

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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3. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL

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Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/84/1 prov. and CE/84/1 prov. annot.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its eighty-fourth session as proposed.

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Communication of the Chairman

Agenda item 2
(document CE/84/2)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the communication of its Chairperson, H.E. Ms. Ambika Soni, Minister of Tourism of India,

1. Thanks her for it;
 2. Endorses her analysis of the worldwide economic and financial crisis and its consequences for the tourism industry;
 3. Shares her opinion regarding the need to set up early-warning crisis management systems for natural disasters;
 4. Agrees with her on the need for a balanced strategy to tackle the phenomenon of climate change and that this major challenge should be addressed in relation with the equally crucial issue of poverty reduction, within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals; and
 5. Encourages the UNWTO to continue its efforts in the area of visa issuance conditions and the development of visitor information systems.
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Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 3
(document CE/84/3)

The Executive Council,

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

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his presentation meant to keep the Members of the Council informed about the situation of international tourism and the action of the Organization;
 2. Agrees with the Secretary-General's analysis regarding the world economic situation being faced by our industry, whose short-term outlook is not favourable, and takes note in this regard of his decision to entrust a study to Prof. Peter Keller;
 3. Takes note with interest of the principal activities and major events that have marked the life of the UNWTO over the past months; and
 4. Takes note of the financial situation of the Organization, which is slightly less favourable than that of 2007, and of the prudent management of the Secretariat during the current financial year.
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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and plan of expenditure for 2008

Agenda item 4(a)
(documents CE/84/4(a))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization, presented in accordance with Article 14, paragraph 6, of the Financing Rules,

1. Takes note of the high level of contributions received by 15 September 2008;

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2. Notes with satisfaction that since the date of its last session 5 Full Members have paid all or part of their arrear contributions;
3. Notes that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of the Assembly contained in its resolution A/RES/496(XVI), the expected income and expenditure will be able to ensure financial balance in this financial year, and that such balance is compatible with a moderate deviation from the expenditure plan for 2008, resulting essentially from the intensive programme of activities carried out and the high level of inflation experienced at the Organization's Headquarters this year;
4. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2008 before the accounts for the current year are closed;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the level of voluntary contributions received, in particular for the ST-EP programme, and of the projects carried out with them; and

Recalling Assembly resolution A/RES/524(XVII),

6. Decides that circumstances clearly do not permit any reduction in the proposed 2009 budget given that the increment to the budget between 2008 and 2009 is inferior to zero growth in real terms.
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Administrative, financial and statutory matters

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

Agenda item 4(b)
(document CE/84/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Observing that the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are currently applied to 22 Full Members,

1. Urges the Members subject to these provisions to comply with their commitments, and if necessary, to propose the payment of their contribution arrears in instalments;

Having been informed of the Members enjoying temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, granted by the seventeenth General Assembly,

2. Notes that the Full Member Togo is no longer liable to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules since it has submitted a plan for the payment of its arrears;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Full Members Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Mauritania have respected their agreed payment plans up to 2008;
4. Notes that the Full Members Mali, Niger, Peru, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Rwanda, Uruguay y Yemen have partially respected their agreed payment plans up to 2008;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to remind Members that have not yet fulfilled their agreed plans or have done so only partially, that temporary exemption from the aforementioned provisions are subject to their full observance of those plans; and

Recalling Assembly resolution A/RES/523(XVIII) and its decisions CE/DEC/5(LXXIX) and CE/DEC/8 (LXXX) concerning Iraq,

Aware that Iraq and the Secretariat continue to pursue their negotiations concerning that country's contribution arrears,

6. Notes that Iraq has paid in part its contribution to UNWTO for 2008.

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New membership

Agenda Item 5
(documents CE/84/5 et CE/84/5 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,

1. Takes note with great satisfaction of the decision by the Government of **Norway** to join the institution effective 8 September 2008 pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Statutes;

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2. Notes with pleasure the decision of **Vanuatu** to join the Organization and recommends the General Assembly to approve this country's candidature in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Statutes;
3. Notes the renewed interest expressed by **New Zealand** in joining the Organization and entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the necessary steps in order for it to do so;

Having been informed of the decision to withdraw from the Organization by the **United Kingdom**, in accordance with Article 35(1) of the Statutes, and of the steps already taken by the Secretary-General following this announcement,

4. Takes cognizance with regret of the decision announced by the United Kingdom and unanimously requests this country to reconsider its intentions, and entrusts the Secretary-General with transmitting to the Government of this country the appeal whose text is attached hereto;
5. Encourages in particular the Secretary-General to continue his efforts vis-à-vis non-member States, including the United States of America, with a view to their possible membership; and
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up actions taken regarding these different approaches at its next session.

ANNEX

Appeal to the United Kingdom

The Executive Council,

Having been informed of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the Organization on 1 August 2009 in accordance with Article 35(1) of the Statutes,

1. Takes cognizance with regret of this announcement;
2. Expresses its concern that a major tourism generating and receiving country is planning to leave the Organization, only a few years after having joined it;
3. Considers that this move tends to undermine the principle of universality which should govern the membership of Specialized Agencies of the United Nations System;
4. Considers that a withdrawal by the United Kingdom would send a negative signal to the international tourism community and to the countries which are in the process of joining the World Tourism Organization; and

5. Unanimously urges the United Kingdom to reconsider its decision, especially in view of the contribution that this country has already made and could undoubtedly make in future to the programme of work of the Organization and to the activities of this programme from which it can itself benefit (notably in the areas of climate change, crisis management, statistics and economic knowledge of tourism, marketing and promotion, education, and the relationship between tourism and sport, as the United Kingdom prepares to host the Olympic Games).

The Chairman of the Executive Council:

India

The State Members of the Executive Council:

Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, and Tunisia

The Chairmen of the UNWTO Regional Commissions: Colombia, Cyprus and Lebanon

The State Members attending this session as observers:

Andorra, Australia, Azerbaijan, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Jordan, Kenya, Monaco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa and Venezuela

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Participation in the United Nations system's coordination mechanisms

Agenda item 6
(documents CE/84/6 and CE/84/6 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered documents CE/84/6 and CE/84/6 Add.1,

1. Takes note of the increased participation of the UNWTO in the different coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system;

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2. Takes note with interest of the participation of the UNWTO in various meetings organized by bodies belonging to the United Nations system which makes it possible to better secure recognition of tourism's contribution at the international level in favour of sustainable development, the fight against climate change, and poverty reduction;
 3. Welcomes the final acceptance of the Annex to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies concerning UNWTO;
 4. Joins the United Nations in the action it has undertaken with a view to encouraging the States that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, and in particular, to accede to the new annexes – including that relating to the UNWTO –, and requests the Secretary-General to see to it that the Organization participates in this campaign; and
 5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to it, at its forthcoming sessions, on new developments that may take place in the Organization's participation in the system's coordination mechanisms, as well as on the action carried out by the UNWTO with regard to the ratification of the Convention and accession to the annex relating to the UNWTO.
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CE/DEC/8(LXXXIV)

General programme of work

(a) Report of the Programme Committee

(b) Report on the implementation of the general programme of work for the period 2008-2009

Agenda items 7(a) and 7(b)
(documents CE/84/7(a) and CE/84/7(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General on the level of implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 2008-2009,

1. Notes with satisfaction the considerable progress made in implementing the programme during the first semester of 2008 and the positive results achieved so far;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for the numerous activities undertaken for the benefit of Member States and in order to gain support to tourism in domestic policies and international fora;

Having taken note of the new mechanisms put in place by the Secretary General for evaluating the results of UNWTO's technical events and field missions,

3. Congratulates the Secretariat for establishing harmonized evaluation processes, making it possible to better identify strengths and weaknesses in these major activities of the Organization;
4. Requests the Secretary General to take these results into account in order to raise the effectiveness of the Organization's activities;
5. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts regarding the evaluation of all of the Organization's activities, including technical cooperation projects;
6. Invites all Member States to actively participate in the evaluation mechanisms and provide feedback to the Secretariat when requested by it; and
7. Authorizes the Secretary General to introduce the necessary adjustments in the Organization's budget for 2009, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance, in order to fund these activities.

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General programme of work

(a) Report of the Programme Committee

(c) Guidelines for developing the programme of work and budget for the period 2010-2011: orientation debate and preparation procedure

Agenda Item 7(a) and (c)
(documents CE/84/7(a) and CE/84/7(c))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the Report of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Programme Committee,

Having also considered the Guidelines issued by the said Committee for developing the programme of work and budget for the period 2010-2011, based on the results of the consultation process among Members and on other considerations,

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1. Approves these guidelines, including the recommendation of the Regional Commission for Europe supported by the Committee, establishing two levels of activity in the next programme of work: (a) worldwide activities, the results of which would be of interest to, and benefit all types of Members; and (b) specific activities for the regions, and even sub-regions whenever possible, which could fall within the worldwide priorities but require regional-specific actions;
 2. Agrees that the Programme of Work 2010-2011 should include only two main strategic objectives, namely: (a) assist UNWTO members in achieving success in the management and marketing of their existing tourism industry; and (b) assist UNWTO members in constantly raising the level of sustainability of their tourism supply and future development, in line with the global code of ethics for tourism and global, UN-wide commitments.
 3. Further agrees that the Programme of Work should also include, within the above strategic objectives, activities dealing with climate change and biodiversity conservation in their relationship with tourism, since they respond to global, UN-wide challenges;
 4. Requests the Member States to adapt their actions to the stipulations of resolution A/RES/544(XVII) adopted at Cartagena de Indias, concerning the relationship between tourism and climate change, and reiterates that consensus-based measures should be taken in order to implement the aforementioned resolution within the framework of the UNFCCC;
 5. Requests the Secretariat that, in preparing the Programme of Work and budgetary proposals for 2010-2011, it gives higher priority to areas and activities in which UNWTO has a leadership position (e.g. ethics), and/or a leveraging power due to its unique, worldwide intergovernmental nature and its historical expertise;
 6. Requests the Secretariat to jointly convene the next meetings of the Programme Committee and of the Committee of Budget and Finance (CBF) in order to facilitate the adoption of results-based management and budgetary systems (RBM and RBB) for the preparation and the implementation of the next programme of work, in line with the practices recommended by the United Nations;
 7. Instructs the Secretary-General to prepare the detailed draft programme and budget of the Organization for the next biennial period, and to present it to the Programme Committee and the CBF at their joint meetings in February 2009 for their examination before submission to the Executive Council at its 85th session; and
 8. Congratulates the Programme Committee and the Secretariat for their productive cooperation in the formulation of a coherent, focalised and cost-effective programme of work for the period 2010-2011.
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Study on global imbalances and tourism growth

Agenda item 8
(document CE/84/8 Rev.)

The Executive Council,

Recalling its decision CE/DEC/3(LXXXIV) whereby it favourably received the decision of the Secretary-General to entrust to Prof. Peter Keller a study on the current economic situation and its repercussions for our industry, as well as on the actions to be proposed to the Members in order to address them,

Having before it the draft executive summary of the study,

1. Agrees with the analysis presented by the Secretariat in the document and expresses its confidence in the capability of the tourism industry to overcome the difficulties resulting from the present international financial crisis;
2. Notes that the full version of the document will be transmitted to the Members of the Strategic Group at their next meeting, scheduled to be held in Madrid in November 2008, with a view to the inclusion in such document of their observations prior to the release of the study during the World Tourism Market of London;
3. Decides, that based on the experience from the former "Crisis Committee", to establish a "Tourism Resilience Committee" to reinforce the capacity of the industry to react to the ongoing crisis; and

Having considered the Report of the Programme Committee, informed of the consequences of the world economic and financial situation on the current programme of work,

4. Approves the immediate inclusion in the current programme of three new activities recommended by the Secretary-General and the Programme Committee, in order to respond to the present international economic situation and its likely impacts on the tourism sector. The activities recommended refer to snapshot impact analyses of the global economic situation on the following:
 - (a) major tourist-generating markets and in main types of destinations, with particular emphasis on long-haul destinations;
 - (b) transportation patterns and transport companies (mainly air and land), including low-cost carriers, and differentiating between long and short haul; and
 - (c) potential gainers and losers at regional and sub-regional levels, identifying in each case the main factors that governments and the private sector will need to take into account to respond to the current crises.

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**Status report on the quality policy of destinations and establishment of the World
Centre of Excellence for Destinations of Montreal**

Agenda item 9
(document CE/84/9 Rev.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Working Group established at its previous session regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between UNWTO and the Centre of Excellence for Destinations (CED),

Having taken cognizance of the communication forwarded by the Chairman of the Destination Council of UNWTO Affiliate Members and President of CED,

1. Thanks the Working Group for the very exhaustive work they have undertaken in connection with CED between the last and this session of the Executive Council;
2. Approves the attached report submitted by the Working Group, clarifying the relationships that should exist between UNWTO and CED;
3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with transmitting this report to CED, requesting its Board of Directors to revise as necessary its by-laws, rules of procedures and addendum to the MoU, so as to comply with the recommendations made by the Working Group and approved by the Executive Council,
4. Takes notes of the observations of the Secretary-General, underlining:
 - (a) that the financing rules of UNWTO allow the provision of technical assistance to destinations in developing countries without taking on the funding of financially substantial projects,
 - (a) that the UNWTO member countries shall be able to participate in the organs of CED without necessarily being designated to them by the UNWTO, and
 - (c) that while no certification, ranking or overall grading should be established during the transitional period, the very nature of the SMED implies that a methodological measurement of quality be possible in order to confer to it the necessary objectivity and credibility and to indicate to the destinations the areas in which they should introduce the desired improvements;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare draft guidelines for the use of UNWTO's logo and brand by external entities with which it signs Memoranda of Understanding or establish any other form of collaboration, and submit them to it for approval; and
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the next session of the Executive Council on the status of the CED.

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A N N E X**STATUS REPORT ON THE QUALITY POLICY OF DESTINATIONS AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORLD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR
DESTINATIONS OF MONTREAL****Report of the Committee on CED/SMED**

(This report has been prepared in consultation with the Committee Members namely Brazil, Costa Rica, France, India and Spain. The other two members of the Committee namely Ghana and Iran did not participate. The interaction was maintained over emails, a teleconference on 5th September and consultations held at Bordeaux on 16th and 17th September 2008).

1. This Committee was constituted through the Resolution passed on Agenda Item No. 9 by UN Executive Council in its 83rd Session held at Jeju on 13th and 14th June, 2008. The Committee is to review in detail the proposed by-laws, rules of procedure of CED and addendum to MOU and submit a detailed report to Executive Council for consideration in order to guarantee complete transparency.
2. In meeting with some CED members as well as the Deputy Secretary General of UNWTO on September 17th in Bordeaux, three points were agreed on:

Issue I: Branding and personality

3. The Committee is of the view that CED is an independent institution (as stated in the MOU) and related to UNWTO by a MOU. CED's primary objective is to provide technical advice/transfer of technology to destinations in UNWTO member states upon their request so as to help them achieve excellence in coherence with UNWTO policies for destinations. The CED would inform UNWTO and the government of the concerned country before giving technical advise to any particular destination.
4. SMED is a methodological tool of CED and its guidelines and procedures should be consistent with CED objectives and agreed to by the UNWTO Executive Council.
5. During the period of validity of the MOU between the CED and the UNWTO, the CED will not work as a body for grading, certification, ranking of any destination or even giving prizes or awards to destinations, either under the partnership with the UNWTO or independently.

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6. CED should not compare destinations. It will maintain confidentiality of the reports of the destinations until or otherwise decided by the member states to make it public. The government of the host country should always be informed of the need for any technical advice or transfer of technology.

7. The Working Group considered that logo/branding is an important issue and it should be treated carefully. The Executive Council should, therefore, establish general guidelines for the use of the UNWTO logo/branding by external entities, including CED. Since CED is an independent body, it should not use the UNWTO logo at this time in all its communications, questionnaires, brochures and website. The already published material with UNWTO logo should, therefore, be withdrawn with immediate effect.

8. In the meantime, and until such guidelines are approved, the CED can use the following sentence: "in support of UNWTO Member States" at the end of its texts documents, communications, brochures, website, etc.

Issue II: Financial Support and Duration of the MOU

9. CED will manage/generate its own financial resources for all its operations. The UNWTO will not provide financial assistance for developing and managing CED.

10. UNWTO will facilitate the participation from less developed countries/destinations which are members of the UNWTO to provide technical advise/transfer of technology. This facilitation, as stated in the financial rules of the UNWTO, shall be financed by means of resources other than the statutory contributions of member of the Organization.

Issue III: Management of CED

11. The Board of Directors of CED is formed from out of its own organization. UNWTO should not designate any representative of its Member States to the Board. The CED would be sending semi-annual reports to the Executive Council which would be discussed as an agenda item in the meetings of Executive Council held twice a year.

12. As per the MOU, CED's agreement with UNWTO will terminate in 2010. Thereafter, the Executive Council of the UNWTO would decide whether or not to renew the contract with CED. The Executive Council can also at any time invite/respond to similar other international consultative bodies to help member states achieve excellence in destination management with technical advice/transfer of technology.

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Report of the Working Group entrusted to study the feasibility of a legal instrument to deal with the facilitation of tourist travel

Agenda Item 10
(document CE/84/10)

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General containing the conclusions of the fourth meeting of the Working Group, which was held at Headquarters on 24 September 2008,

1. Takes note of the summary conclusions of the fourth meeting of the Working Group; and

Having taken cognizance of the preliminary draft Declaration on the facilitation of tourist travel prepared by the Members of the Group,

2. Entrusts the Working Group with preparing a final draft, taking into account the comments made during the present session of the Executive Council and those that the Members are called upon to express in writing, to be submitted to it at its next session.

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Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chairman

Agenda item 11(a)
(document CE/84/11(a))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the UNWTO Affiliate Members,

1. Thanks the Chairman for his presentation;
2. Bids welcome to Mr. Javier Blanco, the new Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members;

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3. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretariat of the UNWTO Affiliate Members and its three Councils are pursuing strategic objectives that are integrated with the common programme, in line with the new orientation of the activities of the Affiliate Members;
 4. Welcomes the distribution among the Affiliate Members of a new survey questionnaire aimed at identifying their priorities and expectations for the programme of work 2010-2011. The questionnaire has been designed in electronic format which will facilitate the task of responding for the Affiliate Members, and was prepared by the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members in coordination with the three Councils (Business, Destination and Education), which will make it possible to obtain more relevant and segmented results;
 5. Is gratified by the diverse activities carried out by the Business Council, notably, TOURpact.GC; the agreement signed with the Madrid Municipal Tourist Board; the launch of the www.climatesolutions.travel website, as well as research projects on climate change and the coordination of the study "Joining Forces: Best Practices in Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration for Sustainable Tourism Development";
 6. Welcomes the assistance received from the European Agency on Competitiveness and Innovation for a project that will make it possible to offer the tourism sector and National Tourism Administrations concrete solutions in order to facilitate the adaptation of the hotel industry of the European Union to climate change;
 7. Takes note with satisfaction of the activities carried out by the Education Council, and in particular, the publication of the papers of the 2008 Ulysses Conference, focused on education in tourism related to climate change and innovation in tourism education;
 8. Notes with satisfaction the activities carried out by the Destination Council, including, among others, the International Conference on "Destination Management and Marketing: Two Strategic Tools to Ensure Quality Tourism" (Bordeaux, September 2008); and
 9. Congratulates and encourages the Secretariat in its efforts aimed at enhancing the services it provides and its communication with the Affiliate Members, as well as attracting new Affiliate Members, especially from countries with the least representation in the Organization.
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Affiliate Members

(b) Inclusion of tourism in the United Nations Global Compact

Agenda item 11(b)
(document CE/84/11(b))

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the inclusion of tourism in the United Nations Global Compact initiative,

1. Shares the opinion of the Secretary-General regarding the role that the tourism industry can play in this initiative;
 2. Notes that a special programme for tourism will be prepared, in conjunction with the Global Compact Office;
 3. Takes note that this voluntary initiative is open to the interested Affiliate Members and entails commitments on the part of the participating entities; and
 4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on this subject at its eighty-fifth session.
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Affiliate Members

**(c) Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications
for Affiliate Membership**

Agenda item 11(c)
(document CE/84/11(c))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met on 14 October 2008, under the chairmanship of San Marino,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee; and
2. Decides to admit provisionally to affiliate membership the following candidates, pending ratification by the eighteenth session of the General Assembly:

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- AMSTRONG GROUP (Canada)
 - ASSOCIAZIONE CENTRO STUDIO AURORA ONLUS (Italy)
 - CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN Y FORMACION DE EMPRESAS, SAL (CIFESAL) (Spain)
 - CHAMALEON STRATEGIES, INC (Canada)
 - CONFEDERACIÓN DE CÁMARAS NACIONALES DE COMERCIO, SERVICIOS Y TURISMO (CONCANACO SERVYTUR DE MÉXICO (Mexico)
 - FÉDÉRATION TUNISIENNE DE L'HÔTELLERIE (Tunisia)
 - INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE APRENDIZAJE (Costa Rica)
 - IXEO INTERACTIVE TRAVEL, S.A. (Switzerland)
 - MODUL UNIVERSITY VIENNA (Austria)
 - NOSKI CONSULTING TOUR, S.L. (Spain)
 - SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE DE TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS AÉRONAUTIQUES (SITA)
 - THE KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE (Kenya)
 - TSI – TURISMO SANT IGNASI (FUNDACION ESADE-UNIVERSIDAD RAMON LLUL) (Spain)
 - UNIVERSIDAD RICARDO PALMA (Peru)
 - UNIVERSITAT DE VALENCIA, ESTUDI GENERAL (Spain)
 - VISA INTERNATIONAL (United States of America)
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CE/DEC/16(LXXXIV)

Procedure and calendar for the election of the Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2010-2013

Agenda Item 12
(documents CE/84/12 and CE/84/12 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the documents submitted on this subject by the Secretary-General,

1. Confirms that it is at its eighty-fifth session that it will decide on the candidate to recommend to the eighteenth session of the General Assembly for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2010-2013;
2. Considers that the rules and procedures that it adopted at its twenty-third session, in May 1984 (decision 17(XXIII)), supplemented by those adopted at its thirty-fourth session in November 1988 (decision 19(XXXIV)), at its forty-fourth session in November 1992 (decision 19(XLIV)), at its fifty-fourth session in November 1996 (decision 11(LIV)), at its sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions held jointly in November 2000 (decision 19(LXIII-LXIV)), and at its eighty-fourth session will be fully observed at its next session;

3. Decides that, for the interpretation of the statutory rules governing the election of the Secretary-General and of the decisions mentioned in paragraph 2 above, reference shall be made to document CE/84/12;
4. Invites the Member States that wish to do so to submit, with their support, candidatures to the post of Secretary-General for the period 2010-2013, ensuring that such proposals are received by the Secretariat by 27 February 2009 at the latest;
5. Requests the same governments to submit, together with the curriculum vitae of each candidate, statements of policy and management intent expressing the candidates' views on the manner in which they would perform their functions;
6. Decides to include in the agenda of its eighty-eighth session an item on the consideration of the procedures of election of the Secretary-General;

Recalling the announcement by the Secretary-General at its last session of his decision to relinquish his post before the end of his term of office, and effective 28 February 2009,

Recognizing the personal and professional qualities that have made Mr. Francesco Frangialli an exceptional Secretary-General,

7. Wishes to express its extreme gratitude to Mr. Francesco Frangialli for the work he has accomplished in the last two decades, accompanying the development of world tourism during this period, first as Deputy Secretary-General and then at the head of the Organization and decides to pay him a solemn tribute on the occasion of the next session of the General Assembly; and
 8. Decides, in conformity with resolution 426(XIV) of the 2001 General Assembly and under the powers vested in the Executive Council by virtue of Article 20 of the Statutes, to designate Mr. Taleb Rifai, Deputy Secretary-General, as Secretary-General ad interim from 1 March 2009, until the end of the term of office to which Mr. Francesco Frangialli was appointed, on 31 December 2009.
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CE/DEC/17(LXXXIV)

Election of the Executive Officers for 2009

Agenda Item 13

(documents CE/84/13, CE/84/13 Add.1 and CE/84/12 Add.2)

The Executive Council,

Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure,Having considered the documents corresponding to the candidature of India for a second term of office, and of that of Costa Rica,

1. Thanks India for its generous withdrawal of its candidature in the spirit of consensus and respect for the principle of rotation of the position;
2. Decides to elect Costa Rica as Chairman of the Council, and to elect Iraq as Vice-Chairman and Cameroon as second Vice-Chairman for 2009;
3. Requests these Full Members, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure, to notify the Secretary-General of the names of the persons designated by them to perform these duties; and
4. Pays special tribute to India, Hungary and Ghana for the quality of the work they have accomplished to the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their duties.

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CE/DEC/18(LXXXIV)**Place and dates of the eighty-fifth session of the Executive Council**

Agenda Item 14

(document CE/84/14)

The Executive Council,

Decides to accept the generous offer by Mali to host in its territory its eighty-fifth session, which will be held at Bamako on 7-8 May 2009.
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CE/DEC/19(LXXXIV)

Vote of thanks to the host country

The Executive Council,

Having successfully concluded the proceedings of its eighty-fourth session under the favourable conditions placed at its disposal by the host country,

1. Extends its most sincere gratitude to the Government of Spain;
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the level of participation of the delegates and observers that have attended this session of the Council; and
3. Thanks in particular the State Secretary for Tourism, H.E. Mr. Joan Mesquida Ferrando, and his staff for the kind hospitality accorded to the delegations present at this session of the Council.

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4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The eighty-fourth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

- (1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Eritrea, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, and Tunisia;
- (2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Africa (Cameroon);
- (3) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for the Americas (Colombia);
- (4) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for South Asia (Iran);
- (5) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Europe (Cyprus);
- (6) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for the Middle East (Lebanon);
- (7) the representative of the Affiliate Members (Group RCI);
- (8) the representatives of the following UNWTO Member States: Andorra, Australia, Azerbaijan, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Jordan, Kenya, Monaco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa and Venezuela, as observers, and
- (9) the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (Argentina).