

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
AT ITS 115TH SESSION**

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**DECISION**

**Adoption of the agenda**  
Agenda item 1  
(document CE/115/1 prov. rev.2)

*The Executive Council*

*Adopts the agenda of its 115th session as proposed and amended.*

**Declaration of loyalty by the Secretary-General  
(Regulation 6(a) of the Staff Regulations)**

Agenda item 2  
(document CE/115/2)

**Declaration of Loyalty**

*“I solemnly undertake to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions that have been entrusted to me as Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, to discharge these functions and regulate my conduct with the interests of the Organization alone in view, not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of my duties from any government or other authority external to the Organization and at all times to uphold the Statutes of the Organization.”*

## **DECISION**

### **Election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2022**

Agenda item 3  
(document CE/115/3)

*The Executive Council,*

*Having considered* the candidatures of Argentina, Bahrain, Côte d'Ivoire and South Africa for the chairmanship,

*Having held* a secret ballot and subsequently a second round of voting between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the first round,

1. *Decides* to elect Côte d'Ivoire as Chair of the Council for 2022;

*Having taken note* of the candidature of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the first vice-chairmanship,

2. *Decides* to elect the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as first Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022;

*Having taken note* of the candidatures of Mauritius and Paraguay for the second vice-chairmanship,

*Having held* a secret ballot,

3. *Decides* to elect Mauritius as second Vice-Chair of the Council for 2022;
4. *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
5. *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.

**DECISION**

**Designations to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 4  
(document CE/115/4 rev.1)

*The Executive Council,*

*Having examined* the report on the designations to the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council,

*Having noted* the designations made by the Regional Commissions,

1. *Establishes* the composition of its subsidiary organs as follows:

***Programme and Budget Committee:***

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| (a) Africa:                                  | Tanzania (2025)** and Morocco (2025)*  |
| (b) Americas:                                | Argentina (2023)** and Peru (2023)*    |
| (c) East Asia and the Pacific:               | Japan (2023)* and Malaysia (2023)**    |
| (d) South Asia:                              | Sri Lanka (2023)** and India (2025)*   |
| (e) Europe:                                  | Spain (2023)* and Switzerland (2023)** |
| (f) Middle East:                             | Iraq (2023)** and Saudi Arabia (2023)* |
| (g) Representative of the Associate Members: | Puerto Rico (2023) <sup>1</sup>        |
| (h) Representative of the Affiliate Members: | .....(2023)                            |

*\* PBC Members elected by the Executive Council with a term limited to their EC term of office*

*\*\* PBC Members elected upon recommendation of the respective Regional Commission, until 2023*

***Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership***

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|---------------|------------------------------|
| (a) Africa:   | Côte d'Ivoire (2023)         |
| (b) Americas: | Honduras <sup>2</sup> (2023) |

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<sup>1</sup> Shared mandate with Flanders (2023-2025)

<sup>2</sup> Shared mandate with Jamaica (A/RES/704(XXII))

- (c) Americas: Mexico (2023)
- (d) East Asia and the Pacific: China (2023)
- (e) South Asia: Iran (2023)
- (f) Europe: Azerbaijan (2023)
- (g) Europe: Croatia (2023)
- (h) Europe: Spain (2023)
- (i) Middle East: Saudi Arabia (2023)
- (j) Representative of the Associate Members: ..... (2023)
- (k) Representative of the Affiliate Members: ..... (2023)

### ***Committee on Statistics***

- (a) Africa: Morocco and Seychelles (2023)
- (b) Americas: Jamaica and Paraguay (2023)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Philippines (2023)
- (d) South Asia: Nepal (2023)
- (e) Europe: Austria and Republic of Moldova (2023)
- (f) Middle East: Saudi Arabia (2023)
- (g) Representative of the Associate Members: Puerto Rico (2023)
- (h) Representative of the Affiliate Members: ..... (2023)

### ***Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness***

- (a) Africa: Kenya and Senegal (2023)
- (b) Americas: Bahamas and Brazil (2023)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Fiji (2023)
- (d) South Asia: India (2023)
- (e) Europe: Israel and Republic of Moldova (2023)
- (f) Middle East: Bahrain (2023)
- (g) Representative of the Associate Members: Puerto Rico (2023)
- (h) Representative of the Affiliate Members: .....(2023)

### ***Committee on Tourism and Sustainability***

- (a) Africa: Algeria and Angola (2023)
- (b) Americas: Honduras and El Salvador (2023)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Philippines (2023)
- (d) South Asia: Bhutan (2023)

- (e) Europe: Croatia and Serbia (2023)
- (f) Middle East: Egypt (2023)
- (g) Representative of the Associate Members: Flanders (2023)
- (h) Representative of the Affiliate Members: .....(2023)

***Committee on Online Education***

- (a) Africa: Morocco and Central African Republic (2025)
- (b) Americas: Chile and Brazil (2025)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Republic of Korea (2025)
- (d) South Asia: Iran (2025)
- (e) Europe: Greece and Portugal (2025)
- (f) Middle East: Saudi Arabia (2025)
- (g) Representative of the Associate Members: Flanders (2023)
- (h) Representative of the Affiliate Members: .....(2023)

2. *Thanks* the former members of the different committees for their valuable work.

**DECISION**

**Item mandated by the General Assembly:  
Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices**

Agenda item 5  
(document A/24/10 rev.1)

*The Executive Council,*

*Recalling* the resolution by the General Assembly under item 10 (RES/A/740/XXIV), whereby the Assembly adopted the legal and operational framework for the selection and establishment of Regional/Technical/Thematic Offices, as presented in document A/24/10 rev.1, and requested the Executive council to improve in a timely manner such framework on the basis of the indications provided by the Assembly,

*Having heard* the observations from Members of the Council regarding the establishment of potential regional offices,

*Approves*, subject to the ratification of the General Assembly, the establishment of the Regional Offices in Brazil, Morocco and Argentina provided that they are in compliance with the legal and operational framework adopted by the General Assembly.



## **DECISION**

### **Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council**

Agenda item 6  
(document A/24/17)

*The Executive Council,*

*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,

*Noting* the General Assembly's recommendation to the Council on this matter,

*Adopts* the proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure, falling within its competence, as set out in Annex II attached to the report.

**DECISION**

**Amendment to the Detailed Financial Rule IV.2**

Agenda item 7  
(document CE/115/7)

*The Executive Council,*

*Having examined* the recommendation of the General Assembly under resolution A/RES/747(XXIV),

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

**DECISION**

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

Agenda item 8  
(document CE/115/8)

*The Executive Council,*

*Having heard* the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's interest in hosting the 116th session of the Executive Council,

*Having heard* Spain's readiness to accede to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's proposal,

1. *Approves* the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 116th session of the Executive Council (first semester of 2022); 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.