I. Introduction

1. Following the affiliation of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) in 1996 and in conformity with Article 6 of the Fund’s Regulations, the Organization established its Staff Pension Committee. This tripartite committee is composed of members and alternate members chosen by the General Assembly from among the Member States, by the Secretary-General and by the officials of the Organization who are participants of the Fund.

2. The first Staff Pension Committee of the Organization was established for the period 1996-1997. On the basis of a decision taken by the Executive Council at its 53rd session, later ratified by the General Assembly at its 12th session (A/RES/363(XII)), the following countries were designated as representatives of the States:

   1. Spain - Member
   2. India - Member
   3. Argentina - Alternate Member
   4. Côte d’Ivoire - Alternate Member

3. At this same session, the General Assembly decided to re-elect these countries for the period 1998-1999 (RES/363(XII)).


5. At its 16th and 17th sessions, the General Assembly took note that Argentina and Spain were ready to continue serving in this Committee and elected them as full members (A/RES/499(XVI and A/RES/520(XVII)) for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, and requested the Secretariat to contact
countries whose names had been put forward as alternates. No candidatures for Alternate Members were received.

6. At its 18th and 19th sessions, the General Assembly, thanked Argentina and Spain for their continued contribution to the Staff Pension Committee and decided to re-elect them (A/RES/568(XVIII)) for the periods 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 (A/RES/568/XVIII and A/RES/597/XIX respectively). As in the previous case, there were no candidates to alternate membership.

II. Candidatures for the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee

7. The current mandate of the staff pension committee expires at the end of 2013. Once again, the General Assembly is invited to deliberate on this issue and to elect the full and alternate members of this Committee for the period 2014-2015.

8. In this regard, any Member State wishing to present its candidature to the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee may do so in writing to the Secretary-General. The deadline for the submission of candidatures will remain open until the corresponding agenda item is discussed at the General Assembly.

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

9. The General Assembly is requested:

(a) To thank Argentina and Spain for their contribution, and

(b) To elect the Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 as follows:
   - Two Members
   - Two Alternate Members