

**FOR DECISION**

Agenda item 3  
**Election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2022**

CE/115/3  
Madrid, 24 November 2021  
Original: English

**Executive summary**

In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2022.

**Action by the Executive Council**

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**DRAFT DECISION<sup>1</sup>**

*The Executive Council,*

*Having considered* the different candidatures received for the chairmanship,

1. *Decides* to elect ... as Chair of the Council for 2022;

*Having taken note* of the candidatures for the first and second vice-chairmanships,

2. *Decides* to elect ... as first Vice-Chair of the Council and ... as second Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022;
3. *Requests* the Full Members elected to the chairmanship/vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties in accordance with Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure; and
4. *Thanks* the outgoing Chair, the first Vice-Chair, and the second Vice-Chair for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

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<sup>1</sup> This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.

## I. Introduction

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1. In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2022.

### Officers of the Council

#### *Rule 5*

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*
  2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*
  3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*
  4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*
2. Although Rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

## II. Candidatures

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3. In a letter addressed to the Secretary-General on 20 October 2021, the Minister of Tourism of Côte d'Ivoire presented his country's candidature for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2022 (see Annex I).
4. No candidatures for the posts of Vice-Chairs have been received.

**Annex I: Letter of candidature of Côte d'Ivoire (English translation by the Secretariat from original French)**

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Abidjan, 20 OCT 2021

No. 2128/MINTOUR/CAB/SF/CT-LM/gs

**To:**  
**Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili**  
**Secretary-General of the**  
**World Tourism Organization**

**MADRID**

**Subject:** Expression of interest in the post of Chairman  
of the UNWTO Executive Council

**Mr. Secretary-General,**

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire is presenting its candidature for the post of Chairman of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the year 2022.

As you have been able to observe over these past years, Côte d'Ivoire has decided to elevate the tourism sector to a priority sector. Since then, we have been constantly increasing our participation in the various events organized by the UNWTO and our contribution in the bodies of the Organization.

Continuing with this vision therefore demonstrates our interest not only in the development of this sector in Africa and particularly in Côte d'Ivoire, but also in strengthening the cooperation between our two institutions.

Thank you for your attention.

Please accept, **Mr. Secretary-General**, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[SEAL: The Minister, Ministry of Tourism and  
Leisure, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire]

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**Siandou FOFANA**