

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION

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1. Participation in the twelfth session

I. Full Members¹

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

II. Associate Members²

Flemish Community of Belgium, Macau and Madeira.

III. Permanent Observer

Holy See.

¹ Including States admitted as Members during the session

² Including the territory admitted as an Associate Member during the session

IV. Affiliate Members³

ANB Ltd - Tourist Enterprises Planning, Development and Operation (Israel); Asociación Ecuatoriana de Agencias de Viajes, Operadores de Turismo y Mayoristas (ASECUT); Associação Interparlamentar de Turismo (AIDT); Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises (Greece); Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TURSAB) (Turkey); Bali Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (Indonesia); Baltic Tourism Cooperation (BTC); Bandung Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (Indonesia); BBTUR Viagens e Turismo Ltda. (Brazil); Bogazici University Tourism Program (Turkey); Bournemouth University - International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Research (United Kingdom); Calgary Tourism Education Consortium (Canada); Cámara Argentina de Turismo; Camara de Turismo de Foz do Iguazu (Brazil); Camara de Turismo do Estado do Rio Grande (Brazil); Catering and Tourism Training Institute (Ethiopia); Centro Internazionale di Studi Sull'Economia Turistica (CISSET); Club Méditerranée (France); Comité du tourisme de la Guyane (France); Comité régional du tourisme de l'Alsace (France); Comité régional du tourisme Riviera Côte d'Azur (France); Confederazione Generale Italiana del Commercio e del Turismo - CONFCOMMERCIO; Consejo Nacional Empresarial Turístico (Mexico); Consell Municipal de Turisme de Calpe (Spain); Crédit d'équipement des petites et moyennes entreprises (CEPME) (France); CTI - Consultoria Turística Integrada (Brazil); Deloitte & Touche Tohmatsu International; Department of Hotel and Tourism Management - Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Department of Management Studies for Tourism and Hotel Industries - University of Surrey (United Kingdom); Destination Nouvelle-Calédonie; Direction générale du tourisme et des congrès de Nice (France); Economics Research Associates (ERA) (United States of America); Egyptian Federation of Tourist Chambers; Egyptian Tourist Authority (ETA); Ente Nazionale Italiano per il Turismo (ENIT) (Italy); Entreprise touristique de Kabylie (Algeria); Escuela Oficial de Turismo - CAIB-UIB (Spain); Escuela Profesional de Turismo y Hotelería - Universidad de San Martín de Porres (Peru); Euro-Mediterranean Tourism Organization (EMTO); European Tourism Action Group (ETAG); European Union of Tourist Officers (EUTO); Facultad de Historia y Letras - Universidad del Salvador (Argentina); Federal Association of the German Tourism Industry (Germany); Fédération nationale de l'industrie hôtelière (Morocco); Fédération nationale des offices de tourisme et syndicats d'initiative (FNOTSI) (France); Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations (FIYTO); Fondo Nacional de Fomento al Turismo (FONATUR) (Mexico); Frank Tourism Consultant International; George Washington University (United States of America); Higher Hotel Institute Cyprus (HHIC); Horwath International; Hoteles Escuela de Canarias, S.A. (HECANSA) (Spain); Iberia, Airlines of Spain; Institut de recherche et d'études supérieures de tourisme (IREST)

³ Including bodies admitted as Affiliate Members during the session

(France); Institute of Tourism Education and Training (Macau); Institut national de recherche sur les transports et leur sécurité (INRETS) (France); Institut panafricain des arts et métiers (IPAAM) (Côte d'Ivoire); Inter-Arab Union for Hotels and Tourism; International Air Transport Association (IATA); International Association of Skat Clubs (IASC); International Bureau of Social Tourism (BITS); International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO); International Hotel and Restaurant Association (IH&RA); International Institute of Convention Management; International Student Travel Confederation (ISTC); International Touring Alliance (AIT); Interval International; Intourist Holding Company (Russian Federation); Irish-Service Co. (Kazakhstan); Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA); Japan National Tourist Organization (JNTO); Jibek Joly Holding Company (Kazakhstan); Kenya Tourist Development Corporation (KTDC); Kenya Utalii College; Kodolanyi Janos College (Hungary); Latin American Confederation of Tourism Organizations (COTAL); Maboque - Gestao de Empreendimentos (Angola); Mastercard International; M.P. Siat s.r.l. (Italy); Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC); North London University - Centre for Leisure and Tourism Studies (United Kingdom); Office du tourisme et des congrès de Nice (France); Office for Studies and Finance (OSAF) (Egypt); Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC); Palestinian National Tourism Authority; Philippine Tourism Authority; Resort Condominiums International Inc. (RCI); Royal Olympic Cruises (Greece); Russian Association of Travel Agencies (RATA); Score Consultants (France); SETUR - Tourism Authority of the State of Ceará (Brazil); Sochi Institute for Tourism and Recreation (Russian Federation); Swiss Hotel Association Hotel Management School "Les Roches" (Switzerland); Tekser Tourism and Travel Inc. (Turkey); Thed International; THR - Asesores en Turismo, Hotelería y Recreación, S.A. (Spain); Tourism and Recreational Centers Organization (TRCO) (Iran); Tourism Development and Education Foundation (TUGEV) (Turkey); Tourism Organization of Baltic States; Travel Industry Association of America (TIA) (United States of America); Turismo de Cataluña (Spain); Turkish Hotel Association (TUROB); Turkish Tourism Investors Association (TYD); Turyat A.S. (Turkey); Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Association (UFTAA); Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada); University of Veszprem (Hungary); Vao Intourist (Russian Federation); Vivid Travel Network (United States of America); World Association for Professional Training in Tourism (WAPTT); World Association of Travel Agents (WATA); and Yassawi - State Joint-Stock Tourism Company (Kazakhstan).

V. Non-member States/Authorities/Observers

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Palestine, Tajikistan and the United Arab Emirates.

VI. International organizations

(a) United Nations

United Nations (UN), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

(b) Intergovernmental organizations of the United Nations system

International Labour Organisation (ILO); United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

(c) Other intergovernmental organizations and institutions

Entente Council; European Commission; European Investment Bank (EIB); League of Arab States; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Organization of African Unity (OAU); and Organization of American States (OAS).

(d) Other entities

Airline Ambassadors; APTEC (Japan); Austrian Tourism Consultants (ATC); Black Sea Environment Programme; Ecole supérieure de tourisme et d'hôtellerie (Turkey); EKIPTUR (Turkey); Environmental Quality International; Hong Kong Tourist Association; Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management; International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS); Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre (Turkey); Kesinsim Advertising Company / Servus (Turkey); Marmara University Tourism Department (Turkey); Paz y Cooperación; Premiere Travel Network, Inc. (United States of America); Savia - Amadeus; School of Travel Industry Management - University of Hawaii at Manoa (United States of America); Scuola Internazionale di Scienze Turistiche (Italy); Silk Road Initiative for Living Crafts Silc; The Netherlands Hotel School The Hague; Tourism Development Authority (Egypt); Tourism Watch (Germany); Turkish Airlines; University of Zagreb - Faculty of Economics (Croatia); Vista Tourism and Travel Inc. (Turkey), and World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC).

VII. Auditor

Spain.

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A/RES/353(XII)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
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The General Assembly

Adopts the agenda of its twelfth session, as contained in document A/12/1 prov.

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A/RES/354(XII)

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly

1. Declares elected as President of its twelfth session H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Gürdal, Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Turkey; and
2. Declares elected as Vice-Presidents of its twelfth session Mr. Mohamed Noura (Algeria), Mr. César Gómez Viveros (Chile), Mr. Orlando Rangel (Cuba), Mr. Kyriacos Christofi (Cyprus), Mr. Bukhari Salem Hoda (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Mr. Ibrahim Hussein Zaki (Maldives), Mr. A. Alabi (Nigeria), and Mrs. Evelyn Pantig (Philippines).

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A/RES/355(XII)

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 3

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President made in accordance with rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Appoints the following Full Members to the Credentials Committee:

Argentina	Lebanon
Angola	Poland
Botswana	Republic of Korea
Israel	Uruguay
Iran	

2. Notes that the Credentials Committee appointed as its Chairman H.E. Mr. Jorge Alicerces Valentim, Minister of Hotels and Tourism of Angola.

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A/RES/356(XII)

**Appointment of the Chairman of the Assembly's
Committee of the Whole**

Agenda item 4

The General Assembly

Declares Argentina, represented by Mr. Carlos Gutiérrez, elected as Chairman of the Assembly's Committee of the Whole.

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A/RES/357(XII)

Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 5
(documents A/12/5 and A/12/5 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted by the Credentials Committee, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jorge Alicerces Valentim, Minister of Hotels and Tourism of Angola,

Approves the said report.

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A/RES/358(XII)

Membership of the Organization

(a) Approval of applications for membership

Agenda item 6(a)
(documents A/12/6(a), A/12/6(a) Corr.1 and A/12/6(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the changes in membership of the Organization since its eleventh session, as well as of the applications for full, associate and affiliate membership received by the Secretary-General or by the Depositary of the Statutes and listed in documents A/12/6(a), A/12/6(a) Add.1 and A/12/6(a) Add.2,

Having been informed of the withdrawal from the Organization of the United States of America and Belgium in accordance with Article 35(1) of the Statutes,

1. Takes note of the admission to membership of Thailand and Panama, effective June and October 1996 respectively, pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Statutes;

2. Approves the applications for admission submitted by Armenia, Djibouti, Fiji, Namibia and Ukraine pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Statutes;
3. Approves the candidature of the Flemish Community of Belgium as an Associate Member of the Organization pursuant to Article 6 of the Statutes;
4. Takes note of the retroactive withdrawal of the United Arab Emirates between 1987 and 1997 and welcomes this country's decision to again become a Full Member of the Organization as soon as its financial situation with respect to WTO has been regularized and delegates its authority to the Executive Council to reach a final decision in this regard;

Having taken cognizance of the applications for affiliate membership received by the Secretary General,

5. Approves, on the recommendation of the Executive Council and in accordance with resolution 279(IX), the applications for affiliate membership of the following bodies:
 - (1) ANB Ltd. - Tourist Enterprises Planning, Development and Operation (Israel)
 - (2) Annals of Tourism Research (United States of America)
 - (3) Asesores Turísticos Internacionales (ATI) (Spain)
 - (4) Asociación Ecuatoriana de Agencias de Viajes, Operadores de Turismo y Mayoristas (ASECUT) (Ecuador)
 - (5) Asociación Gremial de Empresarios Hoteleros de Chile (Chile)
 - (6) Bechtel Corporation (United States of America)
 - (7) Camara de Turismo do Estado do Rio Grande do Sur (Brazil)
 - (8) Centre for Leisure & Tourism Studies - North London University (CELTS) (United Kingdom)
 - (9) Centro de Desarrollo de Altos Estudios Turísticos (C.D. Tur) (Spain)
 - (10) Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Versailles - Val d'Oise - Yvelines (France)
 - (11) Comité regional de tourisme de l'Alsace (France)
 - (12) Consejo Superior de Turismo de Chile (Consetur) (Chile)
 - (13) Consell Municipal de Turisme de Calpe (Spain)
 - (14) Costa del Sol Convention Bureau (Spain)
 - (15) CTI - Consultoría Turística Integrada (Brazil)
 - (16) Egyptian Federation of Tourist Chambers (Egypt)
 - (17) Egyptian Travel Agents Association (Egypt)
 - (18) Empresa de Turismo e Desenvolvimento Econômico do Salvador - EMTURSA (Brazil)
 - (19) Entreprise touristique de Kabylie (Algeria)
 - (20) Escuela de Turismo Tejera Reyes (Spain)
 - (21) Escuela Oficial de Turismo (CAIB-UIB) (Spain)
 - (22) Europe Tax-Free Shopping ETS-AB

- (23) European Union of Tourist Officers (EUTO)
- (24) Faculty of Hotels and Tourism, Cairo University, El Fayoum Branch (Egypt)
- (25) Federación Española de Empresarios de Camping y Ciudades Vacacionales (Spain)
- (26) Federal Association of the German Tourism Industry (Germany)
- (27) Fédération universelle des associations d'agences de voyages / Universal Federation of Travel Agents' Associations / Federación Universal de las Asociaciones de Agencias de Viajes (FUAAV / UFTAA)
- (28) Fenactur – Federación Nacional de Turismo (Brazil)
- (29) Feria y Pintura, S.L. (Spain)
- (30) Forztur - Turismo de Foz de Iguazú (Brazil)
- (31) Fundación Escuela de Negocios - MBA (Spain)
- (32) Hungarian Tourism Corporation (Hungary)
- (33) Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (India)
- (34) Institut panafricain des arts et métiers - IPAAM (Côte d'Ivoire)
- (35) Institute of Tourism Education and Training (Macau)
- (36) Institute of Tourism Open Learning Centre (Poland)
- (37) Institute of Training, Research and Operational Consultancy (INSTROCT) (Iran)
- (38) Instituto de Administración de Empresa (Spain)
- (39) International Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Research - Bournemouth University (United Kingdom)
- (40) International Institute of Convention Management (United States of America)
- (41) International Trade & Exhibitions Group (ITE) (United Kingdom)
- (42) IRTISH-SERVICE Co. (Kazakhstan)
- (43) ITM - Consultores en Hostelería y Turismo (Spain)
- (44) MABOQUE - Gestao de Empreendimentos (Angola)
- (45) MasterCard International (United States of America)
- (46) Mediterranean Travel and Tourism Agency (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
- (47) Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (Nigeria)
- (48) Office for Studies and Finance - OSAF (Egypt)
- (49) Organisation du tourisme euro-méditerranéen (OTEM) / Euro-Mediterranean Tourism Organization (EMTO)
- (50) Patronato Municipal de Turismo de Mojácar (Spain)
- (51) Patronato Municipal de Turismo de Peñíscola (Spain)
- (52) Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (Ecuador)
- (53) Regione Lazio (Italy)
- (54) Research Centre of Bornholm (Denmark)
- (55) Russian Association of Travel Agencies (Russian Federation)
- (56) Russian Hotel Association (Russian Federation)
- (57) SETUR - Tourism Authority of the State of Ceará (Brazil)
- (58) Swiss Hotel Association - Hotel Management School "Les Roches" (Switzerland)
- (59) Technische Universität Dresden (Germany)
- (60) TEKSER - Tourism and Travel Inc. (Turkey)

- (61) The Tourism Partnership (United Kingdom)
- (62) The Tourism Task Force (Australia)
- (63) Travel Agent Magazine (United States of America)
- (64) Turisme de Barcelona (Spain)
- (65) Turkish Hotel Association (Turkey)
- (66) TURYAT, A.S. (Turkey)
- (67) Union of Local Authorities (Israel)
- (68) Universidad Anahuac (Mexico)
- (69) Universidad Internacional SEK - Facultad de Turismo y Patrimonio Cultural (Ecuador)
- (70) Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Peru)
- (71) University of Veszprém (Hungary)
- (72) Vivid Travel Network (VTN) (United States of America)
- (73) Walt Disney Attractions, Inc. (United States of America)
- (74) World Association of Travel Agencies / Réseau mondial d'agences de voyages (WATA)
- (75) Yassawi - State Joint-Stock Tourism Company (Kazakstan)

Gratified by the interest shown by the Danish Tourist Board in cooperating with WTO,

6. Decides nevertheless not to approve this candidature at this session, nor the candidatures of the Asociación Paraguaya de Albergues Juveniles and the Social Security Hotel Management, since none of them appears to fulfil the necessary requirements;
7. Takes note of the withdrawal of the following bodies from affiliate membership in accordance with Article 35 of the Statutes (date of withdrawal shown in brackets):

Association internationale pour le tourisme social (8.11.1995)
 Association internationale des universités du troisième âge (22.11.1995)
 Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec (19.2.1996)
 Associazione italiana relazioni internazionali congressuali (Italcongressi) (12.3.1996)
 Empresas Barceló (04.04.1996)
 Fédération des grandes tours du monde (10.04.1996)
 Office des congrès et du tourisme du Grand Montréal (23.04.1996)
 Moonshine Marketing and Media (01.12.1996)
 Compañía Transmediterránea (10.12.1996)
 Society for the Advancement of Travel for the Handicapped (SATH) (14.12.1996)
 Aéroports de Montréal (17.12.1996)
 Société française d'exportation des ressources éducatives (SPHERE) (18.12.1996)
 Association internationale des Palais des congrès (28.12.1996)
 Tourism Council Australia (01.04.1997)

BDO Consulting (25.01.1997)
Palais des congrès de Montréal (08.03.1997)
Kéroul - Tourisme pour personnes à capacité restreinte (04.04.1997)
Alexander Anolik (05.07.1997)
Corporación de Educación Superior (UNITEC) (28.08.1997)
Asociación de Agencias de Viajes y Turismo de Buenos Aires (04.09.1997)
SITA World Travel Ltd. (04.11.1997)
Fédération nationale des comités départementaux du tourisme (12.11.1997)
Escuela Mexicana de Turismo (30.12.1997)
Escuela de Turismo de Asturias (17.01.1998)
Scuola Superiore del Comercio, del Turismo e dei Servizi (29.01.1998)
University of Denver (04.02.1998)
Facultades Integradas Newton-Paiva (07.03.1998)
EMTURSA - Empresa de Turismo e Desenvolvimento Econômico do Salvador
(10.03.1998)
Bermuda College (18.03.1998)

8. Also takes note of the withdrawal from membership of the following entity owing to suspension of activities:

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9. Further notes that the following enterprises, with which there has been no contact for more than four years, are considered as having withdrawn from the Organization:

DAGUFER, S.A.
Regina Tours
World Travel Marketing
General Association of Tourist Industry of Yugoslavia
Tourist Association of Yugoslavia

10. Welcomes the efforts made by the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members to attract an ever-increasing number of new applicants.
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A/RES/359(XII)

Membership of the Organization

**(b) Suspension of membership in accordance with
Article 34 of the Statutes**

Agenda item 6(b)
(documents A/12/6(b)(c), A/12/6(b)(c) Add.1 and A/12/6(b)(c) Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Considering resolution 217(VII) adopted at its seventh session, whereby it recognized that Article 34 of the Statutes, providing for suspension of Members that persist in a policy contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as established in Article 3 of the Statutes, is applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the budget of the Organization,

Considering the report submitted to it by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution,

1. Notes that the following Members are subject to Article 34 of the Statutes and that consequently all their rights and privileges of membership are suspended:

FULL MEMBERS:

AFGHANISTAN
BOLIVIA
BURUNDI
CAMBODIA
CHAD
CONGO
GAMBIA
GRENADA
HAITI
MALI
MAURITANIA
MONGOLIA
NIGER
SAO TOME-AND-PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
TOGO

AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

CONSEJO CENTROAMERICANO DE TURISMO (CCT)
 DA SILVA TRAVEL SERVICES LTD
 INSTITUT FÜR FREMDENVERKEHRS-ENTWICKLUNG
 SCORE CONSULTANTS

2. Further notes that Article 34 of the Statutes will be applicable to the following Members if, within a period of one year, they have not agreed with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of their arrears:

FULL MEMBER:

UGANDA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

ASOCIACION IBEROAMERICANA DE CAMARAS DE COMERCIO (AICC)
 ASOCIACION INTERAMERICANA DE HOTELES (AIAH)
 CENTRE D'ETUDES DU TOURISME (CET)
 CONFEDERACION DE CAMARAS NACIONALES DE COMERCIO,
 SERVICIOS Y TURISMO
 DUTKO AND ASSOCIATES
 FUNDACION JOSE MARIA BLANC
 INSTITUTO DE CAPACITACION TURISTICA (INCE-TURISMO)
 INTERNATIONAL TOURIST HEALTH ASSOCIATION (ITHA)
 SOMEA, SpA (LA SOCIETA PER LA MATEMATICA E L'ECONOMIA
 APPLICATE))
 TOURCONSULT/INTERNATIONAL, S.A.
 UNION DE CIUDADES CAPITALES IBEROAMERICANAS (UCCI)

3. Decides to continue applying the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes under the following conditions:
- (a) when a Member of the Organization is in arrears in the payment of contributions for any four financial years, whether consecutive or not, it being understood that part payment of contributions does not preclude application of the measure of suspension; and
 - (b) when that Member has not agreed with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of its arrear contributions within a period of one year from the date of the General Assembly resolution stating that suspension is applicable to that Member in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes; and

4. Requests the Secretary-General to apply this resolution and to report on its application to each session of the Executive Council.
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Membership of the Organization

(c) Requests for suspension of the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Agenda item 6(c)
(documents A/12/6(b)(c), A/12/6(b)(c) Add.1 and A/12/6(b)(c) Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the communications of the Full Members BURKINA FASO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EL SALVADOR, GEORGIA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, SUDAN and YEMEN and the Affiliate Member Iraqi Airways, regarding the contribution arrears accumulated and due from these Members,

Considering the recommendation formulated by the Executive Council,

1. Approves the Executive Council's decision;
2. Decides to renew the temporary exemption of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to IRAQ, after considering the communication received from this Member, as well as to COSTA RICA, PERU and SENEGAL which are complying with the agreed plans for the settlement of their arrear contributions;
3. Decides to grant temporary exemption of the provisions of paragraph 13 to the Full Members BURKINA FASO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EL SALVADOR, GEORGIA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, SUDAN and YEMEN and the Affiliate Member Iraqi Airways in response to their requests;

4. Recalls that temporary exemption of the application of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules is conditional on strict observance of the agreed plan for the settlement of arrears;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Full Members BURKINA FASO, COSTA RICA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EL SALVADOR, GEORGIA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, PERU, SENEGAL, SUDAN and YEMEN and the Affiliate Member Iraqi Airways that the decision just taken in their regard remains subject to strict compliance with the aforementioned condition;
6. Notes that the Members listed below continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

FULL MEMBERS:

AFGHANISTAN
BOLIVIA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BURUNDI
CAMBODIA
CHAD
CONGO
GABON
GAMBIA
GRENADA
HAITI
KAZAKSTAN
MALI
MAURITANIA
MONGOLIA
NIGER
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
SAO TOME-AND-PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
TOGO
UGANDA

AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

ASOCIACION IBEROAMERICANA DE CAMARAS DE COMERCIO (AICC)
ASOCIACION INTERAMERICANA DE HOTELES (AIAH)
BBS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (PVT) (LTD)
BANDUNG HOTEL AND TOURISM TRAINING INSTITUTE

BENARR PUBLISHING
 CAMPEONATOS S.A.
 CENTRE D'ETUDES DU TOURISME (CET)
 CENTRO INTERNATIONAL DE FORMACION TURISTICA
 CENTRO PER GLI STUDI SUI SERVIZI (CESDIT)
 COMITÉ DU TOURISME DE LA GUYANE
 CONFEDERACION DE CAMARAS NACIONALES DE COMERCIO,
 SERVICIOS Y TURISMO
 CONSEJO CENTROAMERICANO DE TURISMO (CCT)
 CORPORATE LOCATION
 DA SILVA TRAVEL SERVICES LTD.
 DEPARTMENT OF CAREER SCIENCES
 DUTKO AND ASSOCIATES
 ESCUELA DE TURISMO DE ASTURIAS⁵
 ESCUELA MEXICANA DE TURISMO⁶
 ESCUELA SUPERIOR DE TURISMO Y HOTELERIA (NOA)
 FEDERACION HOTELERA-GASTRONOMICA DE LA REPUBLICA
 ARGENTINA (FEHGRA)
 FEDERATION NATIONALE DES COMITES DEPARTEMENTAUX DE
 TOURISME (FNCDT)
 FUNDACION JOSE MARIA BLANC
 FUNDACION MIGUEL ALEMAN A.C.
 INSTITUT FÜR FREMDENVERKEHRS-ENTWICKLUNG
 INSTITUTE OF HOTEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
 INSTITUTO DE CAPACITACION TURISTICA (INCE-TURISMO)
 INTERNATIONAL BUREAU FOR YOUTH TOURISM AND EXCHANGE
 (BITEJ)
 INTERNATIONAL TOURIST HEALTH ASSOCIATION (ITHA)
 ITC - HOTEL LIMITED
 NORSK HOTEL HOGSKOLE - THE NORWEGIAN COLLEGE OF
 HOTEL MANAGEMENT
 NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY-FACULTY OF BUSINESS
 SCORE CONSULTANTS
 SOMEA, SpA- LA SOCIETE PER LA MATEMATICA E L'ECONOMIA
 APPLICATE
 TOURCONSULT/INTERNATIONAL, S.A.
 TURKIYE TURING VE OTOMOBIL KURUMU
 UNION DE CIUDADES CAPITALES IBEROAMERICANAS (UCCI)
 UNIVERSITY OF DENVER-SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY, MANAGEMENT
 AND TOURISM
 VISA INTERNATIONAL
 WS ATKINS INTERNATIONAL

⁵ Date of withdrawal from the Organization: 17 January 1998

⁶ Date of withdrawal from the Organization: 30 December 1997

7. Entrusts the Secretary-General with ensuring compliance with the condition set out in paragraph 4 and with reporting to the Executive Council on the matter.
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A/RES/361(XII)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 7
(documents A/12/7 Rev. and A/12/7 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation, activities and prospects of the Organization,

Having heard his oral presentation and the ensuing discussion,

1. Expresses its appreciation of the analysis presented therein of the new factors to which the development of world tourism is subject and of the resulting challenges for the Organization;
2. Shares in essence the Secretary-General's vision, whereby an effective and lively public-private partnership will be built, while the status of intergovernmental organization allied to the United Nations system will be maintained;
3. Expresses satisfaction at the financial health of the Organization, which, thanks to a sustained effort of austerity, enables it to approach this new stage in its development in the best possible conditions;

Aware of the importance for the Organization of introducing the Arabic language,

4. Invites member States that have not yet signified their approval of the amendment to the Organization's Statutes, adopted by the Assembly in 1979, introducing Arabic as an official language of the Organization, to deposit a formal instrument with the Spanish Government as soon as possible so as to ensure that the necessary number of ratifications is secured before the thirteenth Assembly session;

5. Encourages the Secretary-General to take transitional measures so as to gradually introduce Arabic as a working language of the Organization within the budgetary parameters for 1998-1999;
 6. Welcomes the accession of new Members;
 7. Regrets the withdrawals of Belgium and the United States of America and requests them to reconsider their decision; and
 8. Joins wholeheartedly in the tribute paid to the person and work of Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac, the former Secretary-General, who has left behind him a stronger and more highly respected Organization.
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A/RES/362(XII)

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 8
(document A/12/8)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Council submitted by its Chairman, H.E. Mr. Slaheddine Maâoui, Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts of Tunisia, pursuant to Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes,

1. Takes note with interest of the information it contains;
 2. Thanks the Executive Council and its Chairman for their report;
 3. Approves the report; and
 4. Pays particular tribute to the Chairman of the Executive Council for the outstanding qualities he has displayed and the success of his work at the head of that organ for two consecutive years.
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A/RES/363(XII)

WTO Staff Pension Committee

Agenda item 8
(documents A/12/8 and A/12/DOC/UNJSPF)

The General Assembly,

Having before it the report of the Executive Council,

Having been informed that, at its fifty-third session, the Executive Council provisionally designated as members of the WTO Staff Pension Committee for 1996 and 1997 the representatives of the following member States:

- Spain, member
- India, member
- Argentina, alternate member
- Côte d'Ivoire, alternate member

1. Ratifies the decision taken by the Executive Council at its fifty-third session; and
2. Decides to re-elect those members and alternates for a further two-year period (1998-1999).

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A/RES/364(XII)

Future of the Organization

Agenda item 9
(documents A/12/9, A/12/9 Add.1 and A/12/9 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Aware that the Organization, in order to embark on a new phase in its existence, must strive to mirror more effectively in its activities and structure the new and future developments of world tourism,

Seeking a clearer insight into the real needs of its Members and determined to meet them effectively,

Recognizing the need to confer an enhanced role on the private sector,

Having taken cognizance of the *White Paper* prepared by the Secretary-General with the assistance of a select group of eminent persons,

1. Takes note of and welcomes the general policy objectives outlined in the *White Paper*;
 2. Asserts its desire to maintain the Organization's status as an intergovernmental institution and to develop, within the framework of its present Statutes, an active partnership between the public and private sectors;
 3. Entrusts the Executive Council, within the framework of its statutory responsibilities, with the task of monitoring and coordinating the process of adaptation to be undertaken and requests it to report to it thereon at its thirteenth session;
 4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this subject to each Executive Council session;
 5. Recommends the Executive Council, the Regional Commissions and the Secretary-General, within the framework of their respective powers, to progressively strengthen the Affiliate Members' participation in the Organization's activities;
 6. Decides to invite the Committee of Affiliate Members to propose to the Executive Council suitable procedures for identifying the leading role-players in the tourism sector so as to involve them more closely in the Organization's activities and enhance the representation, both geographical and by branches, of all sectors of the tourism industry;
 7. Recommends the Executive Council to take measures to improve the procedures for preparing and evaluating the activities of the Organization's general programme of work in the interest of greater effectiveness and transparency; and
 8. Authorizes the Secretary-General to initiate an in-depth discussion process in consultation with the Committee on Budget and Finance so as to propose the terms of a more equitable distribution of contributions and diversification of the Organization's resources.
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A/RES/365(XII)

Future of the Organization

Agenda item 9
(documents A/12/9, A/12/9/Add.1 and A/12/9 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

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Concerned at the slow pace with which the member States ratify the amendments to the Statutes which it has already adopted,

1. Appeals to all member States that have not yet done so to proceed with the requisite formalities for ratifying those amendments.

B.

Noting with regret that the amendment to Article 14 of the Statutes which it adopted by resolution 134(V), aimed at conferring on the host State a permanent seat on the Executive Council, together with the right to vote and not subject to the principle of geographical distribution of Council seats, has not yet received approval from the requisite number of States,

2. Decides that this amendment will be applied provisionally pending its ratification.

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A/RES/366(XII)

Report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 10
(document A/12/10)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members on the activities of these Members carried out under their programme of work for 1996-1997,

1. Notes with satisfaction the number and quality of seminars and other activities organized during this biennium;
2. Expresses its interest in the information contained in the study on Tourism Taxation whose conclusions will provide a summary of the impacts on the tourism industry of the various taxation instruments;
3. Congratulates the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members on its efforts to strengthen the role of the Affiliate Members within the programme of work and life of the Organization;
4. Notes with satisfaction the conclusion of a new agreement between the Spanish Government and the Organization on the support provided to the Secretariat of the Affiliate Members at Headquarters;
5. Welcomes the constitution of a scientific group of tourism experts, called the "Advisory Council", to provide an intellectual platform for the analysis of the most important issues relating to the tourism sector; and
6. Notes that the Officers of the Affiliate Members will be as follows:

Chairman: International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO)

Honorary Chairman: Club Méditerranée

Vice-Chairmen: Association internationale des Skal Clubs (AISC)
 Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises
 Cámara Argentina de Turismo
 Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de América Latina (COTAL)
 Consejo Nacional Empresarial Turístico (CNET)
 Egyptian Tourist Authority (ETA)
 Federal Association of the German Tourism Industry
 Iberia, Airlines of Spain
 Intourist Holding Company
 Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA)
 Kenya Tourist Development Corporation (KTDC)
 Mastercard International
 Pakistan International Airlines Corporation
 Resort Condominiums International (RCI)
 Russian Association of Travel Agents (RATA)
 Travel Industry Association of America (TIA)

Special Advisers: THR, Consultores en Turismo, Hotelería y
 Restauración
 Economics Research Associates (ERA)
 Vivid Travel Network

A/RES/367(XII)

**Report on implementation of the Organization's general
programme of work for the period 1996-1997**

Agenda item 11
(document A/12/11)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 1996-1997,

1. Takes note of the development of technical cooperation activities globally and by region and of the results recorded concerning the progress of field missions and project execution;
2. Observes with satisfaction that the Organization has managed to maintain its technical cooperation activities at a level comparable to that of previous years despite the unfavourable climate resulting from the changes in UNDP's policies and mechanisms and welcomes the growth recorded in the Organization's aid for development activities in Asia and the Middle East;
3. Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to mitigate the consequences of the new developments affecting technical cooperation activities within the United Nations system and encourages him to heighten awareness of the importance of tourism in both the developing countries and the financial institutions that assist them and to diversify the financial resources made available to the Organization for the execution of technical cooperation projects;
4. Takes note with satisfaction of the progress made on the "Silk Road" and "Slave Route" projects since its last session and invites its Regional Commissions to consider new joint projects;

5. Notes with interest the activities carried out by the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific at Osaka and expresses its gratitude to the Japanese Government for its generous contribution to the Office's operations;
6. Invites its Regional Commissions for Africa, the Americas and the Middle East to consider the extension of this pilot experiment to these regions and entrusts the Secretary-General with reporting thereon to its thirteenth session;
7. Observes with satisfaction the progress made in the development of the various tools included in the education and training programme of work, especially the TEDQUAL quality audit methodology, the graduate tourism aptitude test (GTAT) and the new internship programme for officials of national tourism administrations, as well as the new courses and scholarships provided for by the network of education and training centres;
8. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of France and Italy for the scholarships generously made available to the Organization at the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne and at the International School of Tourism Sciences of Rome;
9. Takes cognizance of the various publications issued under the environment, planning and financing programme, and notes the large number of awareness-heightening conferences and educational seminars held in the various regions, the variety of topics covered and the positive results of their proceedings;
10. Expresses its appreciation of the activities carried out jointly with the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the Earth Council to monitor and further the implementation of Agenda 21 for travel and tourism;
11. Welcomes the organization of a world conference and exhibition on investment in tourism development in conjunction with the BIT International Tourism Fair at Milan and encourages the Secretary-General to lend WTO's support to similar initiatives in the future;
12. Takes cognizance of the various regional training seminars on the implementation of the WTO recommendations on tourism statistics held in the various regions, as well as of the standard statistical publications issued;

13. Notes with interest the progress made on the various methodological and research studies under way on the economic impact of tourism, as well as the preparations for the international conference on statistics and measurement of the economic importance of tourism, scheduled for the next biennial period;
14. Welcomes the Secretariat's efforts to further develop market research activities carried out under the programme, including the update of the study on global tourism forecasts, the reports on tourism trends and the study on the budgets and promotional activities of national tourism administrations;
15. Takes note of the various activities carried out under the heading "Quality of tourism development", particularly in the areas of trade liberalization measures, travel facilitation and border formalities, tourist safety and security, health and food hygiene and prevention of child prostitution in tourism;
16. Appreciates that many of these activities are increasingly resulting in the provision of practical information, guidelines and advisory services to Members;

Having noted with interest the legislation adopted by Brazil establishing a specialized police force to attend to the needs and security of tourists,

17. Commends Brazil for this initiative;
 18. Decides to transmit details to the Quality Support Committee and the Special Committee entrusted with the preparation of a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism for information; and
 19. Notes with satisfaction the expansion of communications with Members and the growing support provided for their own communication activities, the broad media coverage given to the Organization's information output, the development of the electronic information dissemination programme and the joint publication with the French Government of a Multilingual Thesaurus on Tourism.
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A/RES/368(XII)

**Joint WTO-UNESCO cultural tourism programme
on "The Slave Route"**

Agenda item 11

The General Assembly,

Having been informed of the results of the information meeting on the joint WTO-UNESCO cultural tourism programme on "The Slave Route" held during this session,

Bearing in mind the objectives of the UNESCO scientific project on "The Slave Route" aimed at studying the transatlantic slave trade between Europe, Africa, the Americas and the West Indies,

Recalling that, among the objectives of the cultural tourism programme on "The Slave Route", are the identification, restoration and promotion of the sites, monuments, buildings and places of memory of the transatlantic slave trade, notably with a view to their use for tourism purposes,

1. Welcomes the activities carried out by the WTO and UNESCO Secretariats under this joint programme and, in particular, the preparation and fielding of sectoral support missions to the priority areas defined at the Yamoussoukro meeting of the WTO Commission for Africa (June 1996);
2. Considers that the funding of this programme is an essential condition for its implementation, in view of the sensitivity and complexity of the issue of the transatlantic slave trade and the precarious state of the sites concerned;
3. Recommends the systematic approach by the States concerned with this programme to potential bilateral sources of financing;
4. Underlines the significance and importance of cooperation and support for this programme on the part of the countries historically involved in the slave trade, especially in Europe and the Americas;
5. Welcomes in this context the support of Norway to "The Slave Route" programme and, in particular, the financing by the Norwegian Development Agency (NORAD) of some of its activities;

6. Requests WTO and UNESCO to rally the support of regional and international financial institutions, and of UNDP in particular, with a view to the funding of this programme in the development assistance programmes in favour of the countries concerned; and
 7. Consequently invites the governments of the countries in question to include this cultural tourism programme on "The Slave Route" among the priority projects to be submitted to regional and international institutions, as well as to bilateral sources of financing.
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A/RES/369(XII)

Financial situation of the Organization

(a) Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 12(a)
(documents A/12/12(a)(b) and A/12/12(a)(b) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization,

Taking account of the improvement in the level of contributions collected, 71 per cent of whose total for the current year had been received by the date of the opening of its present session, and bearing in mind the amount of arrears collected, namely 906,000 dollars,

Noting with satisfaction that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of its eleventh session, a balance between expenditure and income has been maintained through prudent administrative management by the Secretary-General,

Observing nevertheless that persistent delays in paying contributions hamper the smooth operation of the Organization,

1. Urges all Members to comply with their financial obligations within the time-limit prescribed in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, which stipulates that contributions shall be paid in the first month of the financial year for which they are due;

- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue the contacts with Members that have accumulated two or more years of contribution arrears, with a view to agreeing on payment plans to enable them to discharge their debts within a reasonable period; and
- 3. Further requests the Secretary-General to apply strictly the provisions relating to Members that do not comply with their financial obligations and maintain a high level of arrears.

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A/RES/370(XII)

Financial situation of the Organization

**(b) Auditors' report and administrative accounts
for the financial year 1996**

Agenda item 12(b)
(documents A/12/12(a)(b) and A/12/12(a)(b) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Auditors' report on the financial year 1996 and the Secretary-General's report on the administrative accounts for the same financial year, submitted in accordance with Financial Regulation 17(2),

- 1. Takes note of the Auditors' report, for which it thanks them; and
- 2. Approves the administrative accounts for 1996.

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A/RES/371(XII)

Financial situation of the Organization

**(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts
for the financial year 1995**

Agenda item 12(c)
(document A/12/12(c)(d))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Auditors' report on the financial year 1995 and the Secretary-General's report on the administrative accounts for the same financial year, submitted in accordance with Financial Regulation 17(2),

1. Takes note of the Auditors' report, for which it thanks them; and
2. Approves the administrative accounts for 1995.

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A/RES/372(XII)

Financial situation of the Organization

**(d) Closing of the audited administrative accounts
of the tenth financial period (1994-1995)**

Agenda item 12(d)
(document A/12/12(c)(d))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the Secretary-General's report on the audited administrative accounts of the tenth financial period of the Organization (1994-1995),

1. Notes that, on the closing of these accounts for the period on 31 December 1996, there was a surplus balance of 902,616.26 dollars derived from arrear contributions; and

2. Decides to discuss the issue of the allocation of this amount under the agenda item on the draft programme budget prepared by the Secretary-General.
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A/RES/373(XII)

**Draft programme of work and budget of the Organization
for the period 1998-1999**

Agenda item 13
(documents A/12/13 and A/12/13 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 1998-1999, examined beforehand by the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Approves the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 1998-1999;

Having considered the proposal for the preparation of a Global Code of Ethics for Tourism under the "Quality of tourism development" programme,

2. Approves the said proposal;
3. Decides to create a special committee for this purpose and designate to it representatives of the Regional Commissions;
4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to proceed with the execution of the general programme of work according to income received;
5. Also authorizes the Secretary-General to co-finance, exceptionally, the expenses of Regional Commission meetings when these are held in countries classified by the United Nations among the least developed;
6. Approves the budgetary rate of exchange of 132 pesetas to the dollar for the next biennium, which is based on the average operational rate of exchange of the United Nations for the period between September 1995 and September 1997;

7. Decides to reduce the budget submitted by the Secretary-General to 18,099,000 dollars, so as to maintain zero growth in nominal terms, a decrease of 0.35 per cent that will affect the appropriations of Part I – Operations, on the understanding that the income to be received from the new Affiliate Members, beyond the 334 Affiliate Members that were taken into account in the draft budget, will be used to strengthen the programme of work;

Having taken note of the recommendation of the Executive Council (decision 11(LV)) concerning the use of the surplus from the financial period 1994-1995,

8. Decides to authorize, exceptionally, the allocation of the surplus to strengthen the activities of the Organization's programme of work for the next biennium; and
9. Approves a budget of 18,099,000 dollars for the financial period 1998-1999, of which 8,851,000 dollars correspond to 1988 and 9,248,000 dollars to 1999.
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A/RES/374(XII)

**Assessment of Members' contributions to the
Organization's budget for the period 1998-1999**

Agenda item 14
(documents A/12/14 and A/12/14 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of Members' contributions for the financial period 1998-1999,

Having before it the recommendations formulated by the Executive Council at its fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions,

1. Decides to endorse the recommendation of the Executive Council and approve the proposals of the Secretary-General for introducing into the formula for fixing contributions the following changes:
- (a) to apply a new schedule of deductions in the economic and technical factors of 50, 75 and 87.5 per cent in estimating the capacity to pay of States with small populations, i.e. equal to or less than 1,000,000, equal to or less than 500,000 and equal to or less than 100,000, respectively; and

- (b) to apply also a supplementary schedule of direct deductions to the contribution of the last group in the scale of contributions of 10, 20 and 25 per cent for countries with populations equal to or less than 1,000,000, 500,000 and 100,000 respectively and which are situated in the last group before introducing the schedule of deductions mentioned above;
2. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to leave unoccupied by any State the first group in the scale of contributions for 1998 and 1999, so as to preclude any increase in contribution for the other Members of the Organization;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to establish three levels of contributions for the Associate Members:
 - (a) the first level will remain equal to the lowest contribution of Full Members for territories with populations of more than 100,000;
 - (b) the second level will correspond to a deduction of 25 per cent on the contribution assessed at the first level for territories with populations equal to or less than 100,000; and
 - (c) the third level will correspond to a deduction of 50 per cent on the contribution assessed at the first level for territories with populations equal to or less than 50,000;

Considering resolution 263(VIII) and the foreseeable breakdown of expenditure for the period 1998-1999 of 45 per cent payable in dollars and 55 per cent payable in pesetas,

4. Decides that the approved budgetary receipts for 1998 and 1999, amounting to 8,851,000 dollars and 9,248,000 dollars, respectively, shall be financed by the contributions of Full Members (as from the second group of the scale of contributions) and Associate Members in the amounts of 7,606,000 dollars for 1998 and 7,657,000 dollars for 1999 and that the balance to be financed shall be covered by the contributions of the Affiliate Members and by the other sources of income referred to in document A/12/13 Add.1;
5. Decides to approve the parameters proposed by the Secretary-General for calculating the contributions for 1998, although those parameters should be reconsidered by the Executive Council at its fifty-eighth session, in the light of the conclusions of the fifty-second General Assembly of the United Nations;

6. Also decides to assess the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in dollars and pesetas in the proportions of 45 and 55 per cent, respectively, the portion payable in pesetas being calculated according to the budgetary exchange rate of 132 pesetas to the dollar;
 7. Endorses the recommendation of the Executive Council to the effect that, with a view to avoiding excessive fluctuations, the annual upward and downward variations in the contributions of the next biennium be limited to 7.5 per cent for Members changing group, as well as the variations in the contributions of the Associate Members in applying the above-mentioned deductions;
 8. Decides to fix the contribution of the Affiliate Members for the period 1998-1999 at 1,700 dollars a year, of which 1,400 dollars will constitute the contribution to the Organization's budget and 300 dollars the allocation to the Affiliates' programme of work; and
 9. Authorizes the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to replace pesetas by euros, at the appropriate time, in the budgetary process and in assessing the contributions of Members.
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A/RES/375(XII)

**Consideration and approval of agreements concluded
by the Organization**

Agenda item 15
(documents A/12/15 and A/12/15 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the agreements and working arrangements concluded with international organizations, governmental and non-governmental alike, in accordance with Article 12 of the Statutes,

1. Decides to approve:
 - (a) the Additional Protocol to the cooperation agreement of 26 September 1979 between the World Tourism Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

- (b) the Strategic Alliance between the World Tourism Organization and the Indian Ocean Tourism Organization (IOTO), signed on 29 November and 11 December 1996, respectively;
 - (c) the Protocol of collaboration between the General Secretariat for Tourism of the Junta de Galicia and the World Tourism Organization;
 - (d) the Protocol of agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the non-governmental organization "Peace and Cooperation"; and
 - (e) the Convention on cooperation between the Association of Caribbean States and the World Tourism Organization, signed on 30 September and 15 October 1997, respectively; and
2. Notes with satisfaction the signing, at Istanbul on 20 October 1997, of a Memorandum of Understanding between WTO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) concerning areas of mutual cooperation.
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A/RES/376(XII)

World Tourism Day:
adoption of themes for 1998 and 1999

Agenda item 16
(document A/12/16)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1996 and 1997 and on the procedure for selecting themes for 1998 and 1999,

Having considered with interest the proposals of themes for 1998 and 1999, formulated by the Council in the light of the suggestions put forward by the Members,

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the growing impact of World Tourism Day and especially at the importance attached to it by many countries in 1997;

2. Decides to adopt the following themes for the next two years:
- 1998: *Public-private sector partnership: the key to tourism development and promotion***
- 1999: *Tourism: preserving world heritage for the new millennium***
3. Invites the Members of the Organization to make full use of the opportunities afforded by World Tourism Day to foster ever-greater awareness of tourism's importance among decision-makers in the public and private sectors, as well as among the media and the general public;
4. Decides, as proposed by the Executive Council, to designate each year a host country as the Organization's partner for this event; and
5. Unanimously approves Mexico as the host country for 1998 and urges all member countries as a whole to cooperate in ensuring the success of this Day.
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A/RES/377(XII)

**Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 1998-2001
on the recommendation of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 17
(document A/12/17)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and rules 38(e), 43 and 53 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Council, as contained in decision 10(LV),

Appoints Mr. Francesco Frangialli (France) to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1998-2001.

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Election of Council Members

Agenda item 18

(documents A/12/18, A/12/18 Corr.1, A/12/18 Add.1 and A/12/18 Add.2)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Articles 14 and 15 of the Statutes, rules 54 and 55 of its Rules of Procedure and rule 1 of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedure,

1. Declares the following twelve Full Members elected as Members of the Executive Council for the period 1997-2001:

Argentina	Italy
Benin	Mauritius
Dominican Republic	Morocco
Egypt	Sri Lanka
France	Syrian Arab Republic
India	Uzbekistan

2. Notes that Macau will represent the Associate Members on the Council until 1999; and
3. Further notes that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Council by their Chairman (International Federation of Tour Operators - IFTO) until 1999.

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Election of the Auditors for the period 1998-1999

Agenda item 19
(document A/12/19)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 12(g) of the Statutes of the Organization and the recommendations of the Executive Council concerning the member States that have submitted their candidatures,

Paying tribute to the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Mr. Alejandro Medina Aldea (Chile) and Mr. Carlos Andrés Fernández (Spain),

1. Thanks them for their contribution; and
2. Renews the term of office of Spain and elects Poland to the other post of Auditor of the Organization for the biennium 1998-1999.

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**Place and dates of the thirteenth session
of the General Assembly**

Agenda item 20
(documents A/12/20, A/12/20 Add.1, A/12/20 Add.2 and A/12/20 Add.2 Corr.1)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 20 of the Statutes and paragraphs 2 and 3 of rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having considered the offers submitted by the Governments of Chile and Uzbekistan to host its thirteenth session,

1. Thanks these Governments warmly for their invitations;
 2. Thanks the delegation of Uzbekistan for withdrawing its country's candidature in the interest of reaching a consensus;
 3. Decides to hold its thirteenth session in Chile;
 4. Notes that Chile's invitation is consistent with the terms of resolution 351(XI) concerning the procedure for choosing the venue of the General Assembly;
 5. Notes the interest expressed by Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and Uzbekistan in hosting its fourteenth session in 2001; and
 6. Decides to reach a decision on the place of its fourteenth session at its thirteenth session.
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Vote of thanks to the host country

The General Assembly,

Noting with particular satisfaction the successful conclusion of its work, made possible by the excellent working conditions provided to the Organization by the Government of the Republic of Turkey and by its Ministry of Tourism in particular,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government and people of Turkey for the warm welcome they extended to the twelfth session of the General Assembly and for the very efficient services made available to it;
2. Conveys in particular its profound gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Süleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, who honoured the Assembly by opening its twelfth session with an address that forcefully underlined the interdependence of tourism and peace; and
3. Also conveys its gratitude and sincerest congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Gürdal, Minister of Tourism, for the remarkable efficiency with which he presided over the work of its twelfth session.