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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS SECOND EMERGENCY SESSION**

Madrid, Spain, 8 March 2022

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Adoption of the Agenda
Agenda item 1
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The Executive Council

Having held a vote,

Adopts the agenda of its emergency session as proposed.

Consideration of the requests received from Full Members to convene an extraordinary session of the General Assembly to consider the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation

Agenda item 2
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The Executive Council,

Having examined the communications received from Colombia, Guatemala, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine requesting an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly to be convened in accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes to consider the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation,

Having examined the communication from the Russian Federation urging the Members of the Council to reject the proposal on convening an extraordinary session of the Assembly,

Taking note with grave concern of the report of the Secretary-General on the evaluation of the potential impact of the conflict in Ukraine on tourism,

Welcoming the immediate actions taken by the Secretariat to evaluate and mitigate the effects of the crisis in coordination with the United Nations system,

Recalling that the fundamental aim of the Organization, as established in Article 3 of the Statutes is “the promotion and development of tourism with a view to contributing to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion”,

Endorsing Resolution A/RES/ES-11/1 of the United Nations General Assembly and Resolution A/HRC/RES/49/1 of the UN Human Rights Security Council,

Noting that the ongoing military actions in Ukraine are contrary to the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter and to Article 3 of the Statutes of UNWTO, as well to the values of tourism, as a pillar for peace and solidarity,

Having taken a vote,

1. *Requests* an immediate cessation of hostilities and for the parties to return to peaceful resolution mechanisms;
2. *Decides* to call for an extraordinary session of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes to consider the suspension of the membership of the Russian Federation pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes; and
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene such extraordinary session in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.