it devoted its extraordinary session held at Madrid in January 2000;
  2. Congratulates the Working Group on the results achieved and requests it to finalize its work and present its conclusions to the next Executive Council session;
  3. Takes note of the proposed resolution by Argentina, according to which:  
  
"The General Assembly will not consider applications for associate membership from non-self-governing territories, if their sovereignty is disputed between two or more States"  
  
and recommends its adoption by the General Assembly.
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CE/DEC/5(LXV)

**Future of the Organization**

**(a) Activities of the Working Group**

***Ratification status of amendments  
to the Organization's Statutes***

Agenda item 4(a)

The Executive Council

Urges the Secretary-general to request during his meetings, both bilateral and multilateral, with representatives of member States, to expedite the process of ratification of the amendments to the WTO Statutes.

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CE/DEC/6(LXV)

**Future of the Organization**

**(a) Activities of the Working Group**

***Presentation of draft decisions and resolutions***

Agenda item 4(a)

The Executive Council

Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the final drafts of decisions and resolutions considered at the respective meetings are submitted to member States for possible approval at least twenty-four hours in advance, unless circumstances pertaining to the holding of the session make this materially impossible.

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CE/DEC/7(LXV)

**Future of the Organization****(a) Activities of the Working Group*****Procedure for the awarding of contracts  
for carrying out WTO missions***

Agenda item 4(a)

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the preliminary activities of its Working Group on modernization,

1. In the light of this work, adopts, provisionally, the following draft resolution:

“The Executive Council,

“Aware of the increasing importance of contracting for carrying out WTO missions, proposes, in order to establish a secure framework, the preparation of a procedure for awarding contracts, defining in particular the rules for:

- advertising tenders,
- making available tender documents,

“Desires furthermore the establishment of a commission for awarding contracts consisting of the Secretary-General and representatives of member States;

“Proposes, to this end, to prolong the term of office of the Working Group so that it may establish the bases for this procedure, which will be examined at the next Executive Council session of Seoul, before being submitted in the form of a draft resolution to the General Assembly of Seoul and Osaka;

“On those bases, adopted by the WTO General Assembly, the Working Group, in liaison with the Secretary-General, will prepare a draft procedure which will be submitted for approval to the Executive Council.”

2. Proposes to finalize the draft taking into account the information contributed by the Secretary-General, in particular concerning procedures current at UNDP and those financial provisions in force within WTO pursuant to Financial Regulations 13 and 14.

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CE/DEC/8(LXV)

### **Future of the Organization**

#### **(b) Consideration of the draft resolutions to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly**

##### ***Status and role of the Deputy Secretary-General***

Agenda item 4(b)  
(document CE/65/10(b)(iii))

The Executive Council,

Recalling that the Statutes of the Organization make no specific reference to the Deputy Secretary-General,

Aware, nonetheless, that this high-level post has existed within the Secretariat since April 1976 and that the manner of appointing a person to it is established by Staff Regulation 15,

Having regard to the contribution submitted by France and Portugal at its first extraordinary session (Madrid, January 2000) in which these two countries proposed that “the matter of the statutory powers of the Deputy Secretary-General and, in particular, his capacity to replace the Secretary-General if required, should be addressed”,

Recognizing the need to codify in a flexible manner, as part of the modernization of WTO, the status and role of the Deputy Secretary-General,

Bearing in mind document CE/GT/1/4(a) prepared by the Secretary-General,

1. Decides to propose to the General Assembly that it adopt the following rules governing the status and role of the Deputy Secretary-General;
  - (a) the Deputy Secretary-General is the most senior official within the Secretariat after the Secretary-General,
  - (b) a candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary-General shall be a national of a State Member of WTO and from a different geographical region of the world from that of the Secretary-General,
  - (c) the Deputy Secretary-General shall be capable of acting as Secretary-General ad interim in the case of a prolonged vacancy. Such interim tenure shall not run beyond the date of the next ordinary session of the General Assembly,

- (d) the Deputy Secretary-General shall have full capacity to replace the Secretary-General as head of the Secretariat and to represent the Secretary-General at meetings of the Organization's bodies during short absences of the Secretary-General from Headquarters,
  - (e) the field of competence of the Deputy Secretary-General shall be, in particular, the following:
    - (1) administrative, financial and personnel matters (except appointments),
    - (2) the replacement of the Secretary-General according to the previous paragraphs,
    - (3) the political role and missions commended to him by the Secretary-General,
  - (f) the Deputy Secretary-General shall chair the Appointment and Promotion Board, as well as, under the Secretary-General's authority, any other body or internal committee,
2. Also decides to propose to the General Assembly that it amend Staff Regulation 15(b) and (d) relating to the Deputy Secretary-General, to read as follows:

"15(b) The appointment to the post of Deputy Secretary-General shall be made by the Secretary-General with the approval of the Executive Council. In proposing a candidate, the Secretary-General or, if appropriate, the Secretary-General elect shall consult the chairperson of the Executive Council. Posts in the Director and Principal Officer category shall be filled by the Secretary-General on the basis of qualifications, by transfer, promotion or appointment and as far as possible in consultation with the Officers of the Executive Council".

"15(d) The terms of office of the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General shall be concurrent. The appointment may be renewed".

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CE/DEC/9(LXV)

### **Future of the Organization**

#### **(b) Consideration of the draft resolutions to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly**

#### ***Role of the Regional Commissions***

Agenda item 4(b)  
(document CE/65/10(b)(iv))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Working Group entrusted with studying ways of modernizing the Organization on the role of the Regional Commissions,

1. Adopts the conclusions of its Working Group;
2. Decides, following the recommendations of the Group, to recommend the General Assembly to adopt the following resolution during its next session:

“The General Assembly,

“Considering it opportune for the States to set themselves up as the motive power of the Regional Commissions,

“Recognizing that, in accordance with rule 19 of the General Assembly’s Rules of Procedure, it is for the General Assembly to fix the missions of the Regional Commissions,

“Emphasizing that, in the first place, the implementation of the functions already entrusted to them should be encouraged, as well as the granting of other complementary functions, where justified,

“Reaffirming the need to avoid increasing WTO’s bureaucratization, as well as administrative expenses to the detriment of development,

“Pointing out besides that the reform under way in the entire United Nations system, and particularly in the specialized agencies and the ECOSOC Regional Commissions, is an unavoidable reference,

“Decides that:

- “(1) At the proposal of the Regional Commissions, a budgetary appropriation be included in the chapter “Cooperation for Development” of the programme of work of the Organization, starting in the period 2002-2003; such appropriation would allow each Regional Commission to undertake a programme of studies and activities on regional issues;

“The contracting conditions, as well as the authorization of expenditure, shall be subject to the general rules of WTO;

“This issue should be included in the respective agendas of Regional Commission meetings;

“(2) Within the framework of their responsibilities, the Regional Commissions shall each assess the follow-up of the principles established by the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;

“(3) They will foster regional cooperation in their field of competence, as well as coordination between other international organizations working at this level;

“(4) The Regional Commissions shall inform the General Assembly of the results achieved in the fulfilment of their functions.”

3. Recommends the creation of a mechanism for following up on Regional Commission initiatives within the Secretariat in order to improve coordination among the Regional Commissions and respond more precisely to their specific needs.

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CE/DEC/10(LXV)

### **Future of the Organization**

#### **(b) Consideration of the draft resolutions to be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly**

#### ***Legal representation of the Organization***

Agenda item 4(b)  
(document CE/65/10(b)(ii))

The Executive Council,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the legal representation of the Organization,

Recommends that the General Assembly adopt the following resolution at its next session:

“The General Assembly,

“Endorsing the recommendations on this subject formulated by the Executive Council at its sixty-fifth session (Natal, Brazil, 5-6 June 2001),

- “1. Reaffirms that the legal representation of the Organization must be ensured in strict conformity with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 23 of the Statutes;
  - “2. Considers that when he uses the powers that this provision vests in him the Secretary-General commits the Organization legally, without needing express authorization to do so; and
  - “3. Recalls that, when he ensures the legal representation of the Organization, the Secretary-General remains subject to the instructions and control of the General Assembly and the Executive Council in their respective fields of competence and would be answerable to them, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 23 of the Statutes, if he were to exceed his powers in this regard.”
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CE/DEC/11(LXV)

**Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly  
of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2002-2005**

Agenda item 5  
(document CE/65/2)

The Executive Council,

Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having heard the presentation by the candidate,

Having held a secret ballot in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

Noting that the ballot of twenty-two Members gave twenty-one votes in favour, with one abstention, to Mr. Francesco Frangialli (France),

Also noting that Mr. Francesco Frangialli received in the first ballot the required majority of Council Members present and voting,

Decides to recommend the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Francesco Frangialli to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2002-2005.

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CE/DEC/12(LXV)

**Implementation of the general programme of work  
of the Organization for the period 2000-2001**

Agenda item 6  
(document CE/65/5)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report on the implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 2000-2001 submitted by the Secretary-General,

1. Welcomes the emphasis placed in the Organization's development assistance programme on poverty alleviation and employment creation;
2. Recognizes the need to broaden the aims and scope of technical support missions, to promote greater diversification of financial assistance and to mobilize resources for regional and subregional cooperation;
3. Expresses its satisfaction at the presence in the field assured by the Regional Representatives and the number and variety of subjects addressed at regional seminars and workshops;
4. Welcomes the emphasis on quality and efficiency in the human resource development programme, the growing number of applicants for the Practicum and the continuing support of the Government of Andorra to the WTO Themis Foundation;
5. Approves the results of the second meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development of Tourism (Malawi, March 2001);
6. Notes with satisfaction the activities under way or scheduled to mark the International Year of Ecotourism in 2002 and in preparation for the World Ecotourism Summit in Canada in May of that year;
7. Emphasizes the importance of the work carried out by the Secretariat to enable States to gauge the economic importance of tourism more precisely, notably by organizing regional seminars on the Tourism Satellite Account;
8. Applauds the outcome of the first World Conference on Sport and Tourism held at Barcelona, Spain in February 2001 and encourages the Secretary-General to continue working on this tourism product in cooperation with interested organizations;
9. Expresses its satisfaction at the large number of States that have taken action to disseminate the Global Code of Tourism Ethics at the national level, which includes translating and printing it in their national languages;



10. Welcomes the cooperation under way between the Organization and the European Union to prevent the sexual exploitation of children in tourism;
  11. Applauds the efforts made to enhance the Organization's image, to improve publications and to participate in tourism fairs and other events; and
  12. Stresses the important role played by the Documentation Centre as a referral service and clearing house for Members.
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CE/DEC/13(LXV)

### **Administrative, financial and statutory matters**

#### **(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and plan of expenditure for 2001**

Agenda item 7(a)  
(documents CE/65/6(a), CE/65/6(a) Add.1 and CE/65/6(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 2001, in accordance with the expected level of 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 2001, thereby averting delays that could hamper programme execution; and
  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 with effect from 1 March 2001 and the corresponding adjustment to the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries.
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CE/DEC/14(LXV)

**Administrative, financial and statutory matters****(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization  
for the financial year 2000**

Agenda item 7(c)  
(documents CE/65/6(c) and CE/65/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the Auditors' report and administrative accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2000,

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 2000 the level of budgetary expenditure was maintained within the limit of approved appropriations;
  2. Approves the transfers of appropriations made with the prior authorization of the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Chairman of the Executive Council, 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 2000;
  4. Recommends the Secretary-General to pursue in 2001 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 2000.
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CE/DEC/15(LXV)

**Administrative, financial and statutory matters**

**(d) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the twelfth financial period (1998-1999)**

Agenda item 7(d)  
(documents CE/65/6(d) and CE/65/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General on the financial results of the audited accounts of the twelfth financial period (1998-1999) and the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance referring thereto,

1. Notes that on closing the accounts for the period on 31 December 2000 there was a surplus balance of 727,037.61 dollars;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the amount of this surplus, being the result of effective collection of arrears of contributions; and

Having noted the proposal of the Secretary-General concerning the use of the available surplus from the financial period 1998-1999,

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 2002-2003.

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CE/DEC/16(LXV)

**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 7(e)  
(documents CE/65/6(e), CE/65/6(e) Add.1 and CE/65/6(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-one Full Members and fifty-seven Affiliate Members,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Members Guinea and Mali have made an effort to reduce their arrears, although they are still subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 because their arrears exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two financial years;

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 Thirteenth General Assembly,

2. Also notes with satisfaction that the Full Member Costa Rica has reduced its arrears to less than the amount of its contributions for the previous two years and is therefore no longer liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules;
3. Notes that the Full Members Bolivia and Peru have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2001;
4. 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 observance of those plans; and
5. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform it at its next session of Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

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CE/DEC/17(LXV)

**Administrative, financial and statutory matters**

**(f) Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financing Rules  
providing for introduction of the euro**

Agenda item 7(f)  
(documents CE/65/6(f) and CE/65/6(b))

The Executive Council,

Having regard to decision 10(LXIII-LXIV), in which it recommended the General Assembly to amend paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Financial Regulations 4(2) and 14(3) in order to establish the euro as the Organization's accounting and budgetary currency and for the payment by Members of their contributions,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the draft resolution to be proposed to the General Assembly,

Decides to recommend the General Assembly to adopt the attached resolution, as modified by the Committee on Budget and Finance, which, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, provides for the immediate application, on a provisional basis, of the amended text of paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes.

## **ANNEX**

“The General Assembly,

“Considering that as from 2002 the bulk of WTO’s expenditure may be incurred in euros in satisfactory conditions,

“Having regard to the advantages for both the Members and the Secretariat of adopting the euro as the sole currency,

“Considering that the proposal to amend paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Financial Regulations 4(2) and 14(3) in order to establish the euro as the Organization’s accounting and budgetary currency, as well as for the payment of Members’ contributions, was approved by the Council in decision 10(LXIII-LXIV),

“1. Decides to adopt by the required majority, that is to say, two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting, the following texts for paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules and Financial Regulations 4(2) and 14(3):

### **Financing Rules attached to the Statutes**

“4. The budget shall be formulated in euros. The currency used for the payment of contributions shall be the euro or any other currency or combination of currencies stipulated by the Assembly. This shall not preclude acceptance by the Secretary-General, to the extent authorized by the Assembly, of other currencies in payment of Members’ contributions.”

### **Financial Regulations**

“4.2. The programme budget shall be expressed in euros.”

- “14.3. The accounts of the Organization shall be drawn up in euros. The composition of the liquid assets shall be indicated by the currencies in which they are held. The account books shall show liquid assets held in currencies other than the euro. The Secretary-General shall include in the statements of accounts the information on currency collection and utilization and the parity of currencies with the euro. Accounts and accounting records may, however, be kept in other currencies when deemed necessary by the Secretary-General, provided that this entails no extra cost to the Organization’s Members.”
- “2. Also decides, exceptionally, that the new paragraph 4 of the Financing Rules shall apply immediately, on a provisional basis, pending its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 33 of the Statutes.”
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CE/DEC/18(LXV)

**Draft programme of work and budget for the period 2002-2003**

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

Agenda items 8(a)(b)  
(documents CE/65/7(a), CE/65/7(a) Add.1, CE/65/7(b), CE/65/7(b) Add.1  
and CE/65/7(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2002-2003, 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 sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions,

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

Having been informed of the observations made by the Chairman of the Affiliate Members - WTO Business Council in his report,

1. Approves the draft programme of work, bearing in mind the amendments and additions made by the Programme Committee;

2. Expresses its appreciation of the Secretary-General's endeavours to target more effectively the needs of the less-developed countries by including in the programme activities to assist the sub-Saharan countries of Africa, and decides to add, at the request of the Commission for Africa, to the six activities already included, a seventh concerning the mobilization of financial resources in favour of tourism development;
  3. Also approves the inclusion of activities concerning poverty alleviation through tourism, new information technologies and the new programme for destinations;
  4. Endorses the approach to evaluation of programme implementation adopted by the Programme Committee's Task Force and requests the Programme Committee to submit to its sixty-sixth session the preliminary findings of its first evaluation exercise, relating to the activities of human resource development and sustainable tourism development carried out during 2000-2001;
  5. Entrusts the Programme Committee with finalizing the draft Programme Rules and Regulations and submitting them to its sixty-sixth session for approval;
  6. Welcomes the proposal of the Commission for the Americas that a Committee on Market Intelligence and Promotion be set up whose functions will be defined and submitted to its next session for approval;
  7. Recommends the General Assembly to adopt the draft programme and budget for 2002-2003 in the amount of 20,484,000 euros;
  8. Approves the revised Table I submitted to it by the Secretary-General, according to which the contributions due from Full and Associate Members will be apportioned progressively between the two years, i.e. 8,265,000 euros in 2002 and 8,447,000 euros in 2003;
  9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to its next session, immediately preceding the fourteenth 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
  10. Requests the Secretary-General to notify the Members as soon as possible of the amount of their contributions resulting from these decisions.
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CE/DEC/19(LXV)

**Implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism**Agenda item 9  
(document CE/65/8)

The Executive Council,

Recalling that, by resolution 406(XIII) of 30 September 1999, the General Assembly adopted the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and subscribed to the principle of a Protocol of Implementation of the Code,

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

1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to its next session a draft resolution accompanied by a draft Protocol for possible adoption by the General Assembly, which will reflect the observations made by Executive Council Members during the present session and by the Members of the Organization as a whole, as well as any suggestions that the Strategic Group may make at its next meeting on 5 and 6 July 2001; and
  2. Decides that the Secretary-General will be assisted in this task by a small group of member States, including Brazil and Spain, which will in principle meet at Madrid in the coming weeks.
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**World Tourism Day:  
themes for 2002 and 2003 to be proposed to the General Assembly**Agenda item 10  
(documents CE/65/9, CE/65/9 Corr., CE/65/9 Add.1 and CE/65/9 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day in 2000 and the procedure for selecting both the themes for 2002 and 2003 and the country to be officially entrusted with the celebration of World Tourism Day for each of those two years,

Having considered the themes on topical subjects that many Members have proposed to the Secretary-General for 2002 and 2003,



Having noted that seven Members of the Organization, viz. Ukraine, Costa Rica, Algeria, India, Thailand, Malta and Peru, have submitted their candidatures for hosting World Tourism Day in 2002,

Having also noted that four other member States, viz. Senegal, Paraguay, Spain and Indonesia, have submitted their candidatures for hosting World Tourism Day in 2003,

Aware that the United Nations has declared 2002 as the International Year of Ecotourism,

1. Decides to propose the following themes to the General Assembly for World Tourism Day in 2002 and 2003:

**2002     Ecotourism: the key to sustainable development**

**2003     Tourism: a driving force for poverty alleviation, job creation and social harmony**

2. Also decides to choose at its next session the host countries for World Tourism Day in 2002 and 2003 for recommendation to the General Assembly ; and
3. Shares the concern expressed by the Commission for the Americas that in the future the celebration of World Tourism Day should not, so far as possible, coincide with the holding of the General Assembly, so as to ensure that national tourism authorities can be present in their own countries on this important occasion.

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CE/DEC/21(LXV)

### **Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council**

#### **(a) Report of the Chairman**

Agenda item 11(a)  
(document CE/65/11(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 within the context of its programme of work for 2000-2001,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his report;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the execution of the activities carried out since the last Executive Council session;

3. Reiterates its endorsement of greater participation by the WTO Business Council in the programme of work and supports its continued interest in bringing to it the voice of the private sector; and
  4. Welcomes the new strategy of the WTO Business Council for achieving this aim, and encourages the WTOBC to pursue its specific objectives: membership promotion, public-private cooperation and market information.
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### **Affiliate Members – WTO Business Council**

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

Agenda item 11(b)  
(document CE/65/11(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of its Sub-Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 6 June 2001 under the chairmanship of Brazil,

1. Endorses the Sub-Committee's recommendations that applications for affiliate membership, acceptance of the Organization's Statutes and endorsement by the State concerned should be submitted on the official headed paper of the corresponding bodies; and
  2. Decides to submit to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly the following applications for affiliate membership:
    1. Committee for Tourism & Development of Resorts of St-Petersburg Administration (Russian Federation)
    2. Department of Tourism Management - University of Pretoria (South Africa)
    3. DRI-WEFA (United States of America)
    4. Fédération internationale de motocyclisme (FIM)
    5. Greater Montreal Convention and Tourism Bureau (Canada)
    6. Korea Tourism Research Institute (Republic of Korea)
    7. KPMG (United Kingdom)
    8. Le Monde – Institute of Hotel and Tourism Studies (Greece)
    9. Screp Multimedia (France)
    10. Universidad Antonio de Nebrija (Spain)
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CE/DEC/23(LXV)

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

Agenda item 12  
(document CE/65/12)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the Secretary-General's report on the preparations for the fourteenth session of the General Assembly, to be held jointly at Seoul, Republic of Korea from 23 to 27 September 2001 and at Osaka, Japan from 28 September to 1 October 2001,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the agreements between the Government of Japan and the Republic of Korea and the Organization were signed in December 2000 and April 2001, respectively;
2. Reiterates its gratitude to the Korean and Japanese authorities for the efforts already made to ensure the success of the Seoul and Osaka session of the General Assembly;
3. Takes due note of the structure of the Assembly and of the nine-day duration of the proceedings and related activities which include two round table meetings, the *Conference on Tourism Policy and Strategy - the State of the Art*, the WTO Business Council meetings, as well as the *Millennium Conference of Tourism Leaders* to be held at Osaka;

Having heard the statement by China,

4. Takes note of its invitation to hold the fifteenth session of the General Assembly at Beijing in 2003.

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CE/DEC/24(LXV)

**Place and dates of the sixty-sixth session of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 13

The Executive Council

Decides to hold its sixty-sixth session at Seoul, Republic of Korea on 24 September 2001 and its sixty-seventh session at Osaka, Japan on 29 September 2001, in conjunction with the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

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**Vote of thanks to the host country**

The Executive Council,

Having completed the proceedings of its sixty-fifth session in conditions of outstanding efficiency and comfort, thanks to the facilities generously provided by the Government of the state of Rio Grande do Norte,

1. Conveys its deepest gratitude to it, to the Government of Brazil and to EMBRATUR and its President;
2. Also thanks it for having taken the initiative of organizing a Seminar on Poverty Alleviation through Competitive Tourism, as well as a technical tour of the Dunes of Genipabú;
3. Expresses its most sincere congratulations to H.E. Mr Garibaldi Alves Filho, Governor of the state of Rio Grande do Norte, Ms Wilma Maria de Faria, Mayor of the City of Natal, Mr Caio Luiz de Carvalho, President of the Brazilian Institute of Tourism (EMBRATUR) and all his staff, as well as the appreciation of the Council Members which have witnessed at first hand the hospitality of the Brazilian people and the quality of the host venue; and
4. Warmly thanks H.E. Mr Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of the Republic of Brazil, for receiving the Secretary-General of WTO on the eve of the session, H.E. Mr Carlos Melles, Minister of Sport and Tourism, H.E. Mr Garibaldi Alves Filho, Governor of the state of Rio Grande do Norte, Mr Caio Luiz de Carvalho, President of EMBRATUR and Chairman of the WTO Executive Council, and the other eminent Brazilians associated with this event.

#### **4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

The sixty-fifth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

- (1) delegates of the following Members of the Council : Angola, Argentina, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine and Uzbekistan;
- (2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for South Asia (Pakistan);
- (3) the representatives of the following member States : Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cuba, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Romania, Tunisia and Zambia, as observers;
- (4) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina); and
- (5) the Auditor (India).