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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with decision 9(LXXIV) taken at the last ordinary session of the Council, the Secretary-General presents to its Members his report on this matter.

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1. On 10 January 2005, Mr. Luis Calvo Merino, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, sent a communication to the Secretary-General informing him of the Spanish Government's confirmation of its consent to the creation of a Headquarters Committee, following the example of other specialized agencies with their respective host countries.

2. He also informed the Secretary-General that representatives of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Secretariat of Tourism would participate in the meetings of the Headquarters Committee, as well as representatives of other institutions as called for by the matters to be dealt with at the meetings.

3. Following a meeting he had on this subject in early April with Mr. Raimon Martínez Fraile, Secretary-General of Tourism of Spain, the Secretary-General informed Mr. Calvo Merino of the composition of the Headquarters Committee on the part of the Secretariat, as well as of the different issues that could be taken up at the meetings of the Committee.

4. Despite various reminders by the Secretariat, it has not yet been possible to set a date for the first meeting. The Spanish delegation could perhaps verbally provide further details at the Council session.