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PLACE AND DATES OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

The purpose of this document is to inform the Executive Council of the statutory provisions and rules governing the fixing of the place and dates of its sessions and to submit to it the candidature received for hosting its seventy-fourth session.
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I. PROCEDURE FOR FIXING THE PLACE AND DATES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSIONS

1. Article 8(2) of the Organization's Statutes and rule 3(3) of the Council's Rules of Procedure provide that the Council sessions may be held away from Headquarters if that organ so decides.

2. A decision is to be taken at the present session on the place and dates of the next Council session.

II. CANDIDATURE RECEIVED FOR THE SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION

3. On 29 June 2004, H.E. Mr. Walfrida dos Mares Guia, Minister of Tourism of Brazil, officially communicated to the Secretary-General his government's desire to host the next session of the Council at Salvador de Bahía, on 2 and 3 December 2004, in the framework of the first World Tourism Forum for Peace and Sustainable Development, to which WTO gives its full support.

III. SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

4. H.E. Mrs. Lydia Shouleva, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Bulgaria has sent to the Secretary-General an official request, dated 27 May 2004, to host in her country, the Council session of the end of the first half of 2005.

5. This matter is to be decided at the seventy-fourth session.