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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
AT ITS 116TH SESSION**

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**Adoption of the Agenda**  
(document CE/116/1 prov.)

*The Executive Council*

*Adopts* the agenda as proposed.

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
Current trends of international tourism**  
(document CE/116/3(a))

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the report on current trends of international tourism,

1. *Welcomes* the report and updated information provided by the Secretary-General as well as the UNWTO monitoring reports and tools developed since the outbreak of COVID-19; and
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue monitoring trends and recovery and to update the Members accordingly.

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
Implementation of the General Programme of Work**  
(document CE/116/3(b) rev.2)

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the report on the implementation of the General Programme of Work,

1. *Takes note* with satisfaction of all the activities carried out by the Secretary-General;
2. *Endorses* the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism as a voluntary commitment launched by UNWTO in November 2021 at the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 to accelerate climate action in tourism and encourages all UNWTO Member States to promote the Declaration;
3. *Endorses* the proposal by the Secretary-General and the Committee on Tourism Online Education (CTOE), to extend the agreement with the IE University concerning the online learning platform until 31 December 2031; and

*Having particularly read* the Annex VI on Internal control by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS),

4. *Supports* the Secretary-General's efforts on internal control and requests him to further work with OIOS in reinforcing the accountability framework of the Organization.

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
Report on the financial situation of the Organization**  
(document CE/116/3(c) rev.1)

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined the report,*

**I. UNWTO Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2022**

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive information contained in the documents and their annexes;
2. *Takes note* of the Secretary-General's Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2022 and the information presented in the document and its annexes and approves, as presented in this document:
  - (a) The revised appropriations of the Regular Budget at 31 March 2022,
  - (b) The Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2022 presented by the Secretary-General at 31 March 2022,
  - (c) The co-financing projects with UNWTO and donors contributions for the period ended 31 March 2022;
3. *Also takes note* with satisfaction of the submission of the interim provisional unaudited UNWTO Statement of Financial Position at 31 March 2022 and the UNWTO Statement Financial Performance for the period ended 31 March 2022;
4. *Thanks* the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations, urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2022, and reminds Members to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations;
5. Welcomes with gratitude the initiative of Cameroun and Nigeria to carry out the necessary procedures in order to fulfil their financial obligations, whether partially or in full, to fall out of the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes as well as to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that at the date of this document is no longer under these provisions;
6. Notes that in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution A/RES/736(XXIV) excerpts shown in Annex 1.D.4, the stipulations of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are once again applicable as of 1 April 2022 to the Full Members, Chad, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan and Vanuatu;
7. Endorses the payment plans submitted by the Full Member Uganda and the Affiliate Member Adventure Travel and Trade Association to the present session

of the Executive Council for approval by the 25th session of the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its next session, about the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 that they were granted by the General Assembly or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments;
9. *Supports* the Secretary-General's proactive approach for the settlement of current year and arrear contributions in order to contribute towards the Organization's programme of work, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization to assist the tourism sector to recover from the challenges resulting from the impact of international events on the sector with its limited resources.

## **II. UNWTO Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

*Noting that*, due to the exceptional circumstances, the External Auditors for the period 2022-2023, i.e. for the external audit of the Financial Statements for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022, were elected by silence procedure on 26 March 2022 (A/RES-PS/1(2022)),

10. *Takes note* that, at the time of drafting this report, the UNWTO Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 are still under the external audit process;
11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the Organization Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 to the Executive Council upon conclusion of the external audit together with the External Auditor opinion and the Secretary-General Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021;
12. *Thanks* the Secretary-General for the work done for the issuance of the UNWTO Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 compliant with IPSAS and in line with other UN organizations; and
13. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Programme and Budget Committee (Switzerland and Peru, respectively) and the External Auditor (Spain) for their work.

## **III. Modifications to the procurement rules for the simplification of the processes**

14. *Decides* to approve the amendments to Detailed Financial Rule DFR VI.33 (d) to update procurement thresholds as proposed by the Secretary-General.

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
Human resources report  
(document CE/116/3(d) rev.2)**

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined the report,*

1. *Takes note* of the information provided on the human resources of the Organization;
2. *Expresses* its satisfaction at the work currently being carried out by those persons in service of the Organization and their contribution to the Programme of Work, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization within its limited resources and the extraordinary circumstances deriving from the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. *Expresses* its satisfaction on the management of the UNWTO workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic and the initiatives to ensure the health and well-being of all personnel;
4. *Takes note* of the information provided on the ICSC cost-of-living survey and the FICSA cost-sharing proposal;
5. *Approves* the exception to Staff Rule 14 (4) bis (a) in the interest of the Organization and considering United Nations policies on the matter;
6. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Organization for the financing of Junior Professional Officers;
7. *Encourages* Member States to send to the Organization, Officials on Loan, especially in view of the rising demands of the Organization within its limited resources and to ensure additional human resources for the Regional Office for the Middle East in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and
8. *Thanks* the Ethics Officer for her report on the activities carried out from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022.

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
UNWTO Secretary-General's presentation of the proposal  
to create a Task Force on Redesigning Tourism for the Future  
(resolution A/RES/741(XXIV))**

The Executive Council,

1. *Noting that* no official communication was submitted to the Secretary-General for circulation to the Executive Council from the co-sponsoring countries, namely the Kingdoms of Saudi Arabia and Spain, on the mandate, composition or modus operandi of the proposed Task Force,
2. *Having heard* the presentation of the Secretary-General,
3. *Decides* to defer the consideration and evaluation of the proposal to create a Task Force on Redesigning Tourism for the Future to its next session; and
4. Requests that any proposals, including the mandate, composition and/or modus operandi of the Task Force, from its inception be consulted with the Secretariat in order to ensure that it is aligned with the legal framework of the Organization.



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**Report on the current status of the UNWTO  
Regional Office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**  
(document CE/116/4(a))

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the report on the current status of the UNWTO Regional Office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the report; and
2. *Expresses* its satisfaction at the work currently being undertaken in relation to the staffing of the Regional Office in Riyadh, especially in view of the rising demands on the Organization within its limited resources.

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**Legal and operational framework for the establishment of  
UNWTO Regional Offices**  
(document CE/116/4(b))

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the report on the Legal and Operational Framework of the Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices,

1. *Takes note* with great satisfaction of the improvement of the legal and operational framework prepared by the Secretariat upon the request of the General Assembly and thanks it for the systematic and focused approach proposed;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to further consult with the Members of the Council in order to prepare a revised legal and operational framework for UNWTO Regional and Thematic Offices to be presented at its next session; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to report periodically on any progress regarding the establishment of Regional/Thematic offices.

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**Affiliate Members**  
**Communication of the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members**  
(document CE/116/5(a) rev.1)

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the Communication of the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members,

1. *Thanks* the Chair of the Board for her Communication;
2. *Congratulates* the Members of the Board for their election (mandate 2022-2025);
3. *Welcomes* the initiatives proposed by Affiliate Members to be included in the 2022 Programme of Work, aimed at the recovery of the tourism industry;
4. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening the institutional collaboration between the Board of the Affiliate Members and the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership; and
5. *Appreciates* the Affiliate Members' commitment and readiness for a more sustainable and resilient tourism.

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**Affiliate Members**  
**Report of the Committee on Matters related**  
**to Affiliate Membership**  
(document CE/116/5(b))

*The Executive Council*

*Having examined* the report of its Committee on Matters related to Affiliate Membership (CMAM), which met in virtual format on 26 May 2022,

1. *Welcomes* the new Committee and endorses its report on the status of Affiliate Membership;
2. *Congratulates* Spain for its election as the Chair and Côte d' Ivoire as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period 2022-2023;
3. *Requests* the Committee to submit to the Executive Council recommendations to achieve the objectives to consolidate the Affiliate Membership of the Organization in order to strengthen UNWTO's capacity to deliver services and knowledge through the contribution of its Affiliate Members;
4. *Decides* to admit provisionally to Affiliate Membership the 15 candidates listed in Annex I, pending ratification by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session; and
5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present the candidates listed in Annex I to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session for ratification.

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**Place and dates of the 117th and 118th sessions of  
the Executive Council**  
(document CE/116/6)

*The Executive Council,*

*Taking into consideration* the guidelines adopted for the selection of venues of its sessions (CE/94/3(III)(d) rev.1),

*Having taken cognizance* of the candidatures submitted, respectively, by the Kingdom of Morocco and Guatemala to host its 117th session,

*Having taken note* of the withdrawal of the candidature of Guatemala in support of the candidature of the Kingdom of Morocco,

1. *Decides* to hold its 117th session in Morocco, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country;

*Having been informed* of the candidature of the Dominican Republic to host its 118th session,

*Having heard* of the interest of Mauritius to host its 118th session,

*Having carried out* a vote by secret ballot,

2. *Decides* to hold its 118th session in Dominican Republic, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country.