

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION

Dakar, Senegal, 28 November - 2 December 2005

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1. Participation in the sixteenth session

I. Full Members¹

Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

II. Special Observer

Palestine

III. Associate Members

Flemish Community of Belgium; Hong Kong, China; Macao, China; and Madeira.

¹ Including the States admitted as Members during the session.

IV. Affiliate Members²

Accor; Africa Travel Association (ATA); All States Travel Group (Nigeria); Association malienne de promotion du tourisme (Mali); Association mondiale pour la formation professionnelle touristique (AMFORT); Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises (Greece); Bocconi University - Master in Tourism and Economics (Italy); Bogaziçi University (Turkey); Bureau International du Tourisme Social (BITS); Cámara Argentina de Turismo (Argentina); Catering and Tourism Training Institute (Éthiopie); Centre for Tourism Policy Studies, University of Brighton (United Kingdom); Centro Español de Nuevas Profesiones (Spain); Civil Aviation Authority (Uganda); Comité du tourisme de la Guyane (French Guyana); Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL); Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Tourism PTY, Ltd. (CRC) (Australia); Corporation de l'industrie touristique du Québec (Canada); Creative Marketing (Greece); Egyptian Tourist Authority (ETA) (Egypt); Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF) (Egypt); Federação Nacional de Hotéis, Restaurantes, Bares e Similares (Brazil); Federación Española de Hostelería (Spain); Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) (Denemark); Hotel Support Services LTD (United States of America); Hotel Support Services LTD (Nigeria); Información y comunicación local (INCOLSA) (Spain); Istituto Cooperazione Economica Internazionale (Italy); International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO); International Student Travel Confederation (ISTC); Iran Air (Islamic Republic of Iran); Katowice School of Economics (Poland); Kenya Tourist Board (Kenya); Kenya Utalii College (Kenya); Kyiv City State Administration – Central Administrative Board (Ukraine); Maboque – Gestão de Empreendimentos (Angola); National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (NIHOTOUR) (Nigeria); Netherlands Institute of Tourism and Transport Studies – University of Professional Education (Netherlands); Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) (Nigeria); Provincia di Avellino (Italy); Resort Condominiums International, Llc. (RCI); Russian International Academy for Tourism (RIAT) (Russian Federation); Shanghai Normal University - Shanghai Institute of Tourism (China); Tabasheer Travel and Tourism Agency (Sudan); Technische Universität Dresden (Germany); Tourism Africa (Switzerland); Tourisme Montréal (Canada); TTF Australia (Australia); TTG Italia SPA (Italy); Turkish Tourism Investors Association (TYD) (Turkey); Union nationale des associations de tourisme et de plein air (France); United Federation of Travel Agents Associations (UFTAA); Universidad de San Martín de Porres – Escuela Profesional de Turismo y Hotelería (Peru); Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) (Canada); University of Hawaii at Manoa – School of Travel Industry Management (United States of America).

² Including bodies admitted as Affiliate Members during the session.

V. International organizations(a) United Nations

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

(b) Intergovernmental organizations of the United Nations system

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

(c) Intergovernmental organizations

African Development Bank (ADB) and African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC).

(d) Other international organizations

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

VI. Other entities

African Capital Group (Senegal); Agence de promotion du tourisme camerounais (PROMOTOUR CAM) (Camerun); Agence Fuuta Sahel Voyages (Senegal); Agence nationale de l'aviation civile du Sénégal (ANACS) (Senegal); Association pour la protection des investisseurs internationaux (Senegal); Bureau du tourisme au Sénégal à Paris (Senegal); Compagnie de tourisme en Afrique (CTA) (Senegal); Destination Consultants (Austria); Earth Conservancy (Senegal); East West Communications (United States of America); Entreprise de consulting (France); Entreprise de consulting en tourisme (Senegal); Étude et marketing touristique (France); European Travel Action Group (Belgium); Fédération tunisienne de l'hôtellerie (FTH) (Tunisia); Hôtel le Soninké (Senegal); Hôtel Sinenti (Senegal); Hôtel Villas Teranga (Senegal); Interimair-Internet Consultancy (Netherlands);; Maison de l'Or (Senegal); MINA Voyages - Association DUNANBA (Mali); Projet de développement du tourisme à Saint-Louis (Senegal); Réseau des femmes actives au Sénégal (Senegal); Réseau des femmes entrepreneurs (Senegal); Senegal Excell Voyages (Senegal); Sénégal Merveilles (Senegal); Société d'aménagement et de promotion des côtes et zones touristiques (Senegal); Société de promotion immobilière et touristique (SPIT) (Senegal); Société sénégalaise de commerce (Senegal); Syndicat des agences de voyages du Sénégal (Senegal) and Union internationale des auberges de la jeunesse des pays francophones (UIAJPF).

2. Agenda of the session

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 - (b) Budget

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17. WTO's initiatives in the field of sustainable tourism and poverty alleviation, including ST-EP
18. Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2006-2009 on the recommendation of the Executive Council
19. Approval of agreements concluded by the Organization
20. Activities of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics
21. World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2004 and 2005, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2006 and 2007
22. Recommendations on travel advisories
23. Election of Council Members
24. Election of the Auditors for the period 2006-2007
25. Amendments to the Statutes
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A/RES/476(XVI)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
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The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the recommendation of the Executive Council to move forward the review of items 17, 18 and 25 after that of the current item 9,

1. Decides to adopt the agenda of its sixteenth session thus modified; and
 2. Decides subsequently to consider these items in the following order: 17, 25 and 18.
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A/RES/477(XVI)

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

Agenda item 2

The General Assembly

1. Declares elected Senegal as President of its sixteenth session represented by H.E. Mr. Ousmane Masseck Ndiaye, Minister of Tourism and Air Transport; and
 2. Declares elected as Vice-Presidents of its sixteenth session South Africa (Ms. Rejoice Thizwilondi Mabudafhasi), Cambodia (Mr. Lay Prohas), Colombia (Mr. Francisco Santos Calderón), Iraq (Mr. Hasim Al Hashemi), Jamaica (Ms. Aloun Nombet Assamba), Pakistan (Mr. Syad Ghazi Gulab Jamal), Portugal (Mr. Pedro Antunes de Almeida) and Serbia and Montenegro (Ms. Ljubica Milojevic).
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A/RES/478(XVI)

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:

Australia	Ethiopia	Madagascar
Bahamas	Hungary	Maldives
Cyprus	Lebanon	Uruguay

and

2. Notes that the Credentials Committee appointed as its Chairperson Ms. Phoebe Katsouris (Cyprus) and as its Vice-Chairman Mr. Philip Noonan (Australia).

A/RES/479(XVI)

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

Agenda item 4

The General Assembly

Declares Argentina, represented by Mr. Alejandro Varela, as Chairman of the Assembly's Committee of the Whole.

A/RES/480(XVI)

Membership of the Organization

(a) New membership

Agenda item 5(a)(I)

(documents A/16/5(a)(I), A/16/5(a)(I) Add.1, A/16/15(a)(I) Add.2 and A/16/15(a)(I) Add.3)

Full Members

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the changes in membership of the Organization since its fifteenth session, as well as of the applications for full membership received by the Secretary-General or by the Depository of the Statutes and listed in document A/16/5(a)(I), A/16/5(a)(I) Add.1, A/16/15(a)(I) Add.2 and A/16/15(a)(I) Add.3,

1. Takes note of the admission of **Latvia** effective 1 January 2005, in accordance with resolution 449(XV);
2. Approves with great satisfaction the admission of **Oman** as a Member in July 2004, and of **Belarus** in June 2005, approved by the Executive Council in accordance with the authorization given to it by the General Assembly;
3. Welcomes the membership of **Australia** in September 2004, and of the **Bahamas** and the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, effective 25 November 2005, in application of Article 5(2) of the Statutes;
4. Approves with equal satisfaction the applications for membership submitted by **Papua New Guinea** and **Timor-Leste**, in application of Article 5(3) of the Statutes;

Having taken cognizance of the communication dated 9 November from the Prime Minister of the **Republic of Moldova**, in which he declares that an error of procedure vis-à-vis the constitutional rules of the country had marred the application for membership it submitted in 1993, which the General Assembly accepted at the time,

5. Decides to grant the request submitted by the Republic of Moldova and to consider that the membership of this country took effect starting 1st January 2002;

Having been informed about the matter concerning the request for suspension of membership submitted by Burundi, but also of a more recent communication from that country expressing its wish to maintain a relationship with the WTO,

6. Shares the Secretary-General's opinion that in the absence of statutory provisions on this subject, the only possible alternative would be Burundi's withdrawal from the Organization;

7. Requests Burundi, whose internal situation is improving, to reconsider its initial request and to propose a plan for the payment of its arrears;
8. Entrusts the Secretary-General with establishing the necessary contacts with Burundi and informing the Executive Council at its seventy-eighth session about the outcome of the démarches made;
9. Authorizes the Council to approve the payment plan that may be proposed or to establish on its behalf the end of Burundi's membership in the Organization;
10. Welcomes the considerable increase in the number of Members of the Organization over the past several years;
11. Notes that all of the principal tourism-receiving and tourism-generating countries now belong to the WTO with the unfortunate exception of the United States of America, and that the presence of this country is all the more valuable, as it is among the top countries of the world in terms of the size of its tourism industry and of the foreign exchange receipts it obtains from this activity;

Having taken cognizance of the contacts made by the Secretariat with the United States and of the internal discussions that have taken place within the U.S. Government, as well as of the positive attitude of the U.S. private sector regarding such a return,

12. Unanimously calls on the United States of America to once again take its place in the Organization; and
 13. Calls upon the member countries of the United Nations, in particular the Nordic countries, that do not yet belong to the WTO to do the same.
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A/RES/481(XVI)

Membership of the Organization

(a) New membership

Agenda item 5(a)(II)
(document A/16/5(a)(II))

Affiliate Members

The General Assembly,

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

1. Approves, on the recommendation of the Executive Council and in accordance with resolution 279(IX), the applications for affiliate membership of the following bodies:

International organizations - Article 7(3) of the Statutes

- 1) EUROGITES – EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR FARM AND VILLAGE TOURISM
- 2) HOTREC - HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & CAFÉ IN EUROPE
- 3) INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS & CONVENTION ASSOCIATION (ICCA)
- 4) MEETING PROFESSIONALS INTERNATIONAL
- 5) WORLD LEISURE AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Commercial bodies or associations - Article 7(4) of the Statutes

- 6) AGENCE DE TOURISME GIC MIEUX-VIVRE: POUR LA PROMOTION, L'ACCUEIL ET LE TRANSFERT (Cameroon)
- 7) ALLSTATES TRAVEL AND TOURS LTD (Nigeria)
- 8) AL RAWDA TRAVEL AND TOURISM AGENCY (Sudan)
- 9) ASOCIACION DE AGENCIAS DE TURISMO DE CUSCO (Peru)
- 10) ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE EXPERTOS CIENTÍFICOS EN TURISMO (AECIT) (Spain)
- 11) ASOCIACIÓN INSTITUTO TECNOLOGICO HOTELERO (Spain)
- 12) ASSOCIATION OF HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND TOURISM INDUSTRY IN DENMARK (HORESTA) (Denmark)
- 13) AZIENDA AUTONOMA DI CURA, SOGGIORNO E TURISMO DI NAPOLI (Italy)
- 14) BUNDESFORUM KINDER-UND JUGENDREISEN e.V. (Germany)
- 15) CAPTUR – CAMARA PROVINCIAL DE TURISMO PICHINCHA (Ecuador)
- 16) CENTRO ESPAÑOL DE NUEVAS PROFESIONES (Spain)
- 17) CENTRO ITALIANO DI STUDI SUPERIORI SUL TURISMO E SULLA PROMOZIONE TURISTICA DI ASSISI (CST) (Italy)
- 18) CORPORATION DE L'INDUSTRIE TOURISTIQUE DU QUÉBEC (Canada)
- 19) CREATIVE MARKETING S.A. (Greece)
- 20) DELUXE VISION, S.L. (Spain)
- 21) DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION – CAPE TOWN AND WESTERN CAPE (South Africa)
- 22) DISCOVER BRAZIL VIAGENS & TOURISM LTD (Brazil)
- 23) ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY IN WARSAW (Poland)
- 24) EDICIONES CABRER (Dominican Republic)
- 25) ESCUELA OFICIAL DE TURISMO DE LA UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE (Spain)
- 26) EUROPEAN CITIES TOURISM (France)
- 27) EXCELTUR – ASOCIACION PARA LA EXCELENCIA TURÍSTICA (Spain)
- 28) EXPO MUNDIAL DE TURISMO (Mexico)
- 29) FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAUX (FBC&VB) (Brazil)

- 30) FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (FEE) (Denmark)
- 31) FUNDAÇÃO COMISSÃO DE TURISMO INTEGRADO DO NORDESTE – FUNDAÇÃO CTI-NE (Brazil)
- 32) FUNDACION SIERRA CALDERONA (Spain)
- 33) GRUPO XCARRET (Mexico)
- 34) GUILIN INSTITUTE OF TOURISM (China)
- 35) ICEI – ISTITUTO COOPERAZIONE ECONOMICA INTERNAZIONALE (Italy)
- 36) INESTUR/CITTIB, INSTITUTO DE ESTRATEGIA TURISTICA DE LAS ISLAS BALEARES (Spain)
- 37) INFORMACION E COMUNICACIÓN LOCAL S.A. - TURISMO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Spain)
- 38) IZMIR UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS (Turkey)
- 39) KATOWICE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (Poland)
- 40) KENYA TOURIST BOARD (Kenya)
- 41) KUONI TRAVEL LTD (Switzerland)
- 42) MASTER IN TOURISM AND ECONOMICS – UNIVERSITÀ L. BOCCONI (Italy)
- 43) MIDDLE EAST AUTOMOBILE AND TOURISM CLUB (Saudi Arabia)
- 44) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM – NIHOTOUR (Nigeria)
- 45) NEVADA TOURISM COMMISSION (United States of America)
- 46) PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTRES TRUST (Papua New Guinea)
- 47) PROEXPORT – COLOMBIA (Colombia)
- 48) PROVINCIA DI AVELLINO (Italy)
- 49) RUSSIAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR TOURISM (RIAT) (Russian Federation)
- 50) ROJENNY TOURIST/GAMES VILLAGE OBA (Nigeria)
- 51) ROUTES – THE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE LTD (United Kingdom)
- 52) SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TURIBA (Latvia)
- 53) SERGAT ESPAÑA, S.L. (Spain)
- 54) SERVICIO NACIONAL DE APRENDIZAGEM COMERCIAL (Brazil)
- 55) STRATEGIC BUSINESS MEETING S.A. - TOURISMAFRICA (Switzerland)
- 56) TABASHEER TRAVEL & TOURISM AGENCY (Sudan)
- 57) TARSUS TRAVEL EXHIBITIONS LTD (United Kingdom)
- 58) TEZTOUR (Turquia)
- 59) THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (China)
- 60) THE FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT – UNIVERSITY SINGIDINUM (Serbia and Montenegro)
- 61) TOURISM BUSINESS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (South Africa)
- 62) TOURISM ENTERPRISE AND MANAGEMENT (TEAM) (United Kingdom)
- 63) TOURISM PROMOTION ORGANIZATION FOR ASIAN – PACIFIC CITIES (Republic of Korea)
- 64) TOURISM PROMOTION SERVICES (France)
- 65) TRAVEL MEDIA APPLICATIONS (Greece)
- 66) TTG-ITALIA (Italy)
- 67) UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DEL MOLISE (Italy)
- 68) WORLD TOURISM CONSULTANCY, LLP “AKA CELEBRATIONS” (United States of America); and

2. Takes note of the withdrawal from affiliate membership of the bodies mentioned in document A/16/5(a)(II).
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A/RES/482(XVI)

Membership of the Organization

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

Agenda item 5(b)
(documents A/16/5(b)(c), A/16/5(b)(c) Add.1,
A/16/5(b)(c) Add.2 and A/16/5(b)(c) Add.3)

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,

Also 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
BURKINA FASO
CAMBODIA
CHAD
CONGO
GAMBIA
GHANA
KYRGYZSTAN
MALAWI
MAURITANIA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
TOGO
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA
ZIMBABWE

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

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

CAPE VERDE

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

ASOCIACION ECUATORIANA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (ASECUT)
(Ecuador)
CENCAP – ESCUELA INTERNACIONAL DE HOTELERIA Y TURISMO
(Argentina)
COMMITTEE FOR TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESORTS OF
SAINT PETERSBURG GOVERNMENT (Russian Federation)
DCDM CONSULTING (Mauritius)
ENTREPRISE TOURISTIQUE DE KABYLIE (Algeria)
GABON CONTACTS (Gabon)
INSTITUTE OF TRAINING, RESEARCH AND OPERATIONAL
CONSULTANCY (INSTROCT) (Iran)
KERALA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD. (KTDC) (India)
MASYARAKAT PARIWISATA INDONESIA (Indonesia)
ORGANISATION DU TOURISME EURO-MEDITERRANÉEN (OTEM)
ROYAL AIR MAROC (Morocco)
ROYAL OLYMPIC CRUISES (Greece)
UNIVERSITY OF VESZPREM (Hungary)
WINZRIK TOURISM SERVICES CO. (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

3. Decides to continue applying the measure of suspension of rights and privileges 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 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 temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

Agenda item 5(c)
(documents A/16/5(b)(c) and A/16/5(b)(c) Add.1,
A/16/5(a)(l) Add.2 and A/16/5(a)(l) Add.3)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the recommendations made by the Executive Council at its 73rd, 75th and 76th sessions with respect to requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

Considering the documents submitted by the Secretary-General regarding this matter,

1. Approves the Executive Council's recommendations;
2. Decides to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules as they apply to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Mali, and Rwanda which are complying with the agreed plans for the settlement of their contribution arrears;
3. Decides to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members Bolivia, Georgia, Guinea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan and Yemen, albeit making it clear that these provisions will once again be applied to these Members if they are not up to date in their payment plans by 1 April 2006;
4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with informing Yemen that it should submit a new payment plan for the debt corresponding to the years 1979 to 1989, there being no provision in the existing regulations for exemption from contributions;
5. Decides to grant temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 to the Full Members Nicaragua, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Guinea Bissau, Mongolia, Peru and Uruguay, which submitted payment plans approved by the Council, and to Niger whose plan was submitted at the present session;
6. Takes note of the willingness of Full Members Cambodia, Mauritania and Sierra Leone to submit payment plans to settle their contribution arrears, and authorizes the Executive Council to approve at its 78th session payment plans submitted by these countries, if it deems them appropriate;

7. Takes note, following its decision to consider the date of entry of the Republic of Moldova as being 1st January 2002, that this Full Member is up-to-date with its contributions and no longer has any arrears;

Noting that Full Member Iraq is no longer subject to United Nations sanctions, and that it is no longer prohibited, as it was before, from transferring funds to the World Tourism Organization,

8. Adopts the recommendation made by the Executive Council at its 76th session to maintain Iraq's temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules until the 78th session of the Executive Council, by which date it must submit a payment plan;
9. Adopts the recommendations of the Executive Council and establishes the following conditions for the Members requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and which propose payment plans to settle their arrears in instalments:
 - (a) to discharge the contribution corresponding to the present year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed;
 - (b) strict observance of the plan agreed for the settlement of arrears;
10. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Full Members concerned, that the decision just taken in their regard remains subject to strict compliance with the aforementioned conditions; and
11. Notes that the Members listed below continue to be subject to the provisions of paragraph 13:

FULL MEMBERS

AFGHANISTAN
BURKINA FASO
CAMBODIA
CAPE VERDE
CHAD
CONGO
DJIBOUTI
GAMBIA
GHANA
KYRGYZSTAN
MALAWI
MAURITANIA
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
SIERRA LEONE
TOGO
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA
ZIMBABWE

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

AFRICA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (USA)

AMIN TOUR AND TRAVEL (Iran)

ARTHUR ANDERSEN (UK)

ASOCIACION ECUATORIANA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (ASECUT)
(Ecuador)

ASOCIACION MEXICANA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES (AMAV) (Mexico)

ASSOCIAZIONE MAITRES ITALIANI RISTORANTI E ALBERGHI – A.M.I.R.A
(Italy)

ATI MARKEFIN SL (Spain)

CENCAP – ESCUELA INTERNACIONAL DE HOTELERIA Y TURISMO
(Argentina)COMMITTEE FOR TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESORTS OF
SAINT PETERSBURG GOVERNMENT (Russian Federation)

CONSEJO NACIONAL EMPRESARIAL TURISTICO (CNET) (Mexico)

DCDM CONSULTING (Mauritius)

EL MEJABAAT EL KOUBRA TOURS (Mauritania)

ENTREPRISE TOURISTIQUE DE KABYLIE (Algeria)

FÉDÉRATION NATIONALE DE L'INDUSTRIE HÔTELIÈRE (Morocco)

GABON CONTACTS (Gabon)

INSTITUTE OF TRAINING, RESEARCH AND OPERATIONAL
CONSULTANCY (INSTROCT) (Iran)

INTERVAL INTERNATIONAL (USA)

KERALA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORP. LTD. (KTDC) (India)

MASYARAKAT PARIWISATA INDONESIA (Indonesia)

ORGANISATION DU TOURISME EURO-MÉDITERRANÉEN (OTEM)

ROYAL AIR MAROC (Morocco)

ROYAL OLYMPIC CRUISES (Greece)

SGS GROUP MANAGEMENT LTD (Switzerland)

TRAVEL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (Finland)

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM – INTERNATIONAL TOURISM PROGRAM (USA)

UNIVERSITY OF VESZPREM (Hungary)

WINZRIK TOURISM SERVICES CO. (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

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Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 6
(documents A/16/6 and A/16/6 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Organization, presented in application of Rule 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, and the debate which has followed,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for his report structured around the themes of security, crisis management, development and poverty reduction;
 2. Takes note with interest of the information contained in his report regarding the analysis of the situation of tourism in the world and its resilience to the crises it has had to face;
 3. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efforts carried out to promote the sustainable growth of tourism in developing countries, within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations;
 4. Encourages him to continue his efforts in favour of countries affected by crises, internal conflicts—chief among them, Iraq--or natural disasters, in a spirit of international solidarity and cooperation;
 5. Takes note with satisfaction of the growing influence of the Organization, in particular as a result of its having eight more Members at the close of its present session than it had at the end of the preceding one;
 6. Welcomes the advances made in the internal management of the Institution and the excellent financial situation it enjoys.
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A/RES/485(XVI)

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly

Agenda item 7
(documents A/16/7 and A/16/7 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Council, submitted by its current Chairman pursuant to Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes,

1. Takes note with interest of the information presented concerning the Council's activities, and in particular the results of its seventy-second, seventy-third, seventy-fourth, seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth ordinary sessions, and of its first emergency session;
 2. Thanks the Council for the work it has diligently carried out since the last Assembly session;
 3. Approves the report of the Council; and
 4. Pays tribute to the dedication and competence displayed by its successive Chairmen, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Strzhalkovskiy, then Vice-Minister of Tourism at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation, in 2004, and his successor H.E. Mr. Chung Dong-chea, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, in 2005.
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Report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 8
(document A/16/8)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members on the activities of these members within the context of its programme of work for 2004-2005,

1. Appreciates the valuable contribution of the Affiliate Members on the occasion of the tsunami disaster and in the subsequent Tourism Leaders Forum for tourism recovery in Berlin;

2. Congratulates the Affiliate Members on their increased level of activity and in particular on their Leadership Forum of Advisers in Palma de Mallorca, many of whose proposals have been included in the programme of work for 2004-2005;
3. Expresses its satisfaction over the high level of the activities carried out by the Business Council of the Affiliate Members with the aim of spreading knowledge on the impact of the application of new technologies to the tourism sector, disseminating practical guidelines, advances in information technologies, technical know-how of the WTO, as well as congestion management in successful destinations;
4. Declares its satisfaction over the holding of the WTO Tourism Policy Forum in Washington, organized by the WTO and George Washington University, as well as over the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions regarding the new DANTEI project;
5. Takes note with satisfaction of the active participation of the Affiliate Members in the various activities of the Task Force on Destination Management;
6. Encourages and congratulates the Affiliate Members on the research carried out on destination management and marketing organizations, the research carried out by the Education Council aimed at improving destination management, and the study by Tourisme Montréal on the evolution of WTO membership, the studies on the meetings industry, as well as the collaboration with the Harmo-TEN project;
7. Expresses its interest in the execution of the projects of the Affiliate Members, which include the TedQual Volunteers Programme, and the TedProm publication, which lists the entities that have obtained TedQual certification;
8. Welcomes the increase in the publications of the Affiliate Members; and
9. Takes note of the composition of the Board of Directors of the Affiliate Members as decided at its 29th General Meeting:

Chairman:

Cendant Vacation Network Group (CVNG) (RCI)

Vice-Chairmen:

- Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises (Greece)
- Bureau international du tourisme social (BITS)
- Cámara Argentina de Turismo (Argentina)
- Confederación de Organizaciones Turísticas de la América Latina (COTAL)

- Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF) (Egypt)
 - Exceltur, Asociación para la Excelencia Turística (Spain)
 - Federação Nacional de Hoteis, Restaurantes, Bares e Similares (Brazil)
 - Federación Española de Hostelería (FEHR) (Spain)
 - Federal Association of the German Tourism Industry (BTW) (Germany)
 - FITUR - Feria Internacional de Turismo (Spain)
 - George Washington University (United States of America)
 - Iberia, Líneas Aéreas de España (Spain)
 - IH&RA - International Hotel & Restaurant Association
 - International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO)
 - International Student Travel Confederation (ISTC)
 - Japan Airlines (Japan)
 - Russian International Academy for Tourism – Riat (Russian Federation)
 - THR - Asesores en Turismo, Hotelería y Recreación, S.A. (Spain)
 - Tourisme Montréal (Canada)
 - TTF Australia Tourism and Transport Forum (Australia)
 - Turkish Tourism Investors Association (TYD) (Turkey)
 - Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada)
 - University of Calgary (Canada)
 - University of Queensland (Australia)
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Report of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 9

(documents A/16/9 Doc.Trav., A/16/9 Doc.Trav .1 and A/16/9)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report submitted by the Credentials Committee, chaired by Ms. Phoebe Katsouris (Cyprus),

Approves the said report.

A/RES/488(XVI)

Cooperation with the United Nations system**(a) Participation in the system's coordination mechanisms**

Agenda item 10(a)
(document A/16/10(a))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/16/10(a),

1. Notes with satisfaction the participation of WTO on a regular basis in the various coordination mechanisms of the United Nations System and, in particular, the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB), the High Level Committee on Programmes and the High Level Committee on Management;

Recalling that coordination mechanisms serve, in particular, the important function of eliminating duplication and promoting complementarity between WTO's programmes and those of other institutions,

2. Congratulates in this context the Secretary-General for convening at Headquarters in November 2004, a meeting of all the United Nations agencies on tourism matters with the objective of constituting among them a network for exchange and coordination;
 3. Expresses its conviction that WTO's participation in ECOSOC and the United Nations General Assembly, especially on the occasion of the recent summit dedicated to the Millennium Development Goals, serves to draw to the attention of the international community the important role played by tourism in the economy and the society of the 21st Century;
 4. Takes note with satisfaction that the Spring 2006 session of the CEB will be hosted by WTO in Madrid on 7 and 8 April, in liaison with the Spanish Government; and hopes that this meeting will offer an opportunity to realize the initiative mentioned in paragraph 2 above; and
 5. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to participate actively in the System's coordination mechanisms and to keep the Executive Council informed of the issues addressed and their outcomes.
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Cooperation with the United Nations system

(b) Acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies

Agenda item 10(b)
(documents A/16/10(b) and A/16/10(b) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General and of the attached documents on the acceptance of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations of 21 November 1947,

Considering that the process of the WTO's conversion into a specialized agency completed in 2003 has made the WTO into a fully-fledged organization of the United Nations system and that acceptance of the Convention by the WTO will enable the Organization to benefit from its provisions and will effectively complement the provisions of the Statutes relative to the privileges and immunities it enjoys,

Noting further that such acceptance will not undermine the system of privileges and immunities provided for in the agreements already concluded between the Organization and Spain,

1. Approves the draft Annex to the Convention reproduced in the annex to the present resolution;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the necessary formalities for the definitive approval of the standard clauses of the Convention and of its Annex, in cooperation with the Legal Adviser of the Organization;
3. Entrusts the Executive Council with authorizing the Secretary-General on its behalf to definitively approve the text of the Annex after its formal adoption by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; and
4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on the completion of these formalities at its next session.

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A N N E X

Annex

World Tourism Organization

In their application to the World Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Organization”), the standard clauses shall operate subject to the following modifications:

1. Article V and Section 25, paragraphs 1 and 2 (I) of Article VII of the Convention shall extend to the representatives of Associate Members participating in the work of the Organization in accordance with the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as “the Statutes”).

2. Representatives of Affiliate Members, participating in the activities of the Organization in accordance with the Statutes, as well as the Chairpersons and members of the Strategic Group of the Organization, and of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics shall be granted the following privileges, immunities, and facilities, in order to safeguard the independent exercise of their official functions:

- (a) In respect of words spoken or written and acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer exercising the activities of the Organization;
- (b) Applications for visas, where required and when accompanied by a certificate that they are traveling on the business of the Organization, shall be dealt with as speedily as possible. In addition, such persons shall be granted facilities for speedy travel;
- (c) In connection with sub-paragraph (b) above, the principle contained in the last sentence of Section 12 of the standard clauses shall apply;
- (d) Immunity from legal process as referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above is granted to representatives of Affiliates Members, as well as to the Chairpersons and members of the Strategic Group of the Organization and of the Committee on Tourism Ethics in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Secretary-General of the Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any such individual in any case where in his/her opinion the immunity would impede the course of justice, and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

3. Experts, other than officials coming within the scope of Article VI of the Convention, serving on organs and bodies of, or performing missions for, the Organization shall be accorded such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent and effective exercise of their functions, including the time spent on journeys in connection with service on organs and bodies or missions. In particular they shall be accorded:

- (a) Immunity from personal arrest or seizure of their personal baggage;
- (b) In respect of words spoken or written or acts done by them in the performance of their official functions, immunity from legal process of every kind, such immunity to continue notwithstanding that the persons concerned are no longer serving on organs and bodies of, or employed on mission for, the Organization;
- (c) Inviolability for all papers and documents relating to the work on which they are engaged for the Organization;
- (d) For the purpose of their communications with the Organization, the right to use codes and to receive papers or correspondence by courier or in sealed bags;
- (e) The same facilities in respect of currency and exchange restrictions and in respect of their personal baggage as are accorded to officials of foreign Governments on temporary official missions.

4. Privileges and immunities are granted to the experts in the interests of the Organization and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Secretary-General of the Organization shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any expert in any case where, in his/her opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.

5. The privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities referred to in section 21 of the standard clauses shall also be accorded to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization, his/her spouse and minor children.

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Cooperation with the United Nations system**(c) Acronym of the World Tourism Organization**

Agenda item 10(c)
(documents A/16/10(c))

The General Assembly,

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

1. Shares the opinion of the Secretary-General in that, in English and Russian, confusion should be avoided between the acronym of the Organization and that of the World Trade Organization;
 2. Agrees that a decision in this matter should be taken within the framework of the new status of the WTO as a specialized agency of the United Nations;
 3. Takes note of the authorization of the Secretary-General of the United Nations allowing the use of a reference to the United Nations in our acronym so far as necessary, and of the consent received from the World Trade Organization regarding the change envisaged;
 4. Decides to approve the Council's recommendation to adopt the acronyms "UNWTO" in English and "IOHBTO" in Russian;
 5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking measures to ensure that the WTO's specialized agency status is indicated in the documents of the Organization, whenever it is useful to do so; and
 6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the United Nations and the World Trade Organization of this decision.
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Cooperation with the United Nations system

(d) Joint Headquarters Committee

Agenda item 10(d)
(documents A/16/10(d))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of document A/16/10(d),

Considering that, following the example of the other specialized agencies of the United Nations, a Joint Headquarters Committee should be created in order to facilitate the Organization's functioning in Madrid,

1. Welcomes the Spanish Government's consent for the establishment of such a mechanism;
 2. Notes that a preparatory meeting of the Committee was held recently between representatives of the Spanish Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and of Industry, Tourism and Trade on the one hand, and representatives of the Secretariat on the other;
 3. Notes with satisfaction that the first meeting of the Committee will take place at the very beginning of 2006 to establish its composition and begin its work; and
 4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with keeping the Council informed of any further actions regarding this matter.
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**Report on implementation of the Organization's general programme of work
for the period 2004-2005**

Agenda item 11
(documents A/16/11, A/16/11 Add.1
A/16/11 Add.2 and A/16/11 Add.3))

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 2004-2005:

1. Notes with satisfaction the results of the broad range of activities carried out to promote the implementation of international standards in tourism statistics and the development of Tourism Satellite Accounts;
2. Takes note with satisfaction of the outcome of the International Conference on the Tourism Satellite Account, held at Iguazú from 3 to 6 October 2005, and entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the necessary measures with a view to promoting the implementation of the conference's recommendations and to report thereon to the Programme Committee and the Executive Council;
3. Appraises positively the outcome of the extensive research programme carried out under the heading Market Intelligence and Promotion and the efforts made to develop and expand existing knowledge on market performance, trends, and prospects and to provide Members with methodological guidance, information on best practices and technical assistance in developing market intelligence, improving promotional techniques and managing crisis situations;
4. Expresses its appreciation of the comprehensive set of sustainable tourism policy guidelines and implementation tools published by the Organization and of the efforts made by the Secretariat to disseminate this knowledge to governments and other stakeholders and notes with satisfaction the significant progress made by the Organization in enhancing standards and certification processes for sustainable tourism;
5. Appreciates the efforts of the Organization in response to natural and man-made disasters affecting tourist areas, as demonstrated in the support given to several countries following terrorist attacks, during the SARS epidemic and after the tsunami;
6. Encourages the Secretariat to continue its activities in this regard, in particular in support of Central American and Caribbean countries that have been hit by hurricanes and in the preparation of responses to the possible crisis deriving from the avian flu;
7. Appraises positively the activities carried out by the Organization with a view to promoting the participation of national tourism administrations in the current multilateral trade negotiations under the Doha Development Agenda and calls upon the national tourism administrations to approach those in charge of foreign trade to better ensure that the interests of the tourism sector are taken into account at the forthcoming ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization in Hong Kong;
8. Calls upon the Quality Support and Trade Committee to review the substantive issues for the liberalization of travel and tourism services, involved in the above-mentioned negotiations and to provide Members with expert advice and practical guidance on these issues;

9. Commends the Secretary-General on his initiative to draw up a comprehensive safety and facilitation enhancement strategy for the Organization (SAFE) and for WTO's participation in international efforts to provide advice on health and safety issues related to international travel and takes note of the positive outcome of the series of seminars on quality standards and management systems, held in the various regions;
10. Adopts the recommendations of the Quality Support and Trade Committee for improving the accessibility to tourism for persons with disabilities;
11. Notes with satisfaction the development of knowledge management and capacity building activities under the Human Resource Development programme and expresses its appreciation to the Education Council for its valuable contribution to the expansion and implementation of the said programme and its translation into direct assistance activities for the benefit of Members;
12. Takes note of the positive results achieved in the application of the general programme of work in the various regions and more particularly in the sharing of technical knowledge and best practices, the development of cooperation agendas to address varied and heterogeneous needs, the promotion of public-private sector partnerships and the strengthening of cooperation with international organizations, particularly those belonging to the United Nations system;
13. Notes with satisfaction the significant increase recorded in the Organization's technical cooperation activities and in the financial resources mobilized for that purpose, as well as the positive results achieved concerning field missions and project execution;
14. Commends the Secretary-General on his efforts to strengthen the coordination of the Organization's technical cooperation activities with other development assistance agencies so as to avoid any dispersal of efforts or duplication in this area, to develop stronger alliances with other international and regional organizations, financial institutions in particular, and especially those belonging to the United Nations system, and to expand fund-raising activities and invites him to pursue and intensify these efforts;
15. Expresses its appreciation of the broad media coverage engendered by the Organization's information output, the development of the Secretariat's technical support capabilities in the fields of communication, crisis management and media relations, and notes with satisfaction the positive outcome of the first World Conference on Tourism Communications held at Madrid in January 2004 and of the various regional conferences held throughout 2005;

16. Appraises positively the results of the awareness campaign on the significance of tourism and its contribution to poverty alleviation, carried out by the Organization under the slogan *Tourism Enriches*;
 17. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in the development of the WTO elibrary and the depository library programme for publications;
 18. Expresses its appreciation of the role played by the Organization's Documentation Centre as a referral service and clearing house of information for Members and the strengthening of its networking and technical support capabilities;
 19. Appraises positively the results of the evaluation of the programme of work and the feedback received thereon from Members, as reported by the Programme Committee and approves the Committee's suggestions for further improving performance management within the Organization, extending the scope of the evaluation system and intensifying the use of new information and communication technologies; and
 20. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretariat for these achievements.
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**Draft programme and budget of the Organization
for the period 2006-2007**

(a) Programme

Agenda item 12(a)
(documents A/16/12, and A/16/12 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2006-2007, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 23(2) of the Statutes, and previously examined by the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies, the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Notes with satisfaction that the proposed programme is well designed and responds effectively to the changing needs of Members, imposed by shifts in the situation of world tourism;

2. Welcomes the proposal of the WTO Commission for the Americas concerning the development of indicators for competitiveness and those of Australia concerning activities aimed at addressing the abuse of tourism as a vehicle for illegal and unethical transnational practices, accrediting and branding quality tourism services, strengthening the security of travellers and building crisis management capabilities of national tourism administrations and decides to incorporate these proposals into the programme;
 3. Takes note of Andorra's intention to open an international school of tourism, in collaboration with the WTO and in the general interest of the member countries;
 4. Approves the Organization's programme of work for the period 2006-2007; and
 5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking the appropriate measures, in consultation with the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance, to ensure the necessary coordination of the programme's implementation and the concentration of the next programming cycle on a more limited number of activities given priority from the perspective of Members.
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**Draft programme and budget of the Organization
for the period 2006-2007**

***Sustainable tourism development in a network of cross-border parks and
protected areas in West Africa***

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the proposal for a sub-regional pilot project for the creation of a network of cross-border national parks and protected areas in West Africa involving: Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal,

Considering the unifying nature of this pilot project proposal, which is based on the principles of sustainable development, and is in line with the Millennium Development Goals,

Considering the main aims of this project, namely, the conservation and protection of biodiversity, the development of ecotourism, the implementation of community-based tourism projects aimed at reducing poverty, and strengthening the capabilities of private operators, civil society and local communities,

Noting with satisfaction the support for this project proposal on the part of international cooperation and development financing institutions such as the OIC, NEPAD, and the Islamic Development Bank,

1. Endorses the proposals aimed at reinforcing the project coordination and follow-up activities at the sub-regional and national levels with the establishment of a sub-regional technical committee and national task forces;
 2. Takes note of the composition of the technical committee as proposed to it by the experts' group in its report, as well as of the functions assigned to said technical committee;
 3. Approves the functions attributed to the WTO as the executing agency of the project, and to the OIC as the project leader;
 4. Expresses its deep gratitude to the Secretary-General of the OIC for his support; and
 5. Urges the OIC and the WTO to continue their assistance to the Member States with a view to mobilizing international finance and development institutions and organizations for the preparation of the feasibility study of the project as well as its future implementation.
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**Draft programme and budget of the Organization
for the period 2006-2007**

Response to natural disasters

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the increasing number of natural phenomena that have been occurring in the world in the last several months and which frequently affect tourism interests,

Considering, consequently, the need to ensure the safety of people as a priority when dealing with a situation of this nature,

Underscoring the need to develop mechanisms that effectively enable countries to ensure effective communication with the markets, which while informing about the evolution of the crisis in a plausible manner, also contributes to attenuate the impact on tourism activity,

1. Recognizes the effective manner in which Mexico responded to Hurricane Wilma's onslaught at the tourism destinations in the Mexican Caribbean;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the remarkable pace that is being clearly observed in the recovery of the tourism supply of the region; and
 3. Urges the member countries of the WTO, in the face of similar circumstances, to follow the example of the Mexican experience, which made it possible for the tourists who stayed in the region to return safe and sound to their places of origin, and through appropriate public-private cooperation will make it possible within a short period of time for tourism to continue to be a useful tool in the sustainable development of the affected region.
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**Draft programme and budget of the Organization
for the period 2006-2007**

(b) Budget

Agenda item 12(b)
(documents A/16/12 and A/16/12 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2006-2007, examined beforehand by the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies the Programme Committee and the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Having before it the recommendations made by the Executive Council,

1. Approves the general programme of work of the Organization for the period 2006-2007;
2. Endorses the Secretary-General's proposals to strengthen programme activities with extra-budgetary resources;
3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to execute the general programme of work according to income received;
4. Notes that the rate of exchange used when preparing the budget was of 0.78 euros to the US dollar;

Having taken note of the recommendation of the Executive Council [decision 8(LXXV)] concerning the use of the surplus from the financial period 2002-2003, which amounts to 653,520.89 Euros,

5. Decides to authorize the allocation of the surplus to strengthen the activities of the Organization's programme of work for the next biennium; and

6. Approves a budget of 11,648,000 euros for 2006;

Having considered the proposal of the Executive Council to establish the budget for 2007 at 12,517,000 euros,

7. Entrusts the Executive Council with studying, with the assistance of the Committee on Budget and Finance, at its 78th session, depending on the evolution of the economic situation in Spain, and specifically its inflation rate, the possibility of reducing the budget for 2007 to bring it closer to zero growth in real terms.
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White Paper and Agenda 2010

Agenda items 13(a) and (b)
(documents A/16/13(a), A/16/13(a) Add.1 and A/16/13(b))

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the draft White Paper, as reviewed by the Executive Council and with the incorporation of the suggestions made by the Strategic Group,

1. Expresses satisfaction at the effort to develop, through the White Paper, a long-term vision of the situation of the tourism industry and of the Organization's role in the context thus described;
2. Shares the opinion expressed in this document regarding the need for the Organization to fully carry out its role as a specialized agency, particularly within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals;

Having furthermore considered the draft Agenda 2010 also transmitted through the Executive Council,

3. Gives its agreement to the medium-term planning of activities as established thus;
 4. Specially appreciates the presentation of fifty performance indicators enabling the Member States and the WTO managerial staff to assess the results obtained with respect to the objectives set; and
 5. Requests the addition to the second-to-the last of these indicators, concerning the renewal of the managerial staff of the Secretariat, greater regard for better a balance in responsibilities between women and men.
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A/RES/498(XVI)

Administrative and financial matters

**(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation
of the Organization**

Agenda item 14(a)
(documents A/16/14(a) and A/16/14(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

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

1. Notes with satisfaction that, by the date of the present session, 85 per cent of the total contributions receivable from Members for the current year and 103 per cent of the estimated income from contributions had been received;
2. Takes cognizance that, in fulfilment of the recommendation of its fifteenth session, a balance between expenditures, which have been kept under control, and income has been maintained;
3. Observes that income from arrear contributions to date amounts to 1,402,725 euros, representing 200 per cent of the amount estimated for 2005;
4. Expresses its gratification at the excellent current financial situation of the Organization and, in light of the good results expected for this financial year, authorizes the Secretary-General to make a provision of 350,000 euros charged against the present financial year and transferable to the 2006-2007 budgetary period in order to cover expenses that will be entailed by the application of United Nations security regulations at the headquarters building (200,000 euros) and the updating of the sound equipment in the conference room (150,000 euros);

Aware of the need to exceptionally reinforce the means allocated to preparing for risks and crisis management.

5. Decides further to allocate, under the same conditions, a provisional credit of 250,000 euros for such reinforcement, which may only be used with the prior authorization of the Executive Council and once the conditions of use have been specified;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain, in the coming months, the necessary contacts with the WHO regarding all avian flu-related matters, charged against the regular budget, and without establishing, for the time being, any permanent unit away from Headquarters;

7. Decides to create a Working Group on risk-assessment and crisis preparation and management, led by France and composed of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Mexico and Switzerland, which may be joined by any country interested in doing so;

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

8. Urges the Members of the Organization to observe with the utmost rigour the statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Organization's financial affairs, with particular regard to the due date of contributions specified in paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules, so as to ensure, in the interest of all the Members, that the execution of the programme and other activities of the Secretariat is in no way hampered by shortage of funds; and
9. Also urges the Member States and Affiliate Members in arrears with their contributions to work out the most appropriate formulas for discharging their financial commitments and to reach the necessary agreement with the Secretary-General to ensure that they can readily meet the payments on their arrears.

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Administrative and financial matters

(b) Election of the Members of the WTO Staff Pension Committee

Agenda item 14(b)
(document A/16/14(b))

The General Assembly,

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

Having taken note of the willingness of the present Members of the Committee to continue their terms of office,

1. Thanks them for their contribution; and
 2. Decides to re-elect them for the biennium 2006-2007 as follows:
 - Argentina, Member
 - Spain, Member
 3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with contacting the countries whose names have been put forward to serve as alternates.
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A/RES/500(XVI)

Administrative and financial matters

(c) Implementation of linguistic diversity

Agenda item 14(c)
(document A/16/14(c))

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of document A/16/14(c),

1. Welcomes the fact that the Arabic language is now one of the languages used by the Organization and that the great majority of the documents transmitted to the General Assembly as well as to the Executive Council are translated into Arabic;
2. Notes with satisfaction that the same is true with regard to meetings and conferences held in the Middle East region;
3. Notes, however, that the amendment to Article 38 providing for the adoption of Arabic as an official language of the WTO has not been ratified and calls upon the Members carry out this ratification;

Having been informed of the requests, submitted by the Portuguese-speaking countries on the one hand and by China on the other hand, for the introduction of Portuguese and Chinese in the Organization,

4. Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efforts undertaken with a view to using the Portuguese language in certain meetings and activities of the WTO, and decides to expand this practice, in a way that does not entail unbearable costs for the WTO;
 5. Further decides to continue the policy of communicating in a growing number of languages, Chinese in particular, which enables better dissemination of the WTO's work among users in both the public and private sectors; and
 6. Welcomes with satisfaction the measures taken by the Secretary-General to ensure the broadest possible geographic representation among the staff, thus enabling the use of other languages in the everyday functioning of the Organization.
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A/RES/501(XVI)

Assessment of Members' contributions for the period 2006-2007

Agenda item 15
(documents A/16/15)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of Members' contributions for the period 2006-2007,

Having before it the recommendations of the Executive Council in this regard,

1. Decides to accept the Council's recommendations and approves the proposed scale of contributions as modified to reflect the increase in the number of member States, as foreseen in resolution 404(XIII);
2. Observes that, in accordance with the formula used for calculating the contributions of member States [resolution 404(XIII)], WTO has used the same economic and population statistical averages adopted by the United Nations to determine the contributions of its own Members;

Considering that the approved budget for the next financial period amounts to 24,165,000 euros, of which 11,648,000 euros correspond to 2006 and 12,517,000 euros to 2007, subject to the provisions of the resolution adopted under agenda item 12,

3. Decides that the budgetary income approved for the next period should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the amounts of 10,294,014 euros for 2006 and 10,736,009 euros for 2007 and that the balance to be financed should be covered by the contributions of the Affiliate Members and the other sources of funding referred to in document A/16/12; and
 4. Also decides to maintain the contribution of the Affiliate Members for the period 2006-2007 at the same level as in the period 2004-2005, i.e. at 2,000 euros per year, of which 1,500 euros will be allocated as a contribution to the Organization's budget and 500 euros assigned to their own activities.
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A/RES/502(XVI)

Actions in favour of the tsunami-affected countries

Agenda item 16
(documents A/16/16 and A/16/16 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

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

1. Expresses its satisfaction over the rapid response put into place by the Secretariat following the tsunami in South-East Asia;
 2. Welcomes with satisfaction the Phuket Action Plan and the support provided to this Plan by the governments, in particular that of the Republic of Korea and that of the Netherlands, as well as by the different sectors of the international tourism community;
 3. Regrets the fact that certain donation pledges have yet to realized and calls upon the countries concerned to carry out their commitments;
 4. Takes note with great interest of the breadth and diversity of the activities successfully carried out as part of the implementation of the Phuket Action Plan, and its complementarity with the actions of other international institutions;
 5. Notes the improvement in visitor flows registered on the eve of the winter season in the affected areas, although normal levels have not yet been regained; and
 6. Entrusts the Secretary-General, therefore, with continuing the implementation of the Action Plan and with reporting on it to the Executive Council, including information on assistance that may be provided in areas that could have an impact of tourism by other agencies as well as different countries within a bilateral framework.
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A/RES/503(XVI)

**WTO's initiatives in the field of sustainable tourism and poverty alleviation,
including ST-EP**

Agenda item 17
(documents A/16/17, A/16/17 Corr. and A/16/17 Annexe 1 Proj.2)

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the renewed efforts being made by the international community in order to ensure the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and especially the one relating to poverty alleviation,

Recalling its resolution A/RES/47(XV), which agreed to the continuation of actions aimed at establishing a ST-EP Foundation and entrusted the Secretary-General with the task of taking the necessary measures to secure funding and implement the ST-EP Programme,

Aware of the Declaration "Harnessing Tourism for the Millennium Development Goals", adopted in New York in September 2005, within the framework of the UN General Assembly, calling for further support to the WTO-led Sustainable Tourism – Eliminating Poverty (ST-EP) programme,

Appreciating the numerous expressions of support given to the ST-EP concept by a number of international organizations, and in particular by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the UNDP Administrator,

Having considered the progress report on ST-EP submitted by the Secretary-General, and in particular the progress made in identifying potential ST-EP projects in a number of countries thanks to the Technical Assistance Trust Fund, and the agreement signed on 24 September 2004 with the government of the Republic of Korea for the establishment in Seoul of a Foundation the aim of which would be to contribute to achievement of the ST-EP Programme,

Having considered as well the revised draft Constitution of the proposed ST-EP Foundation, submitted by the Working Group established by the Executive Council at its session in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, in December 2004, and composed of Brazil, Italy, Indonesia, Jordan, the Republic of Korea and Nigeria, representing each WTO Regional Commission to study the creation of this Foundation,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved in the field of Poverty Alleviation through Sustainable Tourism, including:

- (a) the technical publications on poverty alleviation through sustainable tourism and the role that microfinance can play in this respect;
 - (b) the capacity-building seminars undertaken in Africa, Latin America and Asia; and
 - (c) the ST-EP project identification missions undertaken by the Secretariat;
2. Thanks the Government of the Republic of Korea for its generous donation of US\$ 5 million for the ST-EP Foundation's initial patrimony and other valuable support for the Foundation set-up and interim operation in 2005;
3. Thanks the Netherlands Development Organization for the financial, technical and logistic support provided to the ST-EP concept through the Technical Assistance Trust Fund that has permitted to conduct technical assistance missions and identify potential ST-EP projects in a number of countries;
4. Approves the establishment of the ST-EP Foundation in Seoul, Republic of Korea, as well as the text of the Constitution of the ST-EP Foundation as adopted by the Working Group constituted by the Executive Council;
5. Takes note with satisfaction that the ST-EP Foundation is and will continue to be fully placed under the aegis of the World Tourism Organization and that its activity is to be closely coordinated with that of the Secretariat;
6. Reaffirms that the activities undertaken in the framework of the ST-EP Foundation:
 - (a) must have as their fundamental objective to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations;
 - (b) must be integrated as much as possible in the framework of the overall commitment of the United Nations System in favour of poverty alleviation; and
 - (c) are addressed, as a first priority, to the sustainable and full utilization of the tourism potential of least developed countries, but that they can also be applied to poor regions of other developing countries;
7. Requests the Board of Directors to propose to the first session of the WTO Executive Council in 2006 a complement to the Foundation's Constitution in order to:

- (a) further clarify the relationship between the World Tourism Organization and the Foundation, especially in what refers to the status of its President as being independent from WTO and from the Government of the Republic of Korea, and preferably non-salaried;
 - (b) ensure that the Foundation submits regular and truly informative reports to the WTO General Assembly and to all ordinary sessions of the Executive Council;
 - (c) ensure objectivity in the criteria used by the Foundation in the allocation of its funds;
 8. Invites the Government of the Republic of Korea to propose to the Secretary-General a candidate for the position of Director General of the Foundation, whose appointment will have to be approved by the Executive Council;
 9. Entrusts the Director General of the Foundation, in consultation with the Director of Administration of WTO, with the task of proposing to its Board of Directors a set of working rules for the allocation of the Foundation's funds and other management functions;
 10. Calls upon the member countries and appeals to the Secretary-General to propose high-level personalities to be invited to serve as Governors of the Foundation; and
 11. Urges bilateral and multilateral development assistance agencies, private companies and institutions as well as governments to support the ST-EP Foundation by contributing with financial resources or by other means, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard.
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A/RES/504(XVI)

Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2006-2009 on the recommendation of the Executive Council

Agenda item 18
(documents A/16/18)

The General Assembly,

Having before it Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and Rules 38(e), 43 and 53 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having noted the recommendation put forward by the Executive Council in its decision 14(LXXV),

Having carried out a vote by secret ballot in accordance with the rules in force,

Noting that the balloting gave 85 out of the 104 votes cast by the Members present and voting to the candidate recommended by the Executive Council,

Noting further that the outcome of the vote gave him a majority greater than the required two-thirds of the votes cast,

1. Appoints Mr. Francesco Frangialli (France) to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2006-2009;

Having been informed of the retirement of Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Dawid de Villiers, effective 31 December 2005,

2. Wishes to pay him special tribute in view of the outstanding contribution he has made to the Organization during his two successive terms of office, especially in areas such as sustainable tourism development, ethics, the relationship between sports and tourism, and tourism's contribution to poverty alleviation;
3. Expresses the wish that Mr. de Villiers, considering his experience, can continue to be associated with certain initiatives and activities of the WTO or in the bodies established by it; and
4. Takes note of the newly appointed Secretary-General's intention to call on Mr. Taleb Rifai (Jordan) as Deputy Secretary-General for the period 2006-2009 after obtaining the requisite approval of the Executive Council regarding this appointment.

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Approval of agreements concluded by the Organization

Agenda item 19
(documents A/16/19 and A/16/19 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

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

1. Takes note of the entry into force on 23 December of the Agreement between the United Nations and the WTO converting it into a specialized agency;

2. Decides to approve the following agreements:

- (a) Administrative Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Secretariat of State for Trade and Tourism of the Spanish Ministry of Economy for the support of the Permanent Secretariat of the Affiliate Members at WTO Headquarters in 2004 and 2005;
- (b) Ratification by the Co-Princes of Andorra of the Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Principality of Andorra relative to the legal status of the World Tourism Organization office specializing in human resources development;
- (c) Agreement between Uzbekistan and the World Tourism Organization on the establishment of a technical office in Samarkand within the framework of the Silk Road project;
- (d) Framework cooperation agreement between Peru and the World Tourism Organization;
- (e) Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Republic of Korea on the establishment of the headquarters of the ST-EP Foundation in Seoul and its financing;
- (f) Cooperation agreement, between the World Tourism Organization and Colombia for the promotion and development of tourism, particularly cultural tourism;
- (g) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- (h) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Inter-American Development Bank;
- (i) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the South Pacific Tourism Organisation;
- (j) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI);
- (k) Agreement between the European Travel Commission and the World Tourism Organization;
- (l) Cooperation agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the International Hotel and Restaurant Association (IH&RA);
- (m) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and "Routes";

- (n) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the George Washington University;
 - (o) Working agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Travel Industry Association of America (TIA);
 - (p) Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Netherlands Development Organization (SNV); and
 - (q) Sponsorship agreement between Visa International and the World Tourism Organization.
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A/RES/506(XVI)

Activities of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 20
(documents A/16/20 and A/16/20 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

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

Having before it the outcome of the first survey on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, carried out between 2004 and 2005 among WTO Members,

Aware of the Rules of Procedures approved by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics,

Having examined the *Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism*, adopted by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, as well as its complementing document entitled *Guidelines for the Consideration of Disputes*,

Having considered the document entitled *The Responsible Tourist and Traveller*, proposed by the Secretariat as a practical guide for the travelling community,

1. Notes with satisfaction the important progress achieved by the Committee under the effective guidance of its elected Chairman, Mr. Diego Cordovez, and commends the Committee for the issues identified as requiring priority attention in its programme of work;
2. Reiterates its invitation to Member States, as appropriate, to introduce the Global Code of Ethics to its national legislations and relevant laws, regulations and professional practices, and, in this regard, expresses its appreciation to those Member States that had already done so;

3. Calls upon Member States, Affiliate Members and other stakeholders to pursue and consolidate the implementation of the Code of Ethics, and to inform about it periodically the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, so as to enable it to report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on a regular basis;
 4. Requests the Secretary General to undertake the necessary measures to provide the Committee with the institutional and administrative support for the complete and successful accomplishment of its work;
 5. Takes note of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Committee;
 6. Acknowledges with satisfaction the efforts and work undertaken by the Chairman and the Members of the Committee in developing a broadly acceptable mechanism for the settlement of disputes (Part II of the Protocol of Implementation of the Code), and endorses the *Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, as well as the Guidelines for the Consideration of Disputes*;
 7. Welcomes the initiative of the Secretariat of widely disseminating the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism among the travelling public by issuing a set of user-friendly guidelines based on the principles of the Code related to the responsible planning and practice of a trip, and recommends that the practical guide entitled *The Responsible Tourist and Traveller* be broadly disseminated by the Organization, in cooperation with its Full, Associate and Affiliate Members;
 8. Expresses its gratitude to the Italian Government for its offer to host the permanent headquarters of the World Committee of Tourism Ethics in Rome, and approves the principle of the agreement to be concluded between the Secretary-General and the Italian authorities on this matter; and
 9. Thanks the Governments of Italy and Tunisia for having hosted the first and third meetings of the Committee, in Rome (February 2004) and Tunis (May 2005), respectively, as well as the Indian Government and the Indian representative of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, Capt. Krishnan Nair, for the invitation to hold the fourth meeting of the Committee in Bangalore in 2006.
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A/RES/507(XVI)

**World Tourism Day:
information on the activities of 2004 and 2005,
adoption of themes and designation of the host countries
for 2006 and 2007**

Agenda item 21
(documents A/16/21)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005 and on the candidatures submitted by various States to host World Tourism Day in 2006 and 2007,

Having considered with interest the proposals formulated by the Executive Council in the light of the themes suggested by the Members for 2006 and 2007,

1. Conveys its deep gratitude to the Governments of Malaysia and Qatar for having organized impressive programmes on the occasion of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005 respectively, in their capacity as the host country of these events.

2. Decides to select the following themes for the next two editions of World Tourism Day:

2006 Tourism enriches

2007 Tourism opens doors for women

Recalling its resolution 470(XV), whereby it adopted the principle of geographic rotation for the celebration of World Tourism Day up to 2009,

3. Decides to adopt the following geographical order to be observed beginning in 2006 for the celebration of World Tourism Day: 2006 in Europe; 2007 in South Asia; 2008 in the Americas, and 2009 in Africa; and

4. Designates Portugal and Sri Lanka to host the 2006 and 2007 editions respectively.

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A/RES/508(XVI)

Recommendations on travel advisories

Agenda item 22
(documents A/16/22 and A/16/22 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of travel advisories for tourism-generating and tourism-receiving countries alike,

1. Wishes that the subject of travel advisories should continue to form part of the programme of work of the WTO;
1. Adopts the attached guidelines on travel advisories;
2. Entrusts the Secretary-General with disseminating them to countries, the media, and the other interested parties; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a handbook on best practices in the area of travel advisories, which could serve as a reference document for the member countries.

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GUIDELINES ON TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Preparation, language and publication

1. A wide variety of relevant governmental and non-governmental sources should be used, whenever possible and appropriate, in gathering information for preparing advisories.
2. Travel advisories should be accurate, relevant and appropriate, avoid ambiguous language as well as bias and political considerations.
3. Information contained in travel advisories should be published on a central, easy-to-use and widely known website so that the various branches of government involved coordinate their message. Travel advisories should be regularly updated, preferably within a period of three months.
4. Travelers should be encouraged to consult, prior to departure, all sources of information, both governmental and non-governmental.

Announcements concerning travel threats and risks

5. Public announcements of travel threats and risks that are contained in advisories should, whenever possible, be specific about the geographical location of the problems and include maps and indications of distance.
6. Travel advisories should be specific about the nature of the threat or risk and they should be developed through a robust and considered process. The following are examples of categories of threats and risks that may be addressed:
 - Political (due to political process)
 - Social (crime, delinquency)
 - Related to terrorism
 - Environmental (natural disasters)
 - Industrial (such as chemical or nuclear hazards)
 - Related to health (communicable disease status and emergencies, such as epidemics)
 - Related to transportation systems
7. Prudence and restraint should be used in evaluating the threat and in the language used. Threats and risks should be communicated in an accurate and consistent manner by characterizing, as far as possible, the scale, probability or imminence of the problem or event.
8. Public announcements of threats and risks in advisories should be under constant review and in each case should specify the date of their publication.

Cooperation with affected countries

9. Affected countries should provide timely and accurate advice about changes of circumstances to the issuing countries through the established communication channels. It is, however, understood that it is up to the country issuing the travel advisory to make its own assessment affecting the safety and security of its citizens.
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Election of Council Members

Agenda item 23

(documents A/16/23, A/16/23 Corr., A/16/23 Add.1 and A/16/23 Add.2 Rev.1)

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,

Having received the proposals of its Regional Commissions,

1. Declares the following Full Members elected as Members of the Executive Council for the period 2005-2007 or 2005-2009, for the 15 seats to be filled:

Algeria (2005-2007)	Guinea (2005-2007)
Argentina (2005-2009)	Hungary (2005-2009)
Benin (2007-2009)	India (2005-2009)
Cameroon (2007-2009)	Iran (2005-2009)
Costa Rica (2005-2009)	Kenya (2005-2007)
Dominican Republic (2007-2009)	Lebanon (2005-2007)
Ecuador (2005-2007)	Mozambique (2007-2009)
Egypt (2007-2009)	Portugal (2005-2009)
Erythrea (2007-2009)	Qatar (2005-2007)
Ethiopia (2005-2007)	San Marino (2005-2009)
Germany (2005-2009)	

2. Notes that Macao will represent the Associate Members on the Council in 2006 and Madeira in 2007; and
 3. Further notes that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Council by their Chairman (Cendant Vacation Network Group (CVNG) (RCI)), in the person of Mr. Carlos Vogeler, until 2007.
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A/RES/510(XVI)

Election of the Auditors for the period 2006-2007

Agenda item 24
(document A/16/24)

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,

Expressing its appreciation of the competent work of the Auditors elected for the current biennium, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma and Mr. Onkar Nath (India) and Mr. Fernando Casas Guillén (Spain),

1. Thanks them for their contribution; and
2. Renews the term of office of India and Spain as Auditors of the Organization for the biennium 2006-2007.

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Amendments to the Statutes

(a) Amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Statutes

Agenda item 25(a)
(documents A/16/25(a) and A/16/25(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the proposal of the Working Group on the amendment of the Statutes, which the Executive Council, decided to propose to the Assembly in accordance with its decision 10(LXXIV),

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the consequences of the amendments envisaged on the regulatory texts in force,

Having taken cognizance of a supplementary draft amendment to Article 6 of the Statutes, which reaffirms the Organization's constant position regarding the admission of Affiliate and Associate Members that depend on territories whose legal status is the subject of disputes before the United Nations,

1. Thanks the Working Group for its contribution;
2. Adopts the amendments to Articles 1, 4 to 7, 9 and 14 of the Statutes and to the last paragraph of the Financing Rules, whose text appears in the annex to the present resolution;
3. Recalls that these amendments will take effect on the date when their ratification occurs in accordance with Article 33 of the Statutes;
4. Approves the modifications to be introduced in its own Rules of Procedure stemming from the amendments, with the understanding that such modifications will only come into force on the date of entry into force of the aforementioned amendments; and
5. Decides to establish, without waiting for the pending ratification, under the designation of "Destination Council", the board provided for in the revised Article 7 of the Statutes, calling upon the Associate Members and the Affiliate Members corresponding to the definition given in Article 7, paragraph 2(i) of the amended Statutes to sit on such council, and to allow Full Members that so desire to participate in the work of this council.

ANNEX

Article 1

The World Tourism Organization, hereinafter referred to as "the Organization", is hereby established as an international organization of intergovernmental character. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Article 4

Membership of the Organization shall be open to:

- (a) Full Members
- (b) Associate Members

Article 5

1. Full membership of the Organization shall be open to all sovereign States that are members of the United Nations.

2. Such States may become Full Members of the Organization if their candidatures are approved by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization.
3. States that have withdrawn from the Organization in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 shall have the right to become Full Members of the Organization again, without requirement of vote, on formally declaring that they adopt the Statutes of the Organization and accept the obligations of membership.

Article 6

1. Territories already holding associate membership on 24 October 2003 shall maintain the status, rights and obligations belonging to them as at such date. The list of such territories is annexed to these Statutes.
2. Members enjoying the status of Affiliates, up to at the date of entry into force of the Amendments to the present Statutes adopted on 29 November 2005 shall become as of right Associate Members at that date.
3. Associate membership of the Organization shall be open to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, tourism bodies without political competence subordinate to territorial entities, professional and labour organizations, academic, educational, vocation training and research institutions and to commercial enterprises and associations whose activities are related to the aims of the Organization or fall within its competence. The participation of Associate Members in the work of the Organization shall be of a technical nature, with decisions and votes being the exclusive prerogative of the Full Member.
4. Such entities may become Associate Members of the Organization provided that their requests for membership are presented in writing to the Secretary-General and that the candidature is approved by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization. Except in the cases of international organizations, the candidatures of the entities mentioned in paragraph 3 above shall be introduced by the United Nations member State on whose territory their headquarters is located.
5. The General Assembly shall abstain from considering the candidature of such entities if their headquarters is located in a territory that is the subject of a dispute, of sovereignty or other, before the United Nations, or if their activity is related to such a territory, unless no Full Member objects to the introduction of the candidature of said entity or to its admission to the Organization.

Article 7

1. A Committee of Associate Members shall be constituted which shall establish its own rules and submit them to the Assembly for approval by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization. The Committee may be represented at meetings of the Organization's organs.
2. The Committee of Associate Members shall be composed of three boards:
 - (i) a board of destinations, composed of the tourism bodies, without political competence subordinate to territorial entities;
 - (ii) an education board composed of academic, educational, vocational training and research institutions; and
 - (iii) a professional board composed of all the other Associate Members.

Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may participate in whichever board or boards correspond to their competences.

General Assembly**Article 9**

1. The Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization and shall be composed of delegates representing Full Members.
2. At each session of the Assembly each Full Member shall be represented by not more than five delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the Member as Chief Delegate.
3. Associate Members as of 24 October 2003, the list of which is annexed to the present Statutes, shall be represented by not more than five delegates, one of whom shall be designated as Chief Delegate. These delegates may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Assembly. They shall have the right to speak but may not participate in decision-making.
4. The Committee of Associate Members may designate three spokespersons, one representing the board of destinations, one representing the professional board and the other representing the education board, who shall participate in the work of the Assembly, without the right to vote. Each Associate Member may designate one observer, who may attend the deliberations of the Assembly.

Executive Council

Article 14

1. The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving a fair and equitable geographical distribution.
2. Associate Members as of 24 October 2003 may have a spokesperson who may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Council. Such spokesperson may not participate in decision-making.
3. The three spokespersons of the Committee of Associate Members may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Council. Such spokespersons may not participate in decision-making.

Last paragraph of the Financing Rules

In calculating the assessments of Associate Members, account shall be taken of the different bases of their membership and the limited rights they enjoy within the Organization.

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Amendments to the Statutes

(a) Amendments to Article 22 of the Statutes proposed by Spain

Agenda item 25(b)
(document A/16/25(b))

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Secretary-General's document relative to the draft amendment proposed by Spain, as well as the note by the Legal Adviser on the substance of the draft amendment,

Having taken note of the position of the Executive Council on this subject,

Aware that this amendment will only enter into force on the date of its ratification,

1. Adopts the amendment whose text appears in the present resolution;
2. Decides that pending the coming into force of this amendment, the term of office of the Secretary-General shall be renewable only once;

3. Specifies that whatever period during which a future Secretary-General may have served as interim Secretary-General prior to his appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes, shall not be taken into account in the application of the provisions of paragraph 3 above; and
 4. Requests the Executive Council to study in depth the matter of the procedure for the appointment of the Deputy Secretary-General, decides to include an item concerning this matter at its seventeenth session, and invites the Full Members that so desire to transmit their suggestions and comments on this point within a period of three months.
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ANNEX

Article 22

The Secretary-General shall be appointed by a two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting in the Assembly, on the recommendation of the Council, for a term of four years. His appointment shall be renewable only once.

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Place and dates of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 26
(documents A/16/26)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to Article 20 of the Statutes and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure, as well as resolution 351(XI) adopted at its eleventh session,

Having considered the offers submitted by the Governments of Colombia and Malaysia,

1. Thanks these two Governments warmly for their invitations;
2. Notes that both invitations are in accordance with the terms of resolution 351(XI) relative to the procedure for choosing the place of the General Assembly;

Having carried out a vote by secret ballot,

3. Decides to hold its seventeenth session in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in 2007 on the dates to be agreed upon with the Government of that country; and
 4. Reaffirms the importance of the principle of a geographical rotation in the choice of countries to host General Assembly sessions in the future.
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Vote of thanks to the host country

The General Assembly,

Noting with particular satisfaction the successful conclusion of its proceedings, made possible by the excellent working conditions provided to the Organization by the Government of Senegal,

1. Expresses satisfaction over the fact that it has been able to meet for the first time in Africa;
 2. Expresses its keen appreciation to the Government and people of Senegal for the warm welcome they extended to its seventeenth session;
 3. Conveys its profound gratitude to H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, who honoured the opening ceremony of its sixteenth session with his presence;
 4. Welcomes the opportunity given to the delegations to discover the host country's wealth of traditions; and
 5. Conveys its sincerest congratulations to H.E. Mr. Ousmane Masseck Ndiaye, Minister of Tourism and Air Transport, for the outstanding efficiency with which he presided over the work of its sixteenth session, and contributed to its success.
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