

Report of the ad hoc Committee on the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation

1. On 27 April 2022, the General Assembly, in accordance with Rule 51 (4) of its Rules of Procedure, appointed an ad hoc committee on the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation (hereinafter “the Committee”) consisting of the following Full Members:
 - Côte d'Ivoire
 - Paraguay
 - Malaysia
 - Greece
 - Egypt
 - Bangladesh
 - Spain
2. The Committee held one meeting on 27 April 2022. Malaysia was absent from the meeting.
3. The Committee unanimously elected the Secretary of State of Tourism of Spain, Fernando Valdés, as Chair.
4. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General dated 26 April 2022 concerning the scope of work of the Committee.
5. The Committee had before it six communications addressed to the Secretary-General concerning requests to apply suspension of membership to the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes. The first was dated 27 February 2022 from Ukraine. The second was dated 28 February 2022 from Slovenia. The third was dated 28 February 2022 from Poland. The fourth was dated 28 February 2022 from Lithuania. The fifth was dated 28 February 2022 from Guatemala. The sixth was dated 1 March 2022 from Colombia.
6. The Committee also had before it a communication from the Russian Federation addressed to the Members of the Executive Council dated 4 March 2022.
7. The Chair reminded that the meeting of the Committee was private and that, consequently, its deliberations would remain confidential.
8. The Chair further proposed the following draft determinations for adoption by the Committee:
 - The Committee finds that there are sufficient elements for the Assembly to assess the requests of suspension of the Russian Federation by six Full Members based on an alleged breach of the fundamental aims of the Organization.
 - The Committee finds that the military aggression against Ukraine by the Russian Federation is contrary to the fundamental aims of the Organization and that it affects the attainment of the Organization’s objectives.
 - The Committee finds that there are sufficient elements that warrant the application of Article 34, in other words, that the Russian Federation persists in a policy contrary to the fundamental aims of the Organization.
9. The draft determinations proposed by the Chair were adopted by a majority vote.

10. The representatives of Bangladesh and Egypt abstained in the voting and dissociated from the adoption of the Committee's report.
11. The Chair then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the incorporation of paragraphs in relation to the Committee into the draft resolution entitled "Consideration of the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes". The proposal was adopted without a vote.
12. The Committee then recommends to the General Assembly the incorporation of the following paragraphs into the draft resolution entitled "Consideration of the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes":

The General Assembly,

Taking cognizance that the Committee set up pursuant to Rule 51.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly was chaired by the Secretary of State of Tourism of Spain, Fernando Valdés,

Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Committee to submit a report within the established deadline,

Having examined the report of the Committee,

Notes the determinations made in the report of the Committee in relation to the military aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine with respect to the fundamental aims of UNWTO and its effects on the attainment of the Organization's objectives, as well as the existence of sufficient elements warranting the application of Article 34 of the Statutes;

13. In light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.