

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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RESOLUTION

Provisional agenda
Agenda item 1
(document A/24/1 prov. rev 1)

The General Assembly

Adopts the agenda of its 24th session as proposed.

RESOLUTION

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

Agenda item 2
(document A/24/2 rev.1)

The General Assembly

1. *Declares elected* Spain as President of its twenty-fourth session, represented by H.E. Reyes Maroto, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism; and
2. *Declares elected as Vice-Presidents* of its twenty-fourth session:

Africa:

- Gambia

Americas:

- Paraguay
- Uruguay

East Asia and the Pacific:

- Cambodia

Europe:

- Hungary
- Uzbekistan

Middle East:

- Iraq

South Asia:

- India

RESOLUTION

Appointment of the Credentials Committee

Agenda item 3
(document A/24/3)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President, made in accordance with Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Noting that the members of the Credentials Committee were selected by the Regional Commissions, at the request of the Assembly,

Takes note that the following countries have been appointed:

Africa:

- Burkina Faso
- Zimbabwe

Americas:

- Jamaica
- Guatemala

East Asia and the Pacific:

- Samoa

Europe:

- Malta
- Azerbaijan

Middle East:

- Bahrain

South Asia:

- Bhutan

RESOLUTION

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

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note of the comprehensive and updated information provided in the report as well as in the *UNWTO World Tourism Barometer* and the various online data dashboards created by the Secretariat to provide data and knowledge on current trends during the pandemic;*
2. *Requests the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the impact of the crisis as well as its recovery providing global guidance to the Member States and the sector at large, considering the key relevance of market intelligence to support an effective evidence-based recovery; and*
3. *Takes note of the request of Ukraine to amend paragraph 12 of the report A/24/4 of the Secretary-General to include Ukraine in the mention of countries that have experienced a rebound in tourism.*

RESOLUTION

Implementation of the General Programme of Work

Agenda item 5(a)
(document A/24/5(a) rev.3)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the Programme of Work and its different annexes,

1. *Takes note* of the activities implemented and progress achieved;
2. *Approves* the UNWTO Recommendations on Tourism for Rural Development, as presented in Annex VIII;
3. *Takes note* of the report on work of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC) summarized in Annex X, the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS) in Annex XII and the Committee on Tourism Statistics in Annex XV, and encourages all committees to continue with their respective work plans;
4. *Reiterates* the crucial policy need for Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism (following UNWTO GA resolutions A/RES/714(XXIII) and A/RES/684(XXII)) and supports the efforts of the Committee on Statistics and the Working Group of Experts on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism towards the finalization of the much-needed Statistical Framework on Measuring the Sustainability of Tourism;
5. *Endorses* the Best Tourism Villages by UNWTO Initiative launched in 2021 as a pilot project presented in Annex XI and encourages Member States to take an active role in the Initiative;
6. *Also endorses* the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (Annex XIV) launched in 2020 by UNWTO in partnership with the UN Environment Programme and in collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and encourages Member States to take an active role in it;
7. *Calls upon* Member States to do everything in their power to approve all amendments to the Statutes and the Financing Rules, with particular regard to the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes;
8. *Also calls upon* Member States to accede to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and to explicitly notify their intention to apply Annex XVIII to UNWTO;
9. *Approves* the list of agreements, as set forth in Annex VI;

Having heard the announcement of Spain on the new headquarters building for the UNWTO and on the signing of the corresponding agreement between Spain and the UNWTO Secretary-General,

10. *Welcomes* this development, which will greatly enhance the ability of the UNWTO Secretariat to serve the Organization and its Members at its Headquarters in Spain;
11. *Expresses* its gratitude and appreciation to Spain for its continued generous and essential support to the effectiveness of the UNWTO and its Secretariat;
12. *Welcomes* the UNWTO Recommendations for the Transition to a Green Travel and Tourism Economy, which build on the One Planet Vision for a Responsible Recovery from COVID-19, as presented in Annex XIII;

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),

Recalling its position as expressed in resolution A/RES/714(XXIII),

13. *Decides* that UNWTO shall not be part of the UNSDG for the forthcoming biennium, and that UNWTO membership will be reconsidered for 2024-2025.

Having read the report of the Committee for the Development of an International Code for the Protection of Tourists and the draft text of the Code as presented in Annex XVI,

14. *Thanks* the Member States, Observers and members of the Consultative Group of Experts who have participated in the Committee and have contributed to the drafting of the International Code for the Protection of Tourists;
15. *Approves* the International Code for the Protection of Tourists, as presented in Annex XVI;
16. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee to maintain the International Code for the Protection of Tourists as a non-legally binding instrument;
17. *Calls upon* Member States of the UNWTO and Member States of the United Nations to adhere to the Code, and invites them to submit a written notification to the Secretary-General of the UNWTO in respect of their intention to adhere thereto and subsequently of any specific activities in this respect; and

Having examined the Draft Programme of Work for 2022-2023,

18. *Approves* the objectives, priorities, outcomes and outputs of the draft.

RESOLUTION

Report on the financial situation of the Organization

Agenda item 5(b)
(document A/24/5(b) rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report containing updated information as of 31 December 2020,

Takes note with appreciation of the comprehensive information contained in the documents and their annexes;

- I. Closing of the Audited Financial Statements of the twenty-second financial period (2018-2019)*
 1. *Endorses* the Executive Council decisions CE/DEC/4(CX) and CE/DEC/6(CXII) on the approval of the UNWTO Financial Statements for the years 2018 and 2019 respectively and CE/DEC/3(CXIII) on recommendation of their endorsement;
 2. *Approves* 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;
- II. UNWTO Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020*
 3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the unqualified opinion of the External Auditor that the UNWTO Financial Statements for the year ended 2020 present a true image of the financial position of the UNWTO as at 31 December 2020 and of its performance, its cash flows and changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2020, in compliance with UNWTO Financial Regulations and Rules and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and recognizes with appreciation that the production of IPSAS compliance Financial Statements is a major achievement of an Organization of the size of UNWTO;
 4. *Approves* the UNWTO Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020;
 5. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's financial report for the year ended 31 December 2020 including the net assets/equity analysis, the mitigating

actions which may be undertaken to respond to a possible severe downside scenario, and other information presented in the document and its annexes and approves, as presented in the report:

- (a) The Secretary-General's proposals to: i) allocate the 2020 RB budgetary cash surplus amounting to EUR 1,563,733, and, ii) retain in the WCF the amount of EUR 1,788,645 out of the 2019 RB budgetary cash surplus without prejudice to the continued uncertainty in the financial outlook due to the pandemic,
 - (b) The assumptions update in the after-service employee benefits actuarial calculations as recommended by the UN Task Force on Accounting Standards (UNTFAS) via harmonization guidance,
 - (c) The Regular Budget appropriation transfers in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.3(a) and 5.3(b),
 - (d) The cofinancing projects with UNWTO and donors' contributions for the period 2014-2020;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present details of the required payroll charge percentage calculated by a professional firm of actuaries to an upcoming session of the Executive Council for consideration and takes note that an annual separate allocation in the Regular Budget to cover, at a minimum, the ASEB on a pay-as-you-go basis will continue to apply pending the introduction of the payroll charge;
7. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General continue in 2021 and in 2022-2023 his approaches to Members that owe contributions to the Organization in order to secure their payment;
8. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Programme and Budget Committee (Peru and Switzerland, respectively) and the External Auditor (Spain) for the work carried out;

III. UNWTO Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 2021

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Secretary-General's Financial Reports for the periods ended 31 March 2021 and 30 June 2021, the comprehensive information contained in the document and its annexes and approves, as presented in this document:
- (a) The revised appropriations of the Regular Budget at 31 March 2021 and 30 June 2021,
 - (b) The updated Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2021 presented by the Secretary-General at 31 March 2021 and 30 June 2021,
 - (c) The Secretary-General's proposals on the Replacement Reserve, as already authorized by the EC Chair and subject to subsequent confirmation by the Programme and Budget Committee and the Executive Council, to: i) allocate the amount of EUR 200,000 to a new project on Headquarters (HQ) infrastructure improvement, ii) use EUR

144,000 out of the already established ICTC infrastructure project to a cloud-based Human Resources digitalization solution, and iii) to continue with some enhancements of the tailor-made IT Financial management information system using an estimate amount of around EUR 200,000 out of the already established IPSAS/Athena project;

- (d) The projects with UNWTO and donors' contributions for the period ended 30 June 2021;
 - (e) The interim non-RB projects ASEB payroll charge of 10 per cent of regular staff costs charged to non-Regular Budget projects from 1 June 2021;
10. *Also takes note* with satisfaction of the submission of the interim provisional unaudited UNWTO Statement of Financial Position at 31 March 2021 and 30 June 2021 and the UNWTO Statement Financial Performance for the period ended 31 March 2021 and 30 June 2021;
 11. *Thanks* the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations, urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2021, and reminds Members to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations;
 12. *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;

IV. *Draft Budget for the period 2022-2023*

13. *Endorses* the draft Regular Budget of the Organization for the period 2022-2023, for a total amount of EUR 30,438,000 and authorizes the Secretary-General to implement it in accordance with the amounts collected;
14. *Endorses* that the budgetary income approved for the next biennium should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the rounded amounts of EUR 13,317,000 for 2022 and EUR 13,323,000 for 2023, and that the balance to be financed should be covered by the contributions of the Affiliate Members, with the necessary adjustments deriving from any changes in the number of Affiliate Members, and the other sources of funding proposed in this document;
15. *Approves* the proposed scale of contributions for 2022-2023;
16. *Also approves* the Secretary-General's proposal on the assessed contributions of the Affiliate Members and the deductions for specific Members previously endorsed by the Executive Council;

V. *Election of the External Auditor for 2022-2023*

17. *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; and
- VI. Amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2*
18. *Recommends* the Executive Council to adopt the proposed amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2, falling within its competence.

RESOLUTION

Human resources report Agenda item 5(c) (document A/24/5(c) and A/24/5(c) Add.)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided on the human resources of the Organization;
2. *Expresses* its satisfaction at the work currently being carried out by those persons in service of the Organization and their contribution to the Programme of Work, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization with its limited resources and the extraordinary circumstances deriving from the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. *Takes note* of the exceptions to Staff Rules 16(1)(d), 21(1)(a)(iii), 21(2)(a) and 31, in view of the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, for decision by the Executive Council at its next session;
4. *Approves* the exception to Staff Regulation 28, on the mandatory age of retirement, as endorsed by the Executive Council at its 112th session, in the interest of the Organization;
5. *Takes note* of the decision of the Secretary-General to uphold the post adjustment rates resulting from the 2010 place-to-place survey conducted by the ICSC for the Organization's staff in Geneva, in view of the relevant ILOAT ruling and notes that the decision may have an impact on staff based at other duty stations;
6. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Organization for the financing of Junior Professional Officers at UNWTO;
7. *Encourages* Member States to send to the Organization, Officials on Loan, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization with its limited resources and to ensure additional human resources for the newly established UNWTO Regional Office for the Middle East in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
8. *Thanks* the Ethics Officer for her report on the activities carried out from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021;

9. *Thanks* India and Spain for their contribution to the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for 2020-2021; and
10. *Decides* to elect the following members to the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2022-2023:
 - (a) Two members, and
 - (b) Two alternate members.

RESOLUTION

Membership status Agenda item 6(a) (document A/24/6(a) rev.2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the Membership of the Organization (Full Members),

1. *Commends* all the systematic actions and approaches undertaken by the UNWTO Secretary-General and other senior officials in attracting non-member States and new Affiliate Members to join or re-join the Organization despite the COVID-19 pandemic and its negative impact worldwide.
2. *Welcomes* the decision of Antigua and Barbuda to join the Organization and approves its candidature together with the Secretary-General's recommendation that its membership obligations take effect on 1 January 2022;
3. *Calls upon* the member countries of the United Nations that are non-member States of the UNWTO to join the Organization and encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this area;

Having examined the report on the Membership of the Organization (Affiliate Members),

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership on candidatures submitted directly to the Assembly for approval at its 24th session,

4. *Ratifies* the affiliate membership of the candidates provisionally admitted by the Executive Councils as listed in document A/24/6(a) rev.2, Part II paragraph 32;
5. *Admits* as Affiliate Members the candidates submitted directly by the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership as listed in document A/24/6(a) rev.2, Part III, paragraph 33;
6. *Thanks* the Members of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for their work;
7. *Takes note* of the withdrawals from affiliate membership (as listed in Annexes II and III); and

8. *Acknowledges* the changes of the modified business names of companies (as listed in Annex IV).

RESOLUTION

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

Agenda item 6(b)
(document A/24/6(b) rev.3)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report in documents A/24/6(b) and A/24/6(b) rev.1 transmitted by the Secretary-General containing updated information on the Members falling under the above-mentioned provisions,

1. *Decides* to continue applying the measure of suspension of rights and privileges provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes as per A/RES/217(VII) paragraph 1(a) and (b) and/or Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to the Members listed in Annexes II A and II B, if they have not reached an agreement with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of their arrears;
2. *Decides* in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans during the period of reference of this document, to renew the temporary exemption from provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to the Full Members Cambodia, Republic of the Gambia, and Uruguay, and to grant temporary exemption from the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to Full Members Sierra Leone and Sudan;
3. *Also decides* to maintain the temporary exemption to the Full Members Chad, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Vanuatu as well as to the Affiliate Members Azerbaijan Tourism and Management University and Pacific Asia Travel Writers Association PATWA, 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 2022;
4. *Establishes* the following conditions for the Members requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and which propose payment plans to settle their arrears in instalments: (i) to discharge the contribution corresponding to the present year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed, and (ii) strict observance of the plan agreed for the settlement of arrears;

Having regard to Afghanistan's, Libya's, Syrian Arab Republic's and Yemen's special circumstances,

5. *Renews* the temporary exemption from the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to Afghanistan and Libya until further revision by the forthcoming 25th session of the General Assembly; grants to the Syrian Arab Republic and Yemen the temporary exemption from the above-mentioned provisions, and calls upon them to agree on a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears to be submitted to the 25th session of the General Assembly; and
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Governing Bodies about the application of this resolution and 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 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

RESOLUTION

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly (111th-113th sessions)

Agenda item 7
(document A/24/7)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information presented concerning the Council's activities, and in particular the decisions of its 111th, 112th and 113th ordinary sessions;
2. *Takes cognizance* of the major matters considered by the Council such as the implementation of the programme of work for 2019-2020 and the draft programme of work for 2021-2022, the financial situation and human resources of the Organization, and, notably, the considerable efforts in response to the COVID-19 crisis;
3. *Pays tribute* to the dedication and competence demonstrated by its Chairs, Kenya in 2020 and Chile in 2021; and
4. *Thanks* the Vice-Chairs, Italy and Cabo Verde in 2020, and Senegal and Saudi Arabia in 2021, for the quality of the work they carried out in the exercise of their functions.

RESOLUTION

Report of the Credentials Committee
Agenda item 8
(document A/24/8 rev.1)

The General Assembly

1. *Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee; and
2. *Notes* the outcome of its proceedings following the practice in the United Nations system.

RESOLUTION

**Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025 on the
recommendation of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 9
(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,

Having noted the recommendation put forward by the Executive Council in its decision CE/DEC/4(CXIII) to appoint Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili for a second term,

Having carried out a vote by secret ballot in accordance with the rules in force,

Noting that the balloting gave 85 out of 110 votes cast by the Members present and voting to the candidate recommended by the Executive Council,

Decides to appoint Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili as Secretary-General for the period 2022-2025.

RESOLUTION

Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices

Agenda item 10
(document A/24/10 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices,

1. *Adopts* the legal and operational framework for the selection and establishment of Regional/Technical/Thematic Offices;
2. *Requests* the Executive Council to improve in a timely manner the legal and operational framework on the basis of the indications provided by the Assembly;
3. *Ratifies* the decision of the 112th session of the UNWTO Executive Council CE/DEC/5(CXII) on the endorsement of the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the establishment of a UNWTO Regional Office in Riyadh;
4. *Welcomes* the proposals of Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco and South Africa to host UNWTO Regional Offices;
5. *Requests* any country interested in hosting a UNWTO Office to provide the necessary legal framework for its correct functioning, in particular by complying with the requirements set forth by resolution 656(XXI);
6. *Requires* that any such expressions of interest be accompanied by an express commitment to provide such legal framework in order to be considered; and
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform periodically on any progress made in the negotiation of host country agreements for the establishment of UNWTO Offices.

RESOLUTION

Proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Redesigning Tourism for the Future

Agenda item 11
(document A/24/11)

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Al Khateeb, has informed the Secretary-General of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's proposal to Redesign Tourism for the Future and that this proposal includes establishing a Redesigning Tourism for the Future Task Force,

Having examined the information submitted by the Secretary-General on the proposal,

Reflecting that the world needs action as the importance of tourism has been reinforced by the COVID-19 pandemic and that the pandemic's devastating impacts are still being felt, especially in developing countries, to which the UNWTO Statutes make special reference,

Recalling that the socioeconomic impact of tourism has been wide-ranging and substantial. and that multilateral collaboration is essential to strengthen the sector,

1. *Recognizes* the strategic importance of working with all UNWTO Members on key initiatives to Redesign Tourism for the Future with a focus on change, commitment, and investment;
2. *Recognizes* the importance of committing to Redesign Tourism for the Future to benefit all;
3. *Recalls* that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia currently hosts a Regional Office of the UNWTO in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
4. *Takes note* of the initiative “Redesigning Tourism for the Future” presented by Saudi Arabia on 25 October 2021, amended in agreement with Spain on 1 December 2021, and transmitted to all Members States in accordance with Rule 5(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;
5. *Agrees* on the creation of the task force;
6. *Urges* the Executive Council to consider such proposal and to set the mandate, composition and modus operandi of the task force based on the guiding principles set forth in the agenda item; and
7. *Recommends* to appoint Saudi Arabia and Spain as co-chairs.

RESOLUTION

Report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 12
(document A/24/12)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Chair and members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the efforts deployed in streamlining the promotion and the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
2. *Takes note* of the updated version of the Committee's Rules of Procedure as presented in Annex III of document A/24/11 and approves the amendments to the Protocol of Implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism - Part I as presented in Annex II;
3. *Encourages* Member States to consider ratifying, accepting and/or acceding to the Convention and its Optional Protocol adopted at the twenty-third General Assembly and to place it as a matter of significance so as to guide the sustainable development of tourism;
4. *Endorses* the Recommendation on COVID-19 Certificates for International Travel (Annex I) and encourages Member States to take into consideration this recommendation in their tourism recovery strategies;
5. *Acknowledges* the activities undertaken by the Committee, to encourage safe and responsible tourism recovery, inter alia, the revision of the "*Tips for a Responsible Traveller*" and the promotion of rights of the most vulnerable groups such as women, indigenous people, youth, and people with disabilities;
6. *Congratulates* the 450 companies and trade associations from 68 countries, which have adhered to the Code as of May 2021 and appreciates the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the Report summarizing the implementation efforts of the adhered signatories to the Private Sector Commitment to the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism prior and during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
7. *Takes note* of the intervention of the delegate of Poland supported by Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Romania

and Slovakia, which stresses that governments should not misuse tourism for foreign policy purposes that run against the aim of contributing to international understanding, prosperity and peace.

RESOLUTION

Election of the Members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 13
(document A/24/13)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the proposal of the Selection Board (composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General, and the Legal Counsel of the UNWTO) with regard to the four members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the period from the 24th session of the General Assembly in 2021 until the 26th session of the General Assembly in 2025,

1. *Takes note* that, in accordance with resolution 724(XXIII), the members Luis Fernando JIMÉNEZ GUZMAN, Lawal Mohammed MARAFA, Hiroaki MATSUURA and Gabriela TIGU, will continue their respective mandates until the 25th session of the General Assembly in 2023;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Mr. Pascal Lamy for his valuable contribution and outstanding work as Chair of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics during his two consecutive mandates (2013-2017) and (2017- 2021);
3. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General to designate Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former Executive Director of UN WOMEN and former Deputy President of South Africa, as the Chair of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the period from December 2021 until the 26th session of the General Assembly in 2025;
4. *Endorses* the proposal of the Selection Board; and
5. *Appoints* the following individuals as members of the Committee for the period from December 2021 until the 26th session of the General Assembly in 2025 and alternate members for the same period:

Ms. Mayada BELAL
Undersecretary for the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education
& Scientific Research for Cultural Cooperation

Mr. José Ignacio BESGA ZUAZOLA
President, Basque Country Ethics Cluster

Ms. Susan LONGLEY
General Secretary, International Union of Food, Agriculture,
Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers
Associations (IUF)

Ms. Daniela OTERO
Chief Executive Officer, Skal International

Alternate Members:

Ms. Gunnur DIKER
Partner and General Manager, Eurasia Tourism LTD

Mr. Shahid Hamid FIH
Chairman & Founder, SH'otel Hospitality Management &
Consultancy Ltd

Prof. Marina NOVELLI
Professor of Tourism and International Development,
University of Brighton

6. *Decides* that, consequently, the composition of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics is as follows:

Chair:

Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Former Executive Director of UN WOMEN and former
Deputy President of South Africa

Members:

Ms. Mayada BELAL (2021-2025)
Undersecretary for the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education
& Scientific Research for Cultural Cooperation

Mr. José Ignacio BESGA ZUAZOLA (2021-2025)
President, Basque Country Ethics Cluster
Mr. Luis Fernando JIMÉNEZ GUZMAN (2019-2023)
Senior Lecturer in Tourism, University Externado de Colombia
and former Secretary General of Colombian National Tourism
Board

Ms. Susan LONGLEY (2021-2025)
General Secretary, International Union of Food, Agriculture,
Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers
Associations (IUF)

Mr. Lawal Mohammed MARAFA (2019-2023)
Associate Professor, Department of Geography and
Resource Management, the Chinese University of Hong
Kong

Mr. Hiroaki MATSUURA (2019-2023)
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Associate Professor of Health Economics and Demography,
Shoin University

Ms. Daniela OTERO (2021-2025)
Chief Executive Officer, Skai International

Ms. Gabriela TIGU (2019-2023)
Full Professor, Business and Tourism Faculty, Bucharest
University of Economic Studies

Alternate Members:

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RESOLUTION

World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2020 and 2021 and designation of countries for 2022 and 2023

Agenda item 14
(document A/24/14 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the present report submitted by the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day 2020;
2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments of the MERCOSUR Member States (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, plus associate state Chile) and Côte d'Ivoire for hosting the official celebrations of World Tourism Day 2020 and 2021, respectively; and

Having taken cognizance of the proposed host countries by the Regional Commissions and themes proposed by the 113th session of the Executive Council for the next two World Tourism Day celebrations,

3. *Designates* the following countries to host the World Tourism Day celebrations in 2022 and 2023, with the respective themes:

2022: Bali, Indonesia, "Rethinking Tourism"

2023: Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, "Tourism and Green Investments"

RESOLUTION

Election of the Executive Council Members

Agenda item 15
(document A/24/15 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having received the proposals of the Regional Commissions, the Associate Members and the Board of Affiliate Members,

Noting the principle of fair and equitable geographical distribution in the Executive Council, and the desirability of participation of all Members,

1. *Declares* the following Full Members elected as members of the Executive Council for the period 2021-2025, for the 17 seats to be filled:

Africa:

1. Cabo Verde
2. Morocco
3. Mozambique
4. South Africa
5. Zambia

Americas:

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Dominican Republic

Europe:

1. Armenia
2. Croatia
3. Georgia
4. Greece
5. Russian Federation

Middle East:

1. Bahrain
2. United Arab Emirates

South Asia:

1. India
 2. Iran, Islamic Republic of
2. *Recalls* that the Associate Members will be represented by Puerto Rico on the Executive Council until the 25th session of the General Assembly; and
 3. *Takes note* that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Executive Council by (Affiliate Member).

RESOLUTION

Reform of the Organization: Progress on JIU recommendations

Agenda item 16
(document A/24/16 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the Reform of the Organization: Progress on JIU recommendations,

1. *Welcomes* the reforms of the Secretariat in order to reinforce compliance with UN standards, takes note of the reports issued by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in 2020 referenced in the document and thanks the JIU for its insights;
2. *Approves* the acceptance and implementation status for each one of them, as proposed in Annex I of the document and requests the Secretary-General to report accordingly on them to the JIU;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the progress achieved with regard to the JIU recommendations issued up to the end 2019;
4. *Considers closed* those recommendations that have been fully implemented; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep reporting yearly on this issue.

RESOLUTION

**Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and
Executive Council**
Agenda item 17
(document A/24/17)

The General Assembly,

Noting that onsite electronic voting, the use of which has been successfully tested since 2019 in sessions of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, significantly reduces the time-consuming counting of votes by roll call and paper ballots while aligning with the practice in the conduct of meetings in other organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling the unprecedented restrictions on travel, gatherings and movement of people owing to precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19),

Acknowledging the impact that these restrictions have on the organization and conduct of proceedings of meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization and the continuity of their essential functions, in particular, when meeting outside of the city of Madrid,

Recalling the Special Procedures exceptionally adopted by the Executive Council ahead of its 112th session held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 15-17 September 2021, of which the Council took note in its decision 2(CXII),

Reaffirming that an exception to in-person meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization shall be made only in the most extraordinary circumstances,

Having examined the report,

1. *Adopts* the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as set out in Annex I attached to the report; and
2. *Recommends* the Executive Council to adopt the proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure, falling within its competence, as set out in Annex II attached to the report.

RESOLUTION

Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members

Agenda item 18(a)
(document A/24/18(a) rev.1)

The General Assembly,

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

1. *Thanks* the Chair of the Board for her report and congratulates the Members of the Board and the Affiliate Members for their activities;
2. *Stresses* the importance of the holding of the 43rd plenary meeting of the Affiliate Members in the context of the 24th General Assembly and notes the contributions proposed for the Programme of Work 2022;
3. *Welcomes* the initiatives of Affiliate Members aimed at the recovery of the tourism industry;
4. *Values* the contributions of the Board to the Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the cooperation of Affiliate Members with Member States.

RESOLUTION

Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework

Agenda item 18(b)
(document A/24/18(b) rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Working Group on the Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework,

Noting that the proposal of the revised “Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members” has been previously approved by the Plenary of the Affiliate Members at its 43rd session held on 30 November 2021,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the WG-AMLR and by the Board of the Affiliate Members to review and update the “Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members”;
2. *Thanks* Spain for its role as Chair of the Working Group;
3. *Approves* the proposal of Reform of the Affiliate Membership Legal Framework elaborated by the Working Group, consisting of (a) the “Charter of Affiliate Membership” (attached to the present document as Annex I) and the “Rules of Procedure of the Committee of the Affiliate Members” (attached to the present document as Annex I);
4. *Decides* that the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership will be replaced by the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership (CMAM), in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the Charter of Affiliate Membership; and
5. *Supports* the proposal of the WG-AMLR on the transitional composition of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership.

RESOLUTION

Place and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Agenda item 19
(document A/24/19 rev.2)

The General Assembly,

Having decided to consider item 19 immediately after item 10,

Having regard to Article 10 of the Statutes and Article 1 of its Rules of Procedure,

Having taken cognizance of the three candidatures submitted, respectively, by the Governments of Egypt, Portugal and Uzbekistan,

Taking into account the withdrawal of the Government of Egypt,

Having taking cognizance of the request of the Kingdom of Morocco to host the next General Assembly, and its subsequent withdrawal of such request,

1. *Thanks* these Governments warmly for their respective invitations;

Having carried out a vote by secret ballot,

2. *Decides* that its twenty-fifth session will be held in Uzbekistan in 2023;

Having examined the report of the Secretariat on the practice for the conclusion of a host country agreement,

3. *Recalls* that acceptance by the State of the standard conditions laid out in the model agreement is a preliminary requirement for the submission of a valid candidacy to host a General Assembly session; and

4. *Requests* States to undertake in writing that they observe the legal framework for the holding of UNWTO meetings away from headquarters and provide the conditions established in the model agreement for the hosting of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 631(XX).