

Agenda item 7
**Amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule
IV.2**

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Executive summary

Pursuant to decision CE/DEC/4(CXII) of the Executive Council, a proposal of reform of the Affiliate Membership Legal Framework has been approved by the General Assembly at its 24th session held on 2 December 2021.

Additionally, in order to reduce the period of the arrears resulting in the termination of the membership of an Affiliate Member, the General Assembly recommends to the Executive Council to modify Detailed Financial Rule IV.2.

Action by the Executive Council

DRAFT DECISION¹

The Executive Council,

Having examined the recommendation of the General Assembly under resolution (xxx)

1. *Decides* to approve the amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2,
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the amendment effective.

¹This 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. Amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2

1. Through resolution 4(CXII) the Executive Council approved the proposal of the Secretary General and established a Working Group for the Reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework (WG-AMLR), which submitted to the 24th session of the General Assembly a proposal of integral reform of the UNWTO Affiliate Membership Legal Framework for approval. Please refer to A/24/17(b).
2. Additionally, the Working Group submitted a proposal to the General Assembly, under document A/24/5(b), to modify Detailed Financial Rule IV.2. With this amendment, the General Assembly may decide that an Affiliate Member ceases membership for unjustified failure to settle its arrears after it has fallen under the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules instead of Article 34 of the Statutes, that is to say, when the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years instead of four years.

Proposal of amendment

3. Pursuant to Financial Regulation 13.1 (a), the General Assembly recommends to the Executive Council the following amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2:

“When an Affiliate Member falls under the provisions of ~~[Article 34 of the Organization’s Statutes]~~ paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules, the Secretary-General shall request the Affiliate Member to settle its arrears or to submit a payment plan within six months of the date of such notification, or to withdraw from the Organization. If such a Member does not comply with this request, the General Assembly, upon a proposal of the Secretary-General, may decide that it has ceased to be an Affiliate Member as from such date as the General Assembly may determine.”