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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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Adoption of the Agenda
Agenda item 1
(document CE/113/1 prov.)

The Executive Council

Adopts the agenda of its 113th session as proposed.

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**Report of the Secretary-General
Current trends and prospects of international tourism**
Agenda item 3(a)
(document CE/113/3(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided; and
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on tourism.

**Report of the Secretary-General
Implementation of the Programme of Work and
financial situation of the Organization**
Agenda item 3(b)
(document CE/113/3(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the Implementation of the Programme of Work and financial situation of the Organization,

Part I: Implementation of the Programme of Work

1. *Takes note* of the activities implemented and progress achieved, notably the considerable efforts in response to the COVID-19 crisis;

Having read the progress report presented by the Working Group for the Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework,

2. *Takes note* of the report (section G);
3. *Thanks* the Members of the Working Group for their participation and asks them to a) keep the Executive Council informed of the progress of the reform and b) submit the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Affiliate Members and the Committee of Affiliate Members to its next session;
4. *Congratulates* the representative of Spain on his election as Chair of the Working Group;

Having heard the explanations of the Secretary-General regarding the implications for UNWTO of the United Nations Reform, and notably, of the UNWTO's membership in the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG),

5. *Takes note* of the developments regarding the decision of the General Assembly to withdraw temporarily from the UNSDG in the unprecedented situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and requests the Secretary-General to update it on progress made at its next session;
6. *Decides* to take up the matter of the Organization's participation in the UNSDG at its 114th session;

Part II: Financial situation of the Organization

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive information contained in the documents and their annexes;
8. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2020 and approves, as presented in this document, the Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2020 presented by the Secretary-General at 30 September 2020, the revised appropriations of the Regular

Budget for 2020 and 2021 and the other information presented in the document and its annexes;

9. *Also takes note with satisfaction* of the submission of the interim provisional unaudited UNWTO Statement of Financial Position at 30 September 2020 and the UNWTO Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 30 September 2020;
10. *Urges* Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2020;
11. *Thanks* the Members shown in the table Arrear contributions received from Members for the period ended 30 September 2020 that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations;
12. *Welcomes with gratitude* the initiative of Ghana, the Union of the Comoros and Zambia to carry out the necessary procedures in order to fulfil their financial obligations whether partially or in full, to fall out of the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes;
13. *Notes* that Nicaragua has respected its agreed payment plan up to 2020 in full within the reporting period of this document;
14. *Endorses* the payment plan agreed upon by Sudan and proposes to the General Assembly to restore this Full Member's right to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization;
15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly 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;
16. *Supports* the Secretary-General's proactive approach for the settlement of current year and arrear contributions in order to contribute towards the Organization's programme of work, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization to assist the tourism sector to recover from the challenges resulting from the impact of COVID-19 on the sector with its limited resources;
17. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the endorsement of the Executive Council decisions CE/DEC/4(CX) and CE/DEC/6(CXII) on the approval of the UNWTO Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2019 respectively and the approval of the closing of the UNWTO Audited Financial Statements of the twenty-second financial period (2018-2019), the budgetary cash balance of the Regular Budget and Working Capital Fund situation for the same period;
18. *Encourages* Members to present their candidatures as the External Auditor to carry out the external auditing of the Organization for the period 2022-2023 for the external audit of the UNWTO Financial Statements for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022;
19. *Approves*, as presented in this document, the Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2021 presented by the Secretary-General at 31 October 2020, and recommends to restrict expenditures to available and expected cash resources;
20. *Urges* Members to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by Paragraph 12 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes ("The Members of the

Organization shall pay their contribution in the first month of the financial year for which it is due.”); and

Part III: Human resources report

21. *Takes note* of the updated information provided on the human resources of the Organization.

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**Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly
of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025**

Agenda item 4
(document CE/113/4)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

Recalling Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and Rule 29 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having carried out the process to recommend a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025 in accordance with the rules and procedure as adopted by its decision 14(CXII),

Having heard the designation by the Chair of members of the delegations of Brazil and Tunisia as tellers to count the votes,

Having held a secret ballot,

Noting that H.E. Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa (Kingdom of Bahrain) received 8 votes, and that Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili (Georgia) received 25 votes,

Recommends to the General Assembly that Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili be appointed Secretary-General of the Organization for a term of office from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025.

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Affiliate Members
Communication of the Chair of the Affiliate Members
Agenda item 5(a)
(document CE/113/5(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the Communication of the Chair of the Affiliate Members,

1. *Thanks* the Chair of the Board for her communication and congratulates the Members of the Board and the Affiliate Members for their activities;
2. *Stresses* the importance of the holding of the 42nd plenary meeting of the Affiliate Members and notes the contributions proposed for the Programme of Work 2021;
3. *Welcomes* the initiatives of Affiliate Members aimed at the recovery of the tourism industry; and
4. *Supports* the reform of the legal framework of the Affiliate Members and requests the Working Group to inform the Executive Council of its progress.

Affiliate Members
Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications
for Affiliate Membership
Agenda item 5(b)
(document CE/113/5(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of its Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership, which met in virtual format on 14 January 2021, under the chairmanship of the Secretariat,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Committee;
2. *Congratulates* Côte d'Ivoire on its election as the Chair and Iran as the Vice-Chair of the Committee;
3. *Decides* to admit provisionally to Affiliate Membership the candidates listed in the Annex, pending ratification by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session; and
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present the candidates listed in the Annex to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session for ratification.

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**World Tourism Day: themes and host countries
for 2022 and 2023 to be proposed to the General Assembly**

Agenda item 6
(document CE/113/6)

The Executive Council

1. *Invites* the Regional Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Commission for the Middle East to recommend to the 24th session of the General Assembly host countries for the 2022 and 2023 editions of World Tourism Day; and
2. *Proposes* to the General Assembly the following themes for the World Tourism Day celebrations:

2022: "Rethinking Tourism"

2023: "Tourism and Green Investments"

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**Report on the preparations for the twenty-fourth session
of the General Assembly**
Agenda item 7
(document CE/113/7)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly,

Takes note of the information provided.