FOR DECISION

Agenda item 5
Proposal presented by Poland

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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, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine concerning item 5 of the agenda, as presented by the Embassy of Poland in Spain on 26 April 2022 (Note Verbale nº AMB.MAD.242-1_93-2022 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.
Re: Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization, 27 and 28 April - Draft resolution on the suspension of Russia

Executive summary:

At its second emergency session (8 March 2022, Madrid, Spain) the Executive Council called for an extraordinary session of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes to consider the suspension from membership of the Russian Federation pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes.

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

(a) On the setting up of a committee (in accordance with Rule 51.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, 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 decided

In addition to the draft resolution on the setting up of a committee, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Czech republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine submit to the General Assembly this draft resolution on the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation, its effects and conditions and the procedure to lift the suspension.

Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Czech republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine invite all Member States that so wish to support the presentation of this draft resolution before the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly.

Draft resolution presented by Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Czech republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine:

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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;

Taking into account 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;

Taking into account 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 the 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;

Endorsing 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 of 4 March 2022 on the evaluation of the potential impact of the conflict in Ukraine on tourism;

Affirming that the ongoing military actions of the Russian Federation 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. Takes note of the report of the committee set up to consider the request to suspend the membership of the Russian Federation, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [reference];

2. Decides to suspend the membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes from exercising the rights and enjoying the privileges of membership, including the right to participate in the UNWTO meetings;

3. Recalls that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes, the suspension will be upheld until the Assembly notes a change in the policy of the Russian Federation; if appropriate, in accordance with Rule 51.4 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure, the lifting of the suspension shall follow the same procedure as that of the suspension, in accordance with Article 51.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly;

4. Kindly requests that the Secretary-General take the necessary measures to implement the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation.
URGENTE

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VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization and has the honour to transmit on behalf of the co-sponsoring states: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine, a draft resolution on the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with the Article 34 of the Statutes, with the request that it be circulated to all delegations before the start of the Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly of the UNWTO.

The Embassy of the Republic of Poland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization the assurance of its highest consideration.

Madrid, 26 April 2022

Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization
Madrid