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### Report of the Secretary-General

#### Part II: Administrative and statutory matters

##### (e) Membership status

#### I. Application for membership

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1. On 15 January 2015, Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of **Barbados**, wrote to the Secretary-General to announce her country's formal acceptance of the UNWTO Statutes, with a view to joining the Organization as a Full Member. Barbados is a Member State of the United Nations.
2. In accordance with Article 5(3) of the Statutes, this request will be submitted to the next session of the General Assembly.
3. As the General Assembly, which is empowered to approve candidatures for membership of the Organization, meets every two years and by consequence candidates may have to wait months before being able to take part in certain activities of the Organization, the Executive Council at its seventh session (Madrid, Spain 1977) recommended in decision 4(VII) that candidates whose applications have been notified to the Council receive certain UNWTO services, and be invited to technical meetings and, subject to the agreement of the Members concerned, the meetings of the Regional Commissions. The General Assembly at its third session (Torremolinos, Spain, 1979) established this practice through resolution 53(III).

#### II. Withdrawals

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4. Norway notified the Secretariat and the Spanish Government on 8 October 2014 of its intention to withdraw from the Organization (on the expiry of one year's notice, Article 35 of the Statutes) effective on 9 October 2015. The Secretary-General took all the necessary steps to encourage Norway to reconsider its position, but Norway has maintained it and its withdrawal will take effect on 9 October 2015.



### III. Actions to be taken by the Executive Council

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5. The Executive Council is invited:
  - (a) To take note with satisfaction of the decision of Barbados to join the Organization and to recommend the General Assembly to approve the country's candidature in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Statutes;
  - (b) To request the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps, in accordance with the relevant resolution of the General Assembly (resolution 53(III) adopted in Torremolinos, Spain, in 1979), to ensure that Barbados as a candidate enjoys certain UNWTO services, in particular, being invited to technical meetings and, with the agreement of the Members concerned, to the Regional Commission meeting of the CAM until the General Assembly approves the country's candidature;
  - (c) To urge Norway to reconsider its decision and to once again to take its place in the Organization;
  - (d) To call upon the member countries of the United Nations that do not yet belong to the UNWTO to join the Organization and to encourage the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard; and
  - (e) To request the Secretary-General to report on the above-mentioned follow-up actions taken regarding membership status.

**Annex I. Letter of application of Barbados**

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January 15, 2015

Mr. Taleb Rifai  
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Dear Secretary-General

I have the honour to confirm the interest of the Government of Barbados to become a Full Member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

In that context, the Government of Barbados hereby formally adopts the Statutes of the World Tourism Organization and accepts the obligations of membership pursuant to Article 5.3 of the Statutes.

I would therefore be grateful if you could submit Barbados' candidature to the next session of the General Assembly due to be held September 11-18, 2015 in Medellin, Colombia, for its approval.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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