

Agenda item 7

**Election of the Chair and the two  
Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for  
2023**

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**Executive summary**

In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council is invited to elect its Chair, first Vice-Chair and second Vice-Chair for 2023.

In a letter dated 28 July 2022, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire submitted the candidature of the country for renewal of its chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2023.

## **DRAFT DECISION<sup>1</sup>**

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(document CE/117/7)

*The Executive Council,*

*Having considered* the candidatures received for the chairmanship,

1. *Decides* to elect/renew ... as Chair of the Council for 2023;

*Having taken note* of the candidatures for the first and second vice-chairmanships,

2. *Decides* to elect/renew ... as first Vice-Chair of the Council and ... as second Vice-Chair of the Council for 2023;
3. *Requests* the Full Members elected to the chairmanship/vice-chairmanships to designate the persons to perform these duties in accordance with Rule 5(4) of its Rules of Procedure; and
4. *Thanks* the outgoing Chair, Côte d'Ivoire, the first Vice-Chair, Saudi Arabia, and the second Vice-Chair, Mauritius, for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

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<sup>1</sup>This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.

## I. Introduction

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1. In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2023.

### Officers of the Council

#### *Rule 5*

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*
  2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*
  3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*
  4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*
2. Although Rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

## II. Candidatures

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3. In a letter dated 28 July 2022 and addressed to the Secretary-General, the Minister of Tourism of Côte d'Ivoire, H.E. Mr. Siandou Fofana, renewed the candidature of his country for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2023 (see Annex I).
4. On 1 August 2022, the Secretariat addressed a note verbale to the Members of the Council informing them on Côte d'Ivoire's candidature.
5. As of the date of issue of this document, no other candidatures have been received for the position of Chair and Vice-Chairs for the year 2023.

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**MINISTRE DU TOURISME**

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**LE MINISTRE**  
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N° 0911/MINTOUR/CAB/SF/CT-LM**REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE**

Union - Discipline - Travail

Abidjan, le **28 JUL. 2022****A**

**Monsieur Zurab POLOLIKASHVILI**  
**Secrétaire Général de l'Organisation**  
**Mondiale du Tourisme**

**MADRID**

**Objet :** Manifestation d'intérêt pour  
 le renouvellement de la candidature  
 de la Côte d'Ivoire à la Présidence du Conseil Exécutif

**Monsieur le Secrétaire Général,**

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que la République de Côte d'Ivoire renouvelle sa candidature pour le poste de Président du Conseil Exécutif de l'Organisation Mondiale du Tourisme, pour l'année 2023.

En effet, notre pays entend poursuivre sa politique de participation dans les hautes instances de l'Organisation, afin de demeurer un membre actif contribuant significativement à la prise de décisions au niveau mondial.

Présider cette instance est une responsabilité pour notre pays et contribue à renforcer les liens entre les États membres. Nous souhaitons par ailleurs accompagner votre vision d'un nouveau tourisme pour notre organisation commune.

Vous remerciant de votre sollicitude,

Je vous prie de croire, **Monsieur le Secrétaire Général**, en l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

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<sup>2</sup> Translated text in an official language available upon request.