

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 14
Election of the Executive Council Members

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Executive summary

The 23rd session of the UNWTO General Assembly will elect 17 Member States in the Executive Council for the period 2019-2023.

Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies, including nomination of candidates to represent the Regions on the Executive Council for the period 2019-2023, were held during the Regional Commission meetings for the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Middle East held in the first Semester of 2019.

The UNWTO Commission for Africa will make its nominations at its 62nd meeting to be held on the margins of the General Assembly.

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

The General Assembly,

Having received the proposals of the Regional Commissions, the Associate Members and the Board of Affiliate Members,

1. *Declares* the following Full Members elected as members of the Executive Council for the period 2019-2023, for the 17 seats to be filled:

Africa:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Americas:

- 1.
- 2.

East Asia and the Pacific:

¹ This is a draft resolution. For the final resolution adopted by the Assembly, please refer to the Resolutions document issued at the end of the session.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Europe:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Middle East:

- 1.
2. *Recalls* that the Associate Members will be represented by Flanders on the Executive Council until the 24th session of the General Assembly; and
3. *Takes note* that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Executive Council by the Chair of the Board.

I. Executive Council: Election of Members

1. The General Assembly is required to elect, at each of its sessions, one-half of the membership of the Executive Council, in accordance with Article 14(1) of the Statutes of the Organization, which reads as follows²:

"The Council shall consist of Full Members elected by the Assembly in the ratio of one Member for every five Full Members, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure laid down by the Assembly, with a view to achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution."

2. Article 15 of the Statutes also stipulates that:

"The term of elected Members shall be four years. Election for one-half of the membership of the Council shall be held every two years."

3. This provision is enlarged upon in rule 55(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, paragraph 4 of which reads:

"The term of office of the Members of the Council shall begin immediately following their election by the Assembly and shall end on the election of their successors."

4. Article 14(1) of the Statutes provides that the total number of the Organization's Full Members determines the number of seats on the Council. In order to achieve, so far as possible, fair and equitable geographical representation, the number of seats per region is calculated on the basis of one seat for every five Members out of the total number of Members in each region.

5. At its 22nd session in Chengdu, China, the General Assembly decided (resolution 697 (XXII)) to amend Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly as follows:

"The Assembly shall elect by secret ballot the Members of the Council in the proportion of one Member of the Council for every five Full Members of the Organization, having regard to fair and equitable geographical distribution. This proportion shall be applied to the number of Full Members by region (see annex I) in order to determine the number of seats on the Executive Council to be allocated to the corresponding region."

6. Consequently, in accordance with the number of Full Members per region at the date of this document, the Council may be composed of 34 members in addition to Spain as a permanent member, during the period between the twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.
7. The current membership of the Executive Council whose terms of office expire in 2019 is indicated in Annex II.
8. The current membership of the Executive Council until 2021 and the nominated candidates (2019-2023) by the Regional Commissions to the Executive Council to be elected by the General Assembly are indicated in Annex III.
9. Seventeen Full Members will have to be elected to the Council in the ratio of 1 member for every 5 Full Members per region, as follows:

Africa	6 seats
Americas	2 seats
East Asia and the Pacific	4 seats
Europe	4 seats
Middle East	1 seat
South Asia	0 seats
TOTAL	17 seats

² The same provision is repeated in rule 1(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

10. The 62nd Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa was cancelled due to the unavoidable circumstances. It will take place on the margins of the upcoming UNWTO General Assembly.
11. The following tables list the States have submitted their candidatures for Executive Council membership (2019-2023) as well as the States that have been nominated by the Regional Commissions:

AFRICA (6 seats to be filled)

Note: The Commission meeting for Africa will take place on 10 of September 2019 on the margins of the 23rd session of the UNWTO General Assembly in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Algeria (new)	05.10.2018	
Tunisia (new)	19.10.2018	
Angola (new)	06.11.2018	
Côte d'Ivoire (new)	04.01.2019	
Senegal (new)	10.07.2019	
Kenya (new)	04.02.2019	
Mauritius (new)	12.08.2019	
Morocco (renewal)	22.11.2018	
Zambia (renewal)	01.03.2019	
Seychelles (renewal)	15.07.2019	

AMERICAS (2 seats to be filled)

Nominated candidatures by the 64th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the Americas (La Antigua, Guatemala, 16 May 2019)

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Guatemala (new)	09.11.2018	Guatemala
Chile (new)	28.01.2019	Chile until 2021
Paraguay (renewal)	06.11.2018	Paraguay 2021-2023
Jamaica (renewal)	06.02.2019	
Withdrawal	27.02.2019	

EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (4 seats to be filled)

Nominated candidatures by the 53rd Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (Thimphu, Bhutan, 4 June 2019)

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Fiji (new)	07.08.2018	China
Philippines (new)	15.10.2018	Japan
Withdrawal	12.04.2019	
Republic of Korea (renewal)	23.10.2018	Republic of Korea
Japan (renewal)	07.11.2018	Thailand
China (renewal)	23.11.2018	
Thailand (renewal)	04.01.2019	

EUROPE (4 seats to be filled)

Nominated candidatures by the 64th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Europe (Zagreb, Croatia, 28 May 2019)

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Turkey (new)	15.05.2018	Portugal
Bulgaria (new)	01.06.2018	Turkey
Georgia (new)	06.07.2018	Italy
Croatia (new)	02.04.2019	France
Montenegro (new)	08.04.2019	
Italy (renewal)	25.10.2018	
Portugal (renewal)	19.11.2018	
France (renewal)	25.01.2019	

MIDDLE EAST (1 seat to be filled)

Nominated candidatures by the 45th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the Middle East (Cairo, Egypt, 24 March 2019)

Candidatures	Letter of Intent (date)	Nominated Candidatures
Syria (new)	26.06.2018	Saudi Arabia
Iraq (new)	31.07.2018	
Withdrawal	24.03.2019	
UAE (new)	18.09.2018	
Withdrawal	24.03.2019	
Saudi Arabia (renewal)	10.01.2019	

SOUTH ASIA (no seats)

12. It should be recalled that Executive Council decisions 4(XXXIII) and 4(XXXIV) recommend that "...only Members of the Organization having no unjustified arrears (paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes) shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council".
13. At its 22nd session, the Assembly took note of the nomination of Flanders as representative of the Associate Members to the Executive Council until the 24th General Assembly session (A/RES/704(XXII)).
14. The Board of Affiliate Members is requested to nominate its representative to serve on the Executive Council. This function is traditionally shouldered by the Chair of the Board.

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Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela

Albania	Netherlands
Andorra	North Macedonia
Armenia	Poland
Austria	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Republic of Moldova
Belarus	Romania
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Russian Federation
Bulgaria	San Marino
Croatia	Serbia
Cyprus	Spain
Czech Republic	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Georgia	Switzerland
Germany	Tajikistan
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	Turkmenistan
Israel	Ukraine
Italy	Uzbekistan
Kazakhstan	
Kyrgyzstan	
Lithuania	
Malta	
Monaco	
Montenegro	

Algeria	Madagascar
Angola	Malawi
Benin	Mali
Botswana	Mauritania
Burkina Faso	Mauritius
Burundi	Morocco
Cameroon	Mozambique
Cabo Verde	Namibia
Central African Rep.	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Congo	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and-Principe
Rep. of the Congo	Senegal
Djibouti	Seychelles
Equatorial	Sierra Leone
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Sudan	Swaziland
Gabon	Togo
Gambia	Tunisia
Ghana	Uganda
Guinea	United R. of Tanzania
Guinea-Bissau	Union of Comoros
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe
Liberia	

Bahrain
Egypt
Iraq
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syrian Arab Republic
United Arab Emirates
Yemen

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
India
Iran
Maldives
Nepal
Pakistan
Sri Lanka

Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
DPR of Korea
Fiji
Indonesia
Japan
Lao PDR
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
Rep. of Korea
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Vanuatu
Viet Nam
Samoa

Associate Members:

Aruba
Flanders
Hong Kong, China
Macao, China
Madeira
Puerto Ri

Annex II: Member States finishing their terms of office as members of the UNWTO Executive Council in 2019

AFRICA

Democratic Republic of Congo
Ghana
Morocco
Mozambique
Seychelles
Zambia

AMERICAS

Argentina
Jamaica
Mexico
Paraguay
Uruguay

EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

China
Japan
Republic of Korea
Thailand

EUROPE

France
Italy
Portugal
Slovakia

MIDDLE EAST

Saudi Arabia

Annex III: Current Membership of the Executive Council until 2021 and the nominated candidates (2019-2023) by the Regional Commissions to the Executive Council to be elected by the General Assembly

<i>REGION</i>	<i>MEMBERS</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2023</i>
A F R I C A	Cabo Verde	X	
	Congo	X	
	Namibia	X	
	Sudan	X	
	Zimbabwe	X	
A M E R I C A S	Peru	X	
	Honduras	X	
	Chile 2021 / Paraguay 2023	X	X
	Brazil	X	
	Guatemala		X
E A S T A S I A A N D T H E P A C I F I C	China		X
	Japan		X
	Republic of Korea		X
	Thailand		X
S O U T H A S I A	India	X	
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	X	
E U R O P E	Azerbaijan	X	
	France		X
	Greece	X	
	Italy		X
	Lithuania	X	
	Portugal		X
	Romania	X	
	Russian Federation	X	
	Turkey		X
	Spain	Permanent Member	
M I D D L E E A S T	Bahrain	X	
	Egypt	X	
	Saudi Arabia		X