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Election of the Programme and Budget Committee members

I. Background information

1. At the 19th General Assembly (Republic of Korea), the following resolution¹ was adopted regarding the merging of the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF):

The General Assembly, (...)

- Approves the merger of the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) into a single Committee: the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC);
- As a transitory measure, maintains current PC and CBF Members in their function until all PBC Members are designated;
- Entrusts the Secretary-General to carry out the implementation of this merger, taking into consideration the particular suggestions expressed by the General Assembly; (...)

2. In this context, this document is a complement of the document A/19/11 ann.1: *Report on the progress of the reform of the Organization (White Paper), Annex 1: Merging of the Programme Committee (PC) and the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF)*, approved by the 19th General Assembly. It sets operational rules for running the elections of PBC Members both during Regional Commission (RC) meetings and Executive Council (EC) sessions.

II. PBC Members elected during Regional Commission meetings

3. The term of PBC Members elected during Regional Commission meetings shall be four years, starting and ending at a General Assembly. The first committee members will therefore be appointed until the 2015 GA. It should be noted that if a PBC member elected by a Regional Commission were to become a member of the Executive Council, its term on the PBC would automatically come to an end, with the Regional Commission electing a replacement for the remaining part of the term.

¹ A/RES/602(XIX)



III. PBC Members elected during Executive Council sessions

4. The term of PBC Members elected during Executive Council sessions shall be four years, starting and ending at a General Assembly. The first committee members will be appointed until the 2015 GA; however, their PBC term ends when their EC term ends.

IV. PBC Members' profile

5. The PBC will deal with technical issues related to the Programme of Work of the Organization as well as with financial considerations. Full, Associate and Affiliate Members composing the PBC are therefore required to designate a representative of high level with most of the following characteristics, if not all:

- a. Good knowledge of the work already carried out by UNWTO
- b. Holistic vision of the tourism sector and of its challenges
- c. Comprehensive knowledge in public accountability

V. Logistical considerations

6. Since eight out of the fourteen PBC Members belong to the EC, it is logical to hold PBC meetings just before EC sessions, at the same venue. Otherwise, these eight members will have to travel four times a year (two EC sessions in host countries and two PBC meetings in Madrid) instead of two.

7. A similar situation already exists with the current CBF during General Assembly sessions: the CBF meets one day before the EC. The report of the CBF Chair to the EC is prepared *in situ* and presented the day after.

8. Having PBC meetings and EC sessions held together has an additional advantage: PBC members elected by Regional Commissions can seize the opportunity to attend EC sessions as observers.

9. The cost of participation at PBC meetings will be on the Members.