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Membership of the Organization

(b) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

I. Introduction

1. At 31 August 2017, the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes (see Annex I) are applied to the following 20 Full Members. These Members have been deprived of Member's privileges in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council.

FULL MEMBERS MEMBRES EFFECTIFS MIEMBROS EFECTIVOS	PARAGR. 13 PÁRRAFO 13	ART. 34	ARREAR CONTRIBUTIONS ARRIÉRÉS DE CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES ATRASADAS		
			YEARS/ ANNÉES/ AÑOS	TOTAL YEARS/ ANNÉES AÑOS	TOTAL EUR
AFGHANISTAN / AFGANISTAN/ AFGANISTÁN	X	X	81-87, 89- 08,10,12,14	30	703,988.77
BAHRAIN / BAHRÉÏN / BAHREIN	X	X	78-84,02,10,15- 16	11	450,944.05
BENIN / BÉNIN	X	X	12,14-16	4	104,451.00
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC / RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE / REPÚBLICA CENTROAFRICANA	X	X	07-16	10	242,151.10
CHAD / TCHAD	X	X	12-16	5	129,784.56
DJIBOUTI	X	X	03-16	14	306,953.00
EQUATORIAL GUINEA / GUINÉE ÉQUATORIALE / GUINEA ECUATORIAL	X		13-15	3	81,218.00
LIBERIA	X	X	12-16	5	129,791.00
LIBYA / LIBYE / LIBIA	X		14-16	3	163,054.00
MALAWI	X	X	11-16	6	152,565.99
NIGER / NÍGER	X	X	83-87,90-07,10- 11,14-16	28	653,353.81
PAPUA NEW GUINEA / PAPOUASIE- NOUVELLE-GUINÉE / PAPUA NUEVA GUINEA	X	X	08-16	9	223,396.00



RWANDA	X		12,15-16	3	56,081.04
SIERRA LEONE / SIERRA LEONA	X	X	80-00,03-16	35	798,148.12
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC /RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE / REPÚBLICA ÁRABE SIRIA	X	X	12-16	5	311,492.00
TURKMENISTAN / TURKMÉNISTAN / TURKMENISTÁN	X	X	95-98,00-12,16	18	541,841.40
UGANDA / OUGANDA	X	X	96-00,02-04,10-12, 15-16	13	269,357.05
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA / RÉPUBLIQUE-UNIE DE TANZANIE / REPÚBLICA UNIDA DE TANZANIA	X	X	13-16	4	122,804.31
VANUATU	X	X	10-16	7	143,576.00
YEMEN / YÉMEN	X	X	79-89,95,14-16	15	321,608.45
TOTAL:					5,906,559.65

2. United Arab Emirates has arrears for the period 1981-1987 for a total amount of 518,247.76 euros. Agreement on the settlement of arrears is expected shortly.
3. Annex II to this document transmits to the General Assembly the list of Members that could be liable to suspension from the rights and privileges of membership, as provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes. This application would be effective in 2018.

II. Temporary exemption from the application of the provisions of Article 34 and paragraph 13

4. The Full Member Equatorial Guinea submits for approval an 8-year payment plan. to cover its outstanding contributions for a total amount of 114,874 euros starting in 2018, to the present session of the General Assembly.
5. The Full Member Syrian Arab Republic submits for approval a 20-year payment plan, to cover its outstanding contributions for a total amount of 375,760 euros starting in 2018, to the present session of the General Assembly.
6. The Affiliate Member Russian Travel Guide submits for approval a 2-year payment plan to cover its contributions until 22 August 2018, the date of its withdrawal from the Organization.
7. The following table shows the extent to which the Members with which agreements have been concluded for the settlement of their arrears in instalments have complied with the conditions laid down by the Assembly in resolution 646(XXI):

MEMBERS GRANTED TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM THE APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 13 (RESOLUTION A/RES/646(XXI))						
Compliance with the conditions laid down by the Assembly Situation at 31 August 2017						
		CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY				
		Payment of the year the G.A./ E.C. approved the plan		Strict fulfilment of the agreed payment plan		
FULL MEMBERS	Arrears payment plan	Payment made				
				Contribution for the year		Annual payment of arrears
BOLIVIA	in 11 years beginning in 2008	2007	YES	2008-2017	YES	YES
BURKINA FASO	in 4 years beginning in 2013	2013	YES	2013-2015 2016-2017	YES NO	YES NO
BURUNDI	in 31 years beginning in 2014	2014	PART	2014 2015-2017	YES NO	PART NO
CAMBODIA	in 30 years beginning in 2006	2006	YES	2006-2017	YES	YES
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	in 20 years beginning in 2014	2013	YES	2014-2015 2016-2017	YES NO	YES NO
GAMBIA REPUBLIC OF	in 15 years beginning in 2016	2015	YES	2016-2017	YES	YES
GUINEA	In 10 years beginning in 2017	2017	NO	2017	NO	NO
GUINEA-BISSAU	in 30 years beginning in 2016	2016	NO	2016-2017	NO	NO
IRAQ	in 25 years beginning in 2014	2010	YES	2014-2017	YES	YES
KYRGYZSTAN	in 21 years beginning in 2016	2016	YES	2017	YES	YES
LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REPUBLIC	in 25 years beginning in 2005	2005	YES	2005-2017	YES	YES
MADAGASCAR	in 3 years beginning in 2014	2014	PART	2014 2015 2016 2017	PART YES NO NO	YES YES PART NO
MAURITANIA	In 31 years beginning in 2015	2015	NO	2015 2016-2017	NO NO	PART NO
NICARAGUA	in 12 years beginning in 2010	2010	YES	2010-2017	YES	YES
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	in 34 years beginning in 2015	2015	YES	2016-2017	YES	YES
SUDAN	in 25 years beginning in 2016	2015	YES	2016 2017	YES NO	PART NO
URUGUAY	in 13 years beginning in 2017	2017	NO	2007-2016 2017	YES NO	YES NO

8. Affiliate Members Cámara de Turismo de Cabo Verde and Instituto de Turismo Responsable have not complied with the conditions established in their payment plans.

III. Updates from previous statement contained in document A/22/8(b)

9. When compared with the information contained in the above-mentioned document as of 30 June 2017 submitted to the 106th session of the Executive Council, the following updates can be observed:

(a) Countries in Article 34 of the Statutes Rules:

No updates.

Countries in paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules:

No updates.

(b) Amount due by these Members as of 30 June 2017:	5,906,559.65 euros
Amount due by these Members as of 31 August 2017:	5,906,559.65 euros
Total during the period:	<u>0.00</u> euros (*)

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

10. The General Assembly is invited:

(a) To renew, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans, the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules of Full Members Bolivia, Cambodia, Republic of the Gambia, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nicaragua and Sao Tome and Principe, and to grant temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules to Full Members Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Syrian Arab Republic and the Affiliate Members Russian Travel Guide RTG as well as to ratify Uruguay's payment plan revision;

(b) To maintain the temporary exemption of Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Sudan and Uruguay as well as that of Affiliate Members Camara de Turismo de Cabo Verde and Instituto de Turismo Responsable from the provisions of paragraph 13, albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2018; and

(c) To request the Secretary-General to inform it, at its next session, about the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

Annex I: Article 34 of the Statutes

1. Article 34 of the Statutes concerning the suspension of Members provides as follows:

"1. If any Member is found by the Assembly to persist in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of these Statutes, the Assembly may, by a resolution adopted by a majority of two-thirds of Full Members present and voting, suspend such Member from exercising the rights and enjoying the privileges of membership.

"2. The suspension shall remain in force until a change of such policy is recognized by the Assembly."

2. At its seventh session the General Assembly adopted the following resolution 217(VII) concerning the application of these provisions:

A/RES/217(VII)

Suspension of Members in arrears in the payment of statutory contributions:
Article 34 of the Statutes

"The General Assembly,

"Considering decision 2(XXX) by which the Executive Council recommended the Assembly to apply Article 34 of the Statutes and consequently to suspend the Members of the Organization whose contribution arrears are equal to or exceed the contributions owed by such Members for four financial years and who have not, within six months, agreed with the Secretary-General on a payment plan for reimbursing these arrears,

"Considering document A/7/10(j) prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the above Executive Council decision,

"Recognizing that Article 34 of the Statutes, which provides the sanction of suspension when a Member persists in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of the Statutes, becomes applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the Organization's budget, such an attitude clearly constituting a policy contrary to the aims of WTO,

- "1. Decides to apply henceforward the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes:

"(a) when a Member of the Organization has accumulated contribution arrears in respect of any four financial years, which need not be consecutive, partial payment of contributions not preventing the measure of suspension being applied, and;

"(b) when the aforementioned Member has not agreed a payment plan for the contribution arrears with the Secretary-General within a period of one year from the date of the resolution by which the Assembly noted that the measure of suspension was applicable to the Member pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes;

.....

- "3. Requests the Secretary-General to apply the present resolution and to inform each session of the Executive Council concerning its application."

Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

3. The provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes read as follows:

"13. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization's expenditure shall be deprived of the privileges enjoyed by the Members in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years. At the request of the Council, the Assembly may, however, permit such a Member to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Members."

4. In this regard, at its sixth session the Assembly adopted the following resolution:

A/RES/162(VI)

"The General Assembly,
.....

"Confirms the following provisions;

"When a Full Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations, the Assembly may restore that Member's right to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization, only on an exceptional basis, when:

- "1. the Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;
- "2. the Council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control;
- "3. the Council and the country concerned have agreed to the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears."

Annex II: Members to which the provisions of Art. 34 of the Statutes could be applied as from January 2018

(at 31 August 2017)

1. Full Members

1. LIBYA
2. RWANDA

2. Affiliate Members

1. AQABA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY
2. BALKAN ALLIANCE OF HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS - BAHA
3. CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
4. CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANIZATION - CTO
5. CONFEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE AGENCIAS DE VIAJES - CEAV
6. CLUB MÉDITERRANÉE
7. CONSEJO FEDERAL DE TURISMO DE LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA
8. CONSEJO MEXICANO DE LA INDUSTRIA DEL TURISMO MEDICO
9. CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE TURISMO - CONSETURISMO
10. DELTA GROUP LTD
11. EGYPTIAN TRAVEL AGENTS ASSOCIATION
12. FEDERTURISMO - CONFINDUSTRIA
13. FÉDÉRATION TUNISIENNE DE L'HÔTELLERIE
14. INSTITUT SUPÉRIEUR INT. DE TANGER
15. ISCET
16. KHAZAR TRAVEL "XEZER TOURS AND TRAVEL"
17. LEADERS GROUP FOR CONSULTING AND DEVELOPMENT
18. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM - NIHOTOUR
19. PACIFIC ASIA TRAVEL WRITERS ASSOCIATION - PATWA
20. PRODIGY CONSULTORES S.L.
21. RELAIS & CHÂTEAUX
22. SAVEUR TROPICALE SARL
23. SILK WAY AIRLINES – SW TRAVEL
24. TEZTOUR
25. TOURISM INTELLIGENCE INTERNATIONAL LTD
26. UBM ROUTES LTD
27. UNIVERSIDAD DE OCCIDENTE
28. UNIVERSIDAD LA SALLE CANCÚN
29. UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY LEISURE SPORT
30. UNIVERSITY OF TOURISM, ECONOMICS & LAW "KUTEL"
31. ZAO CONDÉ NAST – CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER LUXURY TRAVEL