

Agenda item 7

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

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Note by the Secretariat: The present addendum to document CE/117/7 provides new information relevant to item 7 of the provisional agenda.

Candidature of Saudi Arabia for the chairmanship of the Council

1. Through a letter dated 10 November 2022, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia informed the Secretariat of its candidature for the position of Chair of the Executive Council for 2023.
2. The Secretariat notified the members of the Council of the candidature of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through a note verbale dated 16 November 2022.
3. The aforementioned letter is attached to this document as Annex I.

Annex I: Letter of candidature of Saudi Arabia for the chairmanship of the Executive Council for 2023¹



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Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to present my compliments to Your Excellency and I am looking forward to personally attending the 117th session of the Executive Council of UNWTO in Marrakech at the end of this month.

I am pleased to announce the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's desire to run for the Chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2023, to serve the global tourism sector and its development by leading the sector to achieve the goals that the Kingdom is working on with UNWTO and its partners, the members of the Executive Council.

I kindly request that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's desire to run for the Chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2023 to be circulated to Member States.

Kindly accept my personal regards.

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¹ Translated text in an official language available upon request.