

FOR INFORMATION

Agenda item 1
Annotated provisional agenda

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Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (document A/24/1 prov.)

The provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly was drawn up by the Secretary-General in accordance with Rule 5(1) of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

Item 2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (document A/24/2)

Under the presidency of the Russian Federation, President of the twenty-third session, the General Assembly will be called upon to elect, in accordance with Rule 16(2) of its Rules of Procedure, a new President for its twenty-fourth session.

In accordance with Rule 16(3) of its Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall elect eight Vice-Presidents, who, together with the President, will be the Assembly's Officers. These nine Officers will be elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation.

Item 3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee (document A/24/3)

In accordance with Rule 13(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the President proposes to the Assembly the nine delegates of Full Members who will compose the Credentials Committee, having regard to equitable geographical representation. The Committee is required to meet immediately after it is composed so that it may submit its initial report to the Assembly during the session.

Item 4. Report of the Secretary-General on the current trends of international tourism (document A/24/4)

The Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the situation of international tourism, particularly in light of the unprecedented crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Information is provided on enhanced monitoring mechanisms and the different scenarios for the sector's recovery.

Item 5. Report of the Secretary-General on the Programme of Work and the financial situation for 2020-2021 and 2022-2023

(a) Implementation of the General Programme of Work (document A/24/5(a))

The Assembly is provided with, on the one hand, an overview of the main lines of work and achievements during 2020 and the first semester of 2021, notably all activities in response to the COVID-19 crisis and, on the other hand, the Secretary-General's proposed programme of work for 2022-2023, which is submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.

(b) Financial situation of the Organization (document A/24/5(b))

The document submitted to the General Assembly under this item closes the twenty-second financial period of the Organization, after having been examined by the Auditors and approved by the Council.

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on the state of the Organization's finances during the first semester of 2021 and also submits to the General Assembly the UNWTO Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the Organization's draft budget for the period 2022-2023 for approval.

(c) Human resources report (document A/24/5(c))

The Secretary-General informs the Assembly on the structure and human resources situation of the Organization, as well as on the amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of the Organization, in particular those that are to be considered by the Assembly for approval.

The Secretary-General transmits the independent report of the Ethics Officer to the Assembly.

The candidatures of Full Members to serve as members and alternates on the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2022-2023 are also referred to the General Assembly.

Item 6. Membership of the Organization

(a) Membership status (document A/24/6(a))

The Secretary-General reports to the General Assembly on changes that have occurred in the membership of the Organization since its twenty-third session. Particular reference is made to admissions of Full Members and Affiliate Membership. Notably, the admission of Antigua and Barbuda as a Full Member is presented to the Assembly for consideration in accordance with Articles 5 and 7 of the Statutes and Rules 49 and 50 of its Rules of Procedure.

(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 (document A/24/6(b))

The Secretary-General transmits to the Assembly, in accordance with resolution 217(VII), a list of the Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes. The Assembly will also receive a list of the Members that have accumulated arrears equal to or exceeding four years' contributions and that could be liable to the provisions of Article 34. Under the same item, the Secretary-General transmits any requests for suspending the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules that may have been submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 162(VI), provided the Council has established that the delay in paying contributions is due to circumstances beyond the control of the Members concerned and these Members have agreed with the Council on measures to settle their arrears.

Item 7. Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly (document A/24/7)

As the statutory provisions indicate, the Executive Council reports to the General Assembly on its activities, dealing both with the decisions it has taken in implementation of General Assembly resolutions and with the administrative and technical decisions taken between Assembly sessions. Since the twenty-third session of the General Assembly, the Executive Council has held its 111th, 112th and 113th ordinary sessions.

Item 8. Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with Rule 13(4) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Credentials Committee reports its findings after examining the credentials of the delegates of Full and Associate Members and the identification papers of the Affiliate Members and observers of organizations invited to the session.

Item 9. Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025 on the recommendation of the Executive Council (document A/24/9)

The General Assembly, having before it Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and Rules 38(e), 43 and 53 of its Rules of Procedure, as well as the recommendation put forward by the Executive Council in its decision CE/DEC/4(CXIII), is invited to decide on the recommendation made to it by the Council and to appoint the Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025 in accordance with Article 22 of the Statutes.

Item 10. Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices (document A/24/10)

The Secretariat reports to the General Assembly on the recent opening of the UNWTO Regional Office for the Middle East, as well as on the possibilities and procedures for the establishment of similar offices in other regions.

Item 11. Report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (document A/24/11)

The World Committee on Tourism Ethics reports on the activities undertaken since the twenty-third session of the UNWTO General Assembly, notably, the different actions led by the Committee to promote a sustainable and responsible post-COVID-19 tourism recovery.

The report presents the WCTE's Programme of Work under its current mandate, includes an update on the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics, and introduces the proposed revision of the Protocol of Implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism – Part I for approval as well as the revised Rules of Procedure for information.

Item 12. Election of the Members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (document A/24/12)

Under this item, the General Assembly is invited to consider and decide on the proposals made by the Selection Board concerning the election of four members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics.

Item 13. World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2020 and 2021, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2022-2023 (document A/24/13)

The General Assembly is requested to ratify the recommendations of the 112th session of the UNWTO Executive Council for the upcoming celebrations:

- World Tourism Day 2022, hosted in East Asia and the Pacific: "Rethinking Tourism"
- World Tourism Day 2023, hosted in the Middle East: "Tourism and Green Investments"

It is also called upon to decide on the WTD host countries proposed at its 24th session.

Item 14. Election of the Executive Council's members (document A/23/14)

The 24th session of the UNWTO General Assembly is called upon to elect 17 Member States to the Executive Council for the period 2021-2025.

Item 15. Reform of the Organization: Progress on JIU recommendations (document A/24/15)

The Secretary-General proposes actions to the Assembly, for approval, regarding JIU recommendations in 2020 and informs it on the achievements of the Organization in complying with previous recommendations. The Secretariat has focused on the implementation of those recommendations that are essential for budget control and cost optimization for the Organization, notably in relation with internal oversight, environmental responsibility and the entry into force of the amendment establishing Chinese as an official language of the Organization.

Item 16. Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the GA (including electronic voting) (document A/24/16)

An amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly is proposed to provide for, among other contingencies, the possibility of electronic voting.

Item 17. Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members (document A/24/17(a))

The Chair of the Affiliate Members presents an analysis of the current situation and the initiatives carried out by the Board Members and Affiliate Members since the 23rd General Assembly in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, and invites the General Assembly to acknowledge the proposals and initiatives included in this report to improve the cooperation between the Member States and the Affiliate Members for the recovery of the global tourism industry.

(b) Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework (document A/24/17(b))

Pursuant to decision CE/DEC/4(CXII) of the Executive Council, the Working Group for the Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework (WG-AMLR) was established. The Working Group, as per its mandate, presents a proposal of integral reform of the legal framework of the Affiliate Members to the General Assembly.

The objective of this process of reform is to modernize the existing Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members and to elaborate the new legal basis for the creation of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership.

Item 18. Place and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly (document A/24/18)

The Secretary-General has received official communications submitting the candidatures of Portugal and Uzbekistan to host the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization in 2023.

The General Assembly is requested to decide on the venue of its twenty-fifth session.

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