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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1

Adoption of the agenda (document A/18/1 prov.)

The provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly was drawn up by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 5(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

Item 2

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

For the opening of the General Assembly, the office of President will be performed by the head of delegation of Colombia, the President of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in November 2007. Under his presidency, the General Assembly will be required to elect its new President, in accordance with rule 16(2) of its Rules of Procedure.

Rule 43 of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure provides for all elections to be carried out by secret ballot. It is nevertheless recalled that the Presidents of the previous seventeen sessions of the Assembly were all elected by acclamation after consultations between the delegations, the head of delegation of the host country being traditionally chosen for this office.

Immediately after his or her election, the President of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly is required to assume office and take his or her place at the rostrum.

In accordance with rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall elect its eight Vice-Presidents who, together with the President, will be the Assembly's Officers. These nine Officers will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation, following the practice adopted at previous sessions, viz.: two for Africa, two for the Americas, two for Europe (one being the President, presumably), one for East Asia and the Pacific, one for South Asia and one for the Middle East.

Item 3

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

According to rule 13(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the President proposes to the Assembly the nine delegates of Full Members who will compose the Credentials Committee, having regard to equitable geographical representation as above. The Committee is required to meet immediately after the first meeting so that it may submit its initial report to the Assembly at the start of the third meeting.

Item 4

Membership of the Organization

(a) New membership (documents A/18/4(a)(I) and A/18/4(a)(II))

In his report on this subject, the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly of changes that have occurred since its seventeenth session in the membership of the Organization. Particular reference is made to admissions to full and affiliate membership, which the Assembly will be required to consider in accordance with Articles 5, and 7 of the Statutes and rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

(b) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes (document A/18/4(b)(c))

Under this item the Secretary-General transmits to the Assembly, in accordance with resolution 217(VII), a list of the Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes, informing it of any developments in this regard since its previous session. The Assembly will also receive a list of the Members that have accumulated arrears equal to or exceeding four years' contributions and that could be liable to the provisions of Article 34.

(c) Requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules (document A/18/4(b)(c))

Under this item the Secretary-General transmits any requests for suspending the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules that may have been submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 162(VI), provided the Council has established that the delay in paying contributions is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Members concerned and these Members have agreed with the Council on measures to settle their arrears.

Item 5

Report of the Secretary-General (document A/18/5)

Under this provisional agenda item and in accordance with rule 5(1) of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Secretary-General submits his report on the situation of international tourism and on the lessons that can be drawn for the Organization, as well as on the activities of the Secretariat.

Item 6

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly (document A/18/6)

In accordance with Articles 19(a) and 20 of the Statutes, the Executive Council reports to the Assembly, for approval, on "all necessary measures" taken "for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Assembly" and on the "administrative and technical decisions" considered necessary and consequently taken by it between sessions of the Assembly.

Item 7

Report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members (document A/18/7)

In this document the Chairman of the Affiliate Members reports to the General Assembly, in accordance with rule III(11) of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members, on their activities since the seventeenth session of the General Assembly and on prospects for future action.

Item 8

Roadmap for recovery: sustainable tourism in challenging times - Report of the Secretary-General (document A/18/8)

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General presents to the General Assembly a document on the sustainable development and the roadmap for recovery, as well as the actions undertaken by the Organization in this regard.

The ensuing general debate will take place during the second plenary meeting (afternoon of Monday, 5 October) and continue at the start of the third plenary meeting (morning of Tuesday, 6 October). Heads of delegation that so desire may then make statements on this matter. In view of the time allotted to the general debate and of the number of delegations that will undoubtedly wish to participate, **it is essential to limit the speaking time of heads of delegation to five minutes at the most.**

Item 9**Report of the Credentials Committee** (document A/18/9)

In accordance with rule 13(4) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the Credentials Committee, after examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members and the identification papers of the Affiliate Members and observers of organizations invited to the session, will report its findings under this provisional agenda item.

Item 10**Participation in the United Nations system's coordination mechanisms**
(document A/18/10)

In this document, the Secretary-General reports on the regular collaboration of the UNWTO with the different United Nations bodies and its participation in the different coordination meetings of the United Nations system.

Item 11**Report on implementation of the Organization's general programme of work for the period 2008-2009** (document A/18/11)

In this document the Secretary-General reports on the activities carried out by the Secretariat in implementation of the programme of work for 2008-2009 focusing on the following four major strategic objectives established. He also discusses the progress made in the evaluation of the implementation of the programme of work.

Item 12**Administrative and financial matters****(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization** (document A/18/12(a))

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on the state of the Organization's finances at 30 June 2009.

(b) Election of the Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee
(document A/18/12(b))

The candidatures of Full Members to serve as members or alternates on the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2010-2011 will be referred to the General Assembly in document A/18/12(b).

(c) Election of the Auditors for the period 2010-2011 (document A/18/12(c))

Under this provisional agenda item, the Secretary-General submits to the Members the candidatures of the Full Members recommended by the Executive Council to the General Assembly for the posts of Auditor of the Organization for the financial period 2010-2011.

(d) Use of the UNWTO logo (document A/18/12(d))

The Secretary-General transmits to the Members the study, carried out based on the work of the Working Group created for this purpose by the Executive Council, concerning the guidelines relative to the use of the UNWTO's logo, name, acronym, emblem and domain name by external entities with which the Organization signs a memorandum of understanding or establishes any other form of collaboration.

Item 13

Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2010-2013 on the recommendation of the Executive Council (document A/18/13)

The recommendation of the Executive Council of a nominee for appointment as Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2010-2013 is submitted to the Assembly in accordance with Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Organization's Statutes and Rule 38(e) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

Item 14

Appointment by the Secretary-General of the management team of the Organization (document A/18/14)

In this document, the Secretary-General transmits the support of the Executive Council regarding his appointments for the management team of the Organization.

Item 15**Draft programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 2010-2011** (document A/18/15)

Pursuant to paragraphs (h) and (i) of Article 12 of the Statutes, the Organization's draft general programme of work and budget for the period 2010-2011 is submitted to the General Assembly for approval. This draft programme budget was prepared by the Secretary-General in the light of the findings of a survey of Members and in accordance with the guidelines established by the Council at its eighty-fourth session (Madrid, Spain, October 2008 - decision 9(LXXXIV)). It was considered successively by the Programme Committee and by the Committee on Budget and Finance in February 2009, and recommended by the Executive Council at its eighty-fifth session (Bamako, Mali, 7-8 May 2009 – decision 13(LXXXV) for adoption by the Assembly. It will be the subject of a final review by the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Executive Council immediately prior to the Assembly.

Item 16**Assessment of Members' contributions for the period 2010-2011** (document A/18/16)

The Secretary-General informs the General Assembly under this item of the provisional agenda of the amounts of the contributions of the Associate and Affiliate Members to the Organization's budget for the period 2010-2011. An addendum concerning the assessment of the Full Members' contributions will be prepared on conclusion of the eighty-sixth session the Council, which will be required to propose to the Assembly the new scale of assessments.

Item 17**Report on entities associated with the UNWTO** (document A/18/17)

In this document, the Secretary-General reports to the Assembly on the different external bodies with which the UNWTO has established collaborative links.

Item 18**Agreements concluded by the Organization** (document A/18/18)

Under Article 12 of the Organization's Statutes, the General Assembly is required to approve the conclusion of agreements with governments, international organizations and private organizations or institutions.

Item 19**Activities of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics** (document A/18/19)

Under this item of the provisional agenda, the Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the activities carried out by the Committee since its last session.

Item 20**Declaration on the facilitation of tourist travel** (document A/18/20)

In this document, the Secretary-General transmits to the Members, for approval, the draft Declaration on the facilitation of tourist travel prepared by the Working Group constituted for this purpose, and approved by the Council at its eighty-fifth session (decision 18(LXXXV)).

Item 21**World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2008 and 2009, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2010 and 2011** (document A/18/21)

The report submitted under this item informs the Assembly of the various activities marking World Tourism Day in 2008 and 2009, and proposes the themes selected for World Tourism Day 2010 and 2011, as well as the host countries designated by the Regional Commissions for East Asia and the Pacific in 2010 (China) and for the Middle East (Yemen) in 2011.

Item 22**Election of Council Members** (document A/18/22)

In document A/18/22 the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly of the present membership of the Executive Council, the geographical distribution of its seats among the six regions of the Organization, the number of seats to be allotted to each region for the election of half the Members of the Executive Council and of the candidatures received by the Secretariat.

Pursuant to rules 54 and 55 of its Rules of Procedure, the Assembly is required to elect, by secret ballot, half the Members of the Executive Council, bearing in mind, if it so decides, the recommendation of the Executive Council in its decision 26(XXXV) not to elect as Members of the Executive Council States subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Article 34 of the Statutes.

Item 23

Place and dates of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly (document A/18/23)

The place and dates of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly must be decided by the General Assembly at its eighteenth session in accordance with rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure.

This rule provides that the Assembly shall meet at Headquarters every two years. It may meet elsewhere if the Assembly so decides, provided the host country defrays the expenses involved in holding the session away from Headquarters.

This document also reports on the candidatures received for hosting that session.

Item 24

Tribute to Mr. Francesco Frangiali

In accordance with the decision taken by the eighty-fourth session of the Council, the Assembly will pay tribute to Mr. Francesco Frangiali for the work he accomplished during his years of service at the head of the Organization.