

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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RESOLUTION

Adoption of the agenda Agenda item 1 (document A/EXT-1/1 prov.)

The General Assembly

Adopts the agenda of its extraordinary session as proposed.



RESOLUTION

Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents

Agenda item 2 (document A/EXT-1/2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents,

Decides that the Officers of the first extraordinary session of the General Assembly, appointed in accordance with Rules 15 and 16 of its Rules of Procedure, be as follows:

President: Spain, represented by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Reyes Maroto

Vice-Presidents:

Africa:

- Gambia

Americas:

- Paraguay
- Uruguay

Asia and the Pacific:

- Cambodia

Europe:

- Hungary
- Uzbekistan

South Asia:

- India



RESOLUTION

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee Agenda item 3 (document A/EXT-1/3)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee,

Decides that the Credentials Committee for the first extraordinary session, appointed in accordance with Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure, shall be as follows: Angola, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, Japan, Malta, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.



RESOLUTION

Report of the Credentials Committee Agenda item 4 (document A/EXT-1/4)

The General Assembly

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.



RESOLUTION

Consideration of the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes Agenda item 5 (documents A/EXT-1/5, A/EXT-1/5/1 and A/EXT-1/5/1.1)

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 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,

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 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,

Having considered the 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, as presented by the Embassy of France in Spain on 20 April 2022 (A/EXT-1/5/1) and co-sponsored by Andorra, Japan and Montenegro,

- 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;
- Decides that the Committee shall be made up of the Chairs of the UNWTO Regional Commissions and the Presidency of the General Assembly, who shall also act as chair of the Committee;
 - Bangladesh (Vice-Chair of the Commission for South Asia) in the absence of Maldives
 - Côte d'Ivoire
 - Egypt
 - Greece
 - Malaysia
 - Paraguay
 - Spain
- 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;
- 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;

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,

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts made by the Committee to submit a report within the established deadline;

Having examined the report of the Committee,

9. 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;

Having considered the proposal from Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine, submitted by the Embassy of Poland in Spain on 26 April 2022 (A/EXT-1/5/1.1) and co-sponsored by Colombia, Guatemala, Montenegro and Spain,

Having taken a vote requiring a two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting,

- 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;
- 11. 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; and
- 12. *Kindly requests* that the Secretary-General take the necessary measures to implement the suspension of membership of the Russian Federation.
