

**FOR DECISION**

Agenda item 8

**Place and dates of the 116th session of the  
Executive Council**

CE/115/8  
Madrid, 24 November 2021  
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**Executive summary**

In accordance with the Guidelines on the selection of venues of Executive Council and General Assembly the next Executive Council meeting following the one held immediately after the General Assembly must be held at the Headquarters of the Organization.

During that Council, scheduled in the first semester of 2022, the places of the meetings of the Council up to the next General Assembly will be decided.

**Action by the Executive Council**

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

*The Executive Council,*

1. *Approves* the proposal of the Secretary-General to hold the 116th session of the Executive Council (first semester of 2022) in Spain; and
2. *Invites* the Member States to send their candidatures to the Secretariat, at the latest, 90 days before the 116th session of the Executive Council.

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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. Document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev.1 "Guidelines on the selection of venues of Executive Council and General Assembly sessions" approved by the Executive Council states:

*"14. (a) The next Executive Council meeting following the one held immediately after the General Assembly must be held at the Headquarters of the Organization. It decides the places of the meetings of the Council up to the next General Assembly. (...)"*

2. The decision (CE/DEC/11(XCIV)) corresponding to the above-mentioned document says:

*"The Executive Council, (...) endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to try to hold at least one meeting of the Executive Council at the Headquarters of the Organization in non-Assembly years;"*

## II. Candidatures

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3. In compliance with point 1, Spain has informed the Secretariat of its readiness to organize the 116th session of the Executive Council in Spain.

4. Document CE/94/3(III)(d) rev.1 also states the following requirements for applicants to host Executive Council meetings:

*"14. (b) "States wishing to host the Executive Council should inform the Secretary-General ninety days before the Executive Council that is required to decide on the venues of these forthcoming meetings. Such candidature must specify the ordinal number of the Executive Council meeting that the country wishes to host."*

*14. (c) The Secretary-General communicates to the Member States of the Executive Council, in the month following the closing date for the reception of candidatures, the list of candidates to host the Executive Council, requesting them to indicate if they grant their sponsorship to this or these candidatures. In order for a candidature to be eligible, it must receive the sponsorship of at least 25% of the Full Members of the Executive Council. Granting sponsorship does not mean a commitment by the State to vote for such candidature. Consequently, a Member may sponsor several candidatures."*