1. Adoption of the agenda (CE/112/1 prov.)

In accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the provisional agenda for the session was drawn up by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Chair of the Council. It covers all matters referred to the Council in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes and with decisions adopted by the Council at previous sessions. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda submitted to it.

2. Communication of the Chair (CE/112/2)

The Chair of the Council opens the session with a communication to the members, in accordance with decision CE/DEC/3(LVIII) adopted in Lisbon, in June 1998.

3. Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General presents an overview of the matters included in the sub-items under this point of the agenda.

(a) Current trends and prospects of international tourism (CE/112/3(a))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the situation of world tourism and on the outlook for 2020 and beyond, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(b) Implementation of the General Programme of Work (CE/112/3(b) rev.1)

A report is submitted on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat for the implementation of the general programme of work, including extraordinary measures to deal with the global pandemic. The Council is called upon to consider for endorsement or approval the following matters: (i) the Women in Tourism Action Plan, (ii) the creation of a Technical Committee on Tourism Online Education, (iii) the establishment of a Working Group for the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members and of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership and (iv) the terms of reference of the Committee for the development of an International Code for the protection of tourists.

(c) Establishment of a UNWTO Regional Office for the Middle East in Saudi Arabia (CE/112/3(c))

A proposal by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the establishment of a UNWTO Regional Office for the Middle East in Riyadh is presented to the Council for endorsement, subject to subsequent ratification by the General Assembly.

(d) Report on the financial situation of the Organization (CE/112/3(d))
A report is submitted on the administrative accounts for 2019, together with the relevant financial statements. It includes the report made by the Organization’s auditor designated by Spain (Member elected to this post by the General Assembly in resolution A/RES/661(XXI)). The Council is called upon to issue a recommendation to the General Assembly regarding the approval of the UNWTO Financial Statements for 2019.

(e) Human resources report (CE/112/3(e))

A report is submitted on the human resources situation in the Secretariat. The annual report of the Ethics Officer is also provided.

(f) Reform of the Organization: Progress on JIU recommendations (CE/112/3(f))

The Council is informed about the Organization’s progress in implementing recommendations issued by the Joint Inspection Unit.

4. Report of subsidiary bodies of the Council

The Technical Committees report to the Council on their activities and work plans.

(a) Report of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CE/112/4(a))
(b) Report of the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CE/112/4(b))
(c) Report of the Committee on Statistics (CE/112/4(c))

5. Affiliate Members

(a) Communication of the Chair of the Affiliate Members (CE/112/5(a))

The Chair of the Affiliate Members delivers her communication to the Council.

(b) Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership (CE/112/5(b))

The Council is presented with the recommendations the Committee has made regarding applications for affiliate membership reviewed at its meeting held in parallel to the proceedings of the 112th session of the Council.

6. Procedure and calendar for the election of the Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2021-2024 (CE/112/6)

The Council is informed about the procedure and timetable for the election of the Secretary-General for the period 2021-2024, given that, at its 113th session, the Council will be called upon to recommend to the General Assembly a nominee for this post.

7. Place and dates of the 113th, 114th and 115th sessions of the Executive Council (CE/112/7)

The Council is called upon to decide on the place and dates of its 113th, 114th and 115th sessions in view of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.