Note by the Secretariat: Pursuant to Rule 35 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretariat communicates the following proposal from Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain concerning item 5 of the agenda, as presented by the Embassy of France in Spain on 20 April 2022 (Note Verbale nº 2022-0185347 as Annex I). It includes a draft resolution on the committee foreseen under Rule 51 (4) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
A/s : Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization, 27 and 28 April - Draft resolution creating a committee tasked with considering the request to suspend the membership of the Russian Federation

Executive summary:

At its Second Emergency Session (8 March, Madrid, Spain), the Executive Council convened an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly, under Article 10 of the Statutes, in order to consider the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation, in application of Article 34 of the Statutes.

Consequently, on 22 March 2022, the UNWTO Secretary-General convened an Extraordinary General Assembly, which will be held on 27, and 28 April 2022. In the report relating to Agenda Item 5, “Consideration of the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes” sent by the UNWTO Secretariat on 1 April 2022, the Secretariat proposes that the General Assembly decide:

(a) On the setting up of a committee in accordance with Rule 51.4, its composition, mandate and modus operandi;

(b) On the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes;

(c) On the effects of the suspension and the basis and procedure for the lifting of the suspension, if so decide.

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain submit to the General Assembly this draft resolution constituting a committee tasked with considering the suspension request and presenting a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with Rule 51.4 of the General Assembly’s Rules of Procedure.

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain propose that the committee be made up of the Chairs of the UNWTO’s six Regional Commissions and the President of the General Assembly. These countries, which were elected by the Regional Commissions or the General Assembly, have the necessary legitimacy to submit a report and draft resolution to the General Assembly.

It is also proposed that the parties concerned by the procedure be invited to share their observations and comments with the committee.

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain invite all Member States that wish to do so to present with them this draft resolution before the Extraordinary General Assembly.

Draft resolution presented by Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain:
Agenda Item 5 – “Consideration of the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes”

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the fundamental aim of the Organization under Article 3(1) of the Statutes to promote and develop 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,

Reaffirming also that the Organization shall take all appropriate action to attain its fundamental aim,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions ES-11/1 of 2 March 2022, ES-11/2 of 24 March 2022, and ES-11/3 of 7 April 2022,

Recalling also United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 49/1 of 4 March 2022,

Taking note of Executive Council decision 2(URG-2) of 8 March 2022, in which the Executive Council called for an extraordinary session of the General Assembly to consider the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes,

Having examined the communications received from Colombia, Guatemala, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine requesting an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly to be convened to consider the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes,

Recalling Executive Council decision 2(URG-2) requesting the immediate cessation of the hostilities and for the parties to return to peaceful resolution mechanisms,

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,

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

1. Decides to constitute a committee tasked with considering the request to suspend membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Rule 51.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

2. Decides that the committee shall be made up of the six Chairs of the UNWTO Regional Commissions and the Presidency of the General Assembly, who shall also act as chair of the committee;

3. Requests that the committee submit for consideration by the General Assembly a report addressing the effects of Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine on the fundamental aims of UNWTO and the existence of motives justifying the application of Article 34 of the Statutes;

4. Emphasizes that as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, the committee shall apply the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, in accordance with Rule 57;
5. *Requests* that the committee meet in a private session, and can invite the parties concerned by the procedure to share their observations and comments with the committee;

6. *Kindly requests* that the Secretary-General provide support and assistance to the committee, as he does for the other bodies and subsidiary bodies of UNWTO;

7. *Decides* that the committee’s mandate shall run until the submission of the report to the General Assembly.
La Embajada de Francia en España saluda muy atentamente a la Secretaría General de la Organización mundial del Turismo (OMT) y tiene el honor de comunicarle que, sobre la base de los artículos 3, 10 y 34 de los Estatutos de la OMT, y de las conclusiones de la segunda reunión de urgencia del Consejo Ejecutivo (8 de marzo de 2022, Madrid) que prevé el examen de la suspensión del estatuto de miembro de la Federación de Rusia en la próxima reunión extraordinaria de la Asamblea General, esta Embajada presenta el proyecto de resolución adjunto, por el que se establece una comisión especial encargada de examinar la solicitud de suspensión y de entregar un informe a la Asamblea General, en conformidad con el artículo 51.4 del Reglamento interno de la Asamblea General.

Se agradece de antemano a la Secretaría General de la Organización mundial del Turismo (OMT) por difundir cuanto antes esta propuesta de resolución, presentada por esta Embajada, como presidente local del Consejo de la UE, de manera conjunta con España, como Estado miembro y anfitrión de la OMT, con el apoyo de los demás Estados europeos y co-patrocinadores miembros de dicha organización [Alemania, Austria, Bulgaria, Chipre, Croacia, Eslovaquia, Eslovenia, España, Francia, Grecia, Hungría, Italia, Lituania, Macedonia del Norte, Malta, Mónaco, Países Bajos, Polonia, Portugal, República Checa y Rumanía], la cual se basa en gran parte en el informe que la Secretaría de la OMT transmitió a sus Estados miembros el 1 de abril de 2022, sobre la revisión de la solicitud de suspensión de Rusia.

En esta propuesta de resolución (adjunta), la comisión estaría compuesta por los presidentes de las seis comisiones regionales de la OMT, así como por la presidencia de la Asamblea General. Estos países, elegidos por las comisiones regionales o por la Asamblea General, tienen la legitimidad necesaria para presentar un informe a la Asamblea General. Se sugiere invitar a las partes implicadas en el conflicto a aportar sus observaciones y comentarios a la comisión.

La Embajada de Francia en España agradece de antemano a la Secretaría General de la Organización mundial del Turismo (OMT) por difundir este proyecto de resolución cuanto antes, a los Estados miembros, y aprovecha esta ocasión para reiterarle el testimonio de su más alta consideración.

Madrid, 20 de abril de 2022

Secretaría General
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MADRID
The Embassy of France in Spain presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and has the honour to inform it that, on the basis of Articles 3, 10 and 34 of the Statutes of UNWTO and the conclusions of the second emergency session of the Executive Council (8 March 2022, Madrid) providing for the consideration of the suspension of the membership of the Russian Federation at the forthcoming extraordinary session of the General Assembly, this Embassy presents the attached draft resolution constituting a special committee tasked with considering the suspension request and presenting a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with Rule 51.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

The General Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is thanked in advance for circulating as soon as possible this proposal of resolution, presented by this Embassy as local President of the Council of the EU, jointly with Spain, as a Member State and host of UNWTO, with the support of the other co-sponsor European Member States of the Organization [Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain], which is largely based on the report that the UNWTO Secretariat transmitted to its Member States on 1 April 2022 on the consideration of the request for the suspension of Russia.

In this proposal of resolution (attached), the committee would be made up of the Chairs of the UNWTO’s six Regional Commissions and the Presidency of the General Assembly. These countries, elected by the Regional Commissions or by the General Assembly, have the necessary legitimacy to present a report to the General Assembly. It is suggested that the parties involved in the conflict be invited to present their observations and comments to the committee.

The Embassy of France in Spain thanks the General Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in advance for circulating this draft resolution as soon as possible to the Member States and avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Madrid, 20 April 2022

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