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APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD 2006-2009
ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

In this document the Secretary-General transmits to the General Assembly, in accordance with Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and rule 38(g) of its own Rules of Procedure, decision 14(LXXV) of the Executive Council recommending the Assembly to re-elect Mr. Francesco Frangialli to the post of Secretary-General for the period 2006-2009.

The Assembly is required to decide on the recommendation made to it by the Council and to appoint the Secretary-General by a two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting.

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1. At its seventy-fifth session held at Nessebar, Bulgaria on 13 and 14 June 2005, and on the basis of decisions 17(XXIII), 19(XXXIV), 19(XLIV), 11(LIV), 19(LXIII-LXIV) and 20 (LXXIV), laying down the rules of procedure for the appointment of a nominee to the post of Secretary-General, the Executive Council adopted decision 14(LXXV), reading as follows:

"The Executive Council,

"Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

"Having discussed the admissibility of the candidature of Dr. Tanya Abrahamse, whose candidature dossier was completed past the 31 March deadline established by the Council,

"1. Decides to accept said candidature in light of the special circumstances in which it was submitted, without thereby setting a precedent with regard to the application of the established rules on the election of the Secretary-General;

"Having heard the presentations by the three candidates,

"Having arranged a private meeting pursuant to rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure and the relevant provisions of decision 11(LIV) taken at its fifty-fourth session,

"Having held a secret ballot during this meeting in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

"Noting that the ballot gave 20 votes to Mr. Francesco Frangialli (France), 6 votes to Mrs. Tanya Abrahamse (South Africa), and 2 votes to Mr. Dimitar Hadjinikolov (Bulgaria),

"Also noting that Mr. Francesco Frangialli received in the first ballot the required majority of Council Members present and voting,

"2. Recommends to the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Francesco Frangialli to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2006-2009."

2. The *curriculum vitae* of Mr Francesco Frangialli is contained in the Annex to this document.

A N N E X

CURRICULUM VITAE OF MR FRANCESCO FRANGIALLI

Personal data

Francesco Frangialli, of French nationality, was born in 1947 in Paris. His father, Italian by birth, was a company director and his mother, French by birth, a dental surgeon. In 1978 he married Leila Niiranen, a diplomat of the Finnish Government. They have three children: Laura (1980), Philippe (1982) and Nicolas (1985). A counsellor at the Cour des Comptes (Court of Audit) and a reserve officer in the Naval Supply Service, he has received the National Order of Merit and the Legion of Honour from the French Government and various decorations from other countries. Of French mother tongue, he also works in English and has gained a working knowledge of Spanish.

University education (1964-1972)

After completing his secondary education in Paris, he studied economics at university, earning a degree and the title of "*Lauréat de l'Université de Paris*" (awarded after a competitive examination in economics). He later obtained two postgraduate diplomas in economics and public law. At the same time, he completed a degree programme in political science, ranking second in the class of 1968 at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris – "*Sciences Po*" - (Paris Institute of Political Studies).

Administrative career in France (1972-1986)

After completing his military service in the French Navy, he trained as a young civil servant in the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA), and in 1972 entered the Court of Audit, to which he continues to belong today as a counsellor on leave of absence.

Outside the Court of Audit he was, from 1972 to 1976, entrusted with various studies for the Analysis and Forecasting Centre of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the National Planning Commission, later becoming a member of the staff of the Minister responsible for Universities. From 1978 to 1980, he served as adviser to the Minister for Youth, Sports and Leisure. From 1982 to 1986 he was Technical Adviser to the President of the Regional Council of Basse-Normandie, with responsibility for agricultural development and town and country planning matters in that region.

National expertise in tourism (1978-1989)

Responsible initially for the tourism sector, he served on the Minister's staff from 1978 to 1980, later becoming manager of a professional and parliamentary association of the sector. He returned to this field in 1986 on the staff of the Secretary of State attached to the Ministry of Industry. From 1986 to 1989, as Director of the Tourism Industry, he served as the most senior officer of the French tourism administration. He was also appointed member of the board of the company Air France and a member of the National Tourism Council.

Among other activities, he supervised several major statistical surveys and market studies, participated in the creation of the national promotion office (Maison de la France) and the establishment of regional tourism structures, published the national tourism accounts, and negotiated multiyear development contracts with the regions. He prepared cooperation agreements with the Environment and Culture ministries, modernized and simplified regulations governing tourism enterprises, and launched a policy for the renovation of social tourism facilities.

International relations

While serving with the French Government, Francesco Frangialli gained wide international experience, participating in the preparation and implementation of various bilateral tourism cooperation agreements and representing France on the OECD Tourism Committee and the Council of Ministers of the European Union. He contributed to the preparation of the first Community initiatives in the field of tourism (European Year of Tourism, directive on package tours, etc.). From 1986 to 1989 he was the Permanent Representative of France to the WTO. He sat on the WTO Executive Council and organized the General Assembly of 1989 in Paris.

As Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization since 1990 (also see below), he has concluded various cooperation agreements with governments and other international institutions, been received by many heads of State and of government, organized various international conferences, as well as four major forums for parliamentarians and local authorities, addressed the United Nations General Assembly and ECOSOC and spoken at important meetings, including those of the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, OECD, UNDP, UNESCO, the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the European Union, Iberoamerican ministers of tourism, the Commonwealth of Independent States, APEC, and PATA.

Experience with the World Tourism Organization (1990-2005)

In January 1990 he joined WTO as Deputy Secretary-General under Antonio Enríquez Savignac, whom he succeeded on his departure, at the request of the Executive Council, as Secretary-General *ad interim* from September 1996 to December 1997.

In October 1997 he was elected Secretary-General for the period 1998-2001 at the Istanbul session of the General Assembly. He has helped to strengthen the Organization administratively, technically and financially, to increase the number of member States, and to open it more widely to public-private partnership while respecting its intergovernmental status. On his initiative, WTO proposed and secured the adoption by the United Nations of the Tourism Satellite Account methodology, approved the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, which it then submitted to the United Nations General Assembly, and brought about the inclusion of tourism in the agenda of the 2001 Brussels Conference on Least-Developed Countries.

Francesco Frangialli was re-elected Secretary-General for the period 2002-2005 by the General Assembly held in Seoul and Osaka in September 2001. During this period he successfully led the transformation of the Organization into a specialized agency of the United Nations, spurred the action of the "Tourism Recovery Committee" following 11 September 2001 and in response to the crises faced by the sector, coordinated the activities for the United Nations' International Year of Ecotourism, and achieved the inclusion of tourism in the "plan of action" of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in 2002 in Johannesburg. At the WTO General Assembly in Beijing in 2003, he launched the ST-EP initiative for the use of sustainable tourism development as an instrument for poverty alleviation.

He has steered the WTO to the exploration of new subjects, such as the measurement of the economic impact of tourism, crisis management, the liberalization of trade in services, youth and senior leisure activities, business and meetings tourism, snow and winter sports tourism, rural tourism, the management of cultural tourism sites and congestion problems, tourism and sport, tourism and communication, the interactions between tourism and climate change, destination management, the fight against organized sex tourism and against the exploitation of children in this sector.

University teaching career and publications

Concurrently with his administrative career, Francesco Frangialli taught, between 1978 and 1989, at various university institutions: the University of Paris II, the Institute of Political Studies and the International Institute of Public Administration, among others.

Francesco Frangialli is the author of three books, "*La France dans le tourisme mondial*" (1991), "*Observations on International Tourism*" (1997-2000), and "*International Tourism: The Great Turning Point*" (2001-2003), as well as of numerous articles, speeches and papers in various languages.

