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**Nominations of candidates to represent the region
on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs**

1. The following information is based on the membership of the Organization as of the date of this document. An update of this information will be submitted to the Members at the meetings of their Regional Commissions, to be held in Gyeongju on 8 and 9 October 2011 on the occasion of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Nomination of the Officers of the General Assembly during its nineteenth session**

2. For the conduct of its business and in accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly is called upon to elect its President and Vice-Presidents "on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, making allowance for the region represented by the President".

3. The Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly should therefore represent the UNWTO regions as follows: two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe, one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East.

4. It is pointed out that, to elect its Vice-Presidents, the Assembly must make allowance for the region represented by the President in accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure. If the Assembly follows the tradition of nominating as President the head of delegation of the host country, there would be no post of Vice-President for the region of East Asia and the Pacific.

5. Bearing this in mind, the Regional Commissions are required to nominate candidates to represent their regions as Vice-Presidents of the nineteenth session of the Assembly.

6. The Officers of the previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex I to this document.

II. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Credentials Committee: appointment of Members

7. Rule 13(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure provides for the appointment by the Assembly, on the proposal of its President, of a Credentials Committee composed of nine delegates chosen from among the Full Members.

8. The Regional Commissions are called upon to suggest to the President of the General Assembly the same number of representatives for the Credentials Committee as they have Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (including one for East Asia and the Pacific). The nine Members of the Committee thus nominated will then elect from among themselves a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman in accordance with rule 13(2) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

9. To assist the Regional Commissions in their deliberations, the offices held by Members at previous sessions of the General Assembly are listed in Annex II.

B. Regional Commissions: election of Officers

10. In accordance with rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, as they apply mutatis mutandis to the Regional Commissions, and consistent with the practice followed so far, each Regional Commission should elect one Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen from among its Members for a term of two years, commencing from the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

11. A list of the Officers of the Regional Commissions since 1976 is given in Annex III.

12. The Regional Commissions are called upon to elect their respective Chairman and Vice-Chairmen accordingly.

C. World Committee on Tourism Ethics

13. In the first place, it is important to note that a proposal for the reform of the WCTE is submitted to this session of the General Assembly. In the event of its approval, this reform would enter into force from the twentieth session of the General Assembly. It is then proposed by the Secretary-General that no electoral commitments be made after 2013.

14. In the meantime, in keeping with the amendment to resolution 438(XIV) of 2001, adopted by the UNWTO General Assembly in 2009, the staggered renewal of the Committee began with the election process of Committee members throughout the spring of 2011. The amendment in resolution 577(XVIII) elaborated on the election of Committee members as follows: "The members of the Committee and their alternates are re-elected by half every two years. During the session of the General Assembly in 2011, a total of eleven of the current members of the Committee will have their mandate extended for two more years; while the other eleven members or alternates will be elected for a full mandate....".

15. The members of the WCTE who are proposed to be extended until 2013, by regions, are the following:

Africa	Member:	Mr. Goodie Minabo Ibru (Nigeria)
Americas	Member:	Mr. Hermes Navarro del Valle (Costa Rica)
East Asia and the Pacific	Member:	Mr. I Gede Ardika (Indonesia)
Europe	Member:	Mr. Helmut Krüger (Germany)*

Middle East	Member:	Mr. Mahmoud El-Kaissouni (Egypt)
South Asia	Member:	Mr. Iqbal Walji (Pakistan)

* Please take into consideration that the extension of Mr. Helmut Krüger was not confirmed by Germany as sponsoring country, and consequently, in case of non-confirmation before the meeting of the Regional Commission for Europe, a new member should be elected until 2013 by the Commission.

16. In the wake of elections held during the most recent meetings of the Regional Commissions for **Europe** and for the **Americas**, Ms. Caterina Cittadino from Italy, and Mr. Antonio Torrejón from Argentina were elected as alternates, respectively, by the two Commissions.

17. The Regional Commissions for **Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific and South Asia** are required to nominate the candidates to be alternate of the members of the **World Committee on Tourism Ethics** for the period between the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the General Assembly.

18. The current membership of the Committee is indicated in Annex IV of this document.

III. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

19. The General Assembly is required to elect, at each of its sessions, one-half of the membership of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes of the Organization, which reads as follows¹:

"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 fair and equitable geographical distribution."

20. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

"The term of elected Members shall be four years (...). Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years."

21. This provision is enlarged upon in rule 55(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, paragraph 4 of which reads:

"The term of office of the Members of the Council shall begin immediately following their election by the Assembly and shall end on the election of their successors."

22. Article 14(1) of the Statutes provides that the total number of the Organization's Full Members determines the number of seats on the Council. In order to achieve, so far as possible, fair and equitable geographical representation, the number of seats per region is calculated on the basis of one seat for every five Members out of the total number of Members in each region.

23. At the date of this document, the total number of Full Members of the Organization is 154. Should the General Assembly approve Liberia's candidature to full membership, the total number would therefore come to 155 member States (see Annex V). Consequently, and in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes, the Council will be composed of thirty one Members (not as today when it is thirty), in addition to Spain as a permanent Member, during the period between the nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the General Assembly.

¹ The same provision is repeated in rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

24. The Members are reminded that at the last session of the General Assembly, the Commission for the Americas decided to split the term of office for one of its seats between Costa Rica (first half of the mandate) and Jamaica (second half of the mandate). In view of the shortcomings inherent in this complicated arrangement, the Secretary-General feels it is necessary to be more scrupulous in observing Article 15 of the Statutes, which provides for terms of office of four years, and to avoid the sharing of terms to the extent possible.

25. The current membership of the Executive Council is indicated in Annex VI (including Jamaica which will replace Costa Rica until 2013)

26. Annex VII provides a graphical representation of terms of office, broken down by region, since the creation of the UNWTO.

27. The table in Annex VIII illustrates the situation, subject to the submission of other possible candidatures for membership, or the possible renunciation of a candidate. Needless to say, the data given would have to be changed to reflect such modifications.

28. Column 5 of Annex VIII shows that the terms of office of fifteen Members expire at the nineteenth session of the General Assembly. Column 6 shows that thirteen Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, as follows:

Africa	5 seats
Americas	1 seats
East Asia and the Pacific	3 seats
Europe	3 seats
Middle East	1 seat
South Asia	no seat
TOTAL	<hr/> 13 seats

29. Column 7 shows that to represent the 20 remaining Full Members, four more Members should be elected to the Council. Consequently, it is necessary to vote in the General Assembly for the allocation from among all the regions of the seats corresponding to the surplus Members (so-called "floating" seats).

30. None of the four remaining seats to be allocated by the General Assembly in order to reach the total of 30 seats corresponds to an exact multiple of 5 Members from any of the six regions of the Organization; rather, the seats result from the sum of the surplus Members from the different regions, as follows:

Africa	4 Members
Americas	3 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	3 Members
Europe	4 Members
Middle East	2 Members
South Asia	4 Members
TOTAL	<hr/> 20 Members

31. This total gives rise to the right to assign four so-called "floating" seats, as shown in the table in Annex VIII. However, one "floating" seat corresponding to the region of South Asia is occupied until 2013, which means that three "floating" seats remain to be distributed at the nineteenth General Assembly.

32. On various occasions in the past, it has been possible to reach prior consensus on the assignation of the seats of the different regions and those corresponding to the surplus Members, based on proposals put forward by the Regional Commissions. To this end, it would be advisable to see if the three so-called "floating" seats should be allocated to the regions having the most surplus Members. In this case, the regions of Africa, Europe and South Asia (one floating seat already allocated until 2013) have 4, and the regions of the Americas and East Asia and the Pacific have 3 surplus Members remaining after the initial distribution.

33. At the time of preparation of this document, the following States had communicated to the Secretariat, on the date appearing between brackets, their intention of presenting their candidatures for membership of the Council for the period 2013-2015:

AFRICA (5 seats to be filled)*

Gambia (31 May 2011)
 Mauritania (28 April 2011)
 Mozambique (15 June 2011)
 Sudan (29 June 2011) (under the provision of Article 34 and paragraph 13)
 Nigeria (25 July 2011)
 United Republic of Tanzania (8 June 2011)

AMERICAS (1 seats to be filled)*

Mexico (30 March 2011)
 Brazil (6 July 2011)

EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (3 seats to be filled)*

China (21 March 2011)
 Indonesia (9 March 2011)
 Republic of Korea (7 March 2011)

EUROPE (3 seats to be filled)*

France (24 February 2011) (re-election)
 Italy (22 February 2011) (re-election)
 Kazakhstan (26 January 2011) (re-election)
 Russian Federation (10 February 2011) (re-election)
 Uzbekistan (1 February 2011)

MIDDLE EAST (1 seat to be filled)*

Iraq (15 March 2011) (re-election)
 Saudi Arabia (28 February 2011)

SOUTH ASIA (no seat)*

34. Any other candidatures reaching the Secretariat before the date of the Assembly will be announced in an addendum to this document.

35. It should be recalled that Executive Council decisions 4(XXXIII) and 4(XXXIV) recommend that "...only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council".

36. The Regional Commissions are called upon to recommend to the Assembly, on the basis of the regional distribution of new Council seats shown in paragraph 31 of this document the sixteen (including floating seats) Council Members to be elected for the period 2011-2013.

37. Associate Members are, for their part, required to nominate a representative to the Executive Council.

38. The Committee of Affiliate Members is required to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council. This function is traditionally shouldered by the Chairman of the Committee.

IV. SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: ELECTION OF MEMBERS

39. The indications for the new Programme and Budget Committee follow the lines of its Rules of Procedure as approved by the Executive Council in its decision 5(LXXXIX), adopted during its 89th session (24-26 October 2010, Kish Island, Islamic Republic of Iran). The specific guidelines submitted to the last session of the Executive Council (Mombasa, Kenya, 19-21 June 2011) in document CE/90/6(b) are included under the title of each technical committee for ease of reference.

A. Programme and Budget Committee

40. In accordance with decision 5(LXXXIX) taken by the Council at its 89th session (24-26 October 2010, Kish Island, Islamic Republic of Iran), it has been decided that the newly formed Programme and Budget Committee will be composed of:

- 2 full members by region, as follows:
 - 6 members of the Executive Council, one by region, each designated by the Council itself;
 - 6 members, one by region, designated by their respective regional commission;
- The representative of the Associate Members in the Executive Council;
- The representative of the Affiliate Members in the Executive Council.

According to the same decision, "Members of the PBC representing their countries shall be named by the Council in their personal capacity".

41. These regulations will enter into force once approved by the 19th Session of the General Assembly. As a transitional measure, PC and CBF Members are proposed to be maintained in their function until the Members of the new Committee are designated by both the Executive Council and the Regional Commissions (at the forthcoming 2012 session of the Commissions).

42. The past and present memberships of the CBF and PC are indicated in Annexes IX and X to this document.

B. Sustainable Development of Tourism Committee (SDTC)

43. The Committee is composed of nine Members, appointed on the recommendation of the Regional Commissions. The Committee shall elect from among its Members its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen.

44. The term of office of the Members of this Committee for the period 2007-2011 will expire at the ninety-second session of the Council, which will be held on conclusion of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

45. The Regional Commissions are required to nominate their candidates for the Sustainable Development of Tourism Committee for the period between the nineteenth and twenty-first sessions of the General Assembly, in accordance with the following distribution:

Africa	2 Members
Americas	2 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	1 Member
Europe	2 Members
Middle East	1 Member
South Asia	1 Member

46. The Affiliate Members are required to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee.

47. **Specific Guidelines:** An online network of persons nominated by Member States on the basis of their expertise in SDT issues can be constituted. It will be informed and consulted on an ad-hoc basis regarding specific outputs undertaken by the SDT Programme.

Through Regional Commissions and Programme and Budget Committee (PBC)² sessions, as well as with the interaction of the Secretariat, Members will contribute to the definition of the Organization's work in SDT matters.

48. The past and the present composition of this Committee is indicated in Annex XI to this document.

C. Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account

49. The World Conference on the Measurement of the Economic Impact of Tourism (Nice, June 1999) set up this Committee which is composed of nine Members designated by the Regional Commissions, in addition of its chairman and four ex-officio Members.

50. The term of office of these Members expires in 2011 on conclusion of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly.

51. The Regional Commissions are required to nominate their candidates for the Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account Committee for the period between the nineteenth and twenty-first sessions of the General Assembly, according to the following distribution for the Member States:

Africa	2 Members
Americas	2 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	1 Member
Europe	2 Members
Middle East	1 Member
South Asia	1 Member

52. Moreover, France, Canada and Brazil, as Host States of World Conferences on Statistics, and Spain, which chaired the Steering Committee of the Ottawa Conference, serve on this Committee as ex officio Members.

² Once its constitution is approved by the nineteenth General Assembly

53. Once formed, the Committee will have to elect its Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen from among its Members.

54. A representative of the Associate Members and four representatives nominated by the Affiliate Members will also serve on the Committee.

55. As also set up by the Conference, the Committee will also include one category of observers, whose total number would not exceed that of eight Members. These will consist, on the one hand, of representatives of international institutions, bodies and other entities who participated in the Conference and, on the other, of non-member States. For the first category of observers, these institutions (such as EUROSTAT, OECD and WTTC) will be invited by the Secretary-General to participate in the Committee meetings. The second category, non-member States, whose appreciable experience in the subject will make an important contribution to the Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account will be nominated by the Executive Council.

56. **Specific Guidelines:** The Secretary General has agreed³ with the suggestion of some countries for a more explicit institutionalization of the ongoing cooperation regarding UNWTO programme of work in tourism statistics. The establishment of the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) to the UNWTO Statistics and TSA Programme has been accepted.

57. The past and present membership of this Committee is indicated in Annex XII to this document.

58. By letter of 11 September 2011, the Assistant Secretary General of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities submitted the candidature to occupy the seat corresponding to the Middle East on this Committee.

D. Committee on Market and Competitiveness

59. This Committee is the result of the merge, in June 2007, between the former Market Intelligence and Promotion Committee (MIPC) and the Quality Support and Trade Committee (QSTC)⁴.

60. This Committee is composed of nine Member States, appointed on the recommendation of the Regional Commissions and elects from among its Members its Chairman and its Vice-Chairman.

The term of office of these Members will also expire in 2011 on conclusion of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly. The Regional Commissions are thus required to nominate their candidates for the Committee for the four-year period intervening between the nineteenth and twenty-first sessions of the General Assembly, in accordance with the following distribution:

Africa	2 Members
Americas	2 Members
East Asia and the Pacific	1 Member
Europe	2 Members
Middle East	1 Member
South Asia	1 Member

67. The Affiliate Members are required to nominate a representative to serve on the Market and Competitiveness Committee.

³ At the 2010 meeting of the UNWTO Committee on Statistics and TSA

⁴ See decision CE/DEC/11(LXXX) of June 2007

61. **Specific Guidelines:** Ad-hoc consultations on specific outputs could be conducted among Members through electronic means (emails, online survey, forum, etc.).

62. The past membership of the two former Committees is indicated in Annex XIII to this document.

E. Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

63. Pursuant to Executive Council decisions 8(XXV), 5(XXVI), 2(XXVII), 16(XXVIII) and General Assembly resolution 172(VI), and by virtue of Article 19(g) of the Organization's Statutes, a Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership was established within the framework of the Executive Council. This Committee is composed of six Members of the Council, appointed biennially on a regional basis by the Council itself. The Committee elects its own Chair and authorizes the Chair of the Committee of Affiliate Members to participate in its business without the right to vote.

64. The past and present membership of the Committee is indicated in Annex XIV. Since the two-year term of office of the present Members of the Committee expires at the nineteenth session of the General Assembly, the Executive Council, at its ninety-second session (Gyeongju, 14 October 2011) will appoint, from among its number, the six new Members of the Committee for the period 2011-2013.

65. When formulating their recommendations, Members should take into account the fact that this Committee always meets during Council sessions and that it is therefore essential to propose Members currently serving or required to serve on the Council.

66. In accordance with the established practice for the election of the Members of the other subsidiary organs of the Executive Council, the Regional Commissions are each called upon to recommend a representative to the Council for appointment to the Committee for the Review of applications for affiliate membership for the period 2011-2013.

V. DESIGNATION OF THE HOST COUNTRIES FOR WORLD TOURISM DAY 2012 AND 2013

67. By resolution 470(XV), the General Assembly designated Malaysia and Qatar as host countries of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005. By the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the Executive Council and decided that the following geographic order would apply to World Tourism Day celebrations beginning in 2006: 2006 in Europe; 2007 in South Asia; 2008 in the Americas; and 2009 in Africa.

68. Noting that previous World Tourism Day celebrations were awarded to:

- WTD 2006: Portugal (Europe)
- WTD 2007: Sri Lanka (South Asia)
- WTD 2008: Peru (Americas)
- WTD 2009: Ghana (Africa)
- WTD 2010: China (East Asia and the Pacific)
- WTD 2011: Yemen (Middle East),

and following the geographic order as decided by the General Assembly, World Tourism Day 2012 would be celebrated in Europe and World Tourism Day 2013 in South Asia.

69. In this regard, the Executive Council in its 90th session (CE/DEC/17(XC)) called upon the Regional Commission for Europe and the Regional Commission for South Asia to submit to its 91st session a proposal for recommendation to the 19th session of the General Assembly on the host

countries for World Tourism Day 2012 and 2013. The Regional Commission for Europe and the Regional Commission for South Asia are thus required to nominate their candidates for hosting the World Tourism Day in 2012 and 2013 respectively.