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**Executive summary**

The 26th session of the UN Tourism General Assembly will elect 17 Member States to the Executive Council for the period 2025-2029.

Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies, including the nomination of candidates to represent the Regions on the Executive Council for the period 2025-2029, were held during the following meetings of the UN Tourism Commissions: the 51st meeting of the Commission for the Middle East (11-14 February 2025, Doha, Qatar); the 56th meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the 60th meeting of the Commission for South Asia (CSA) (15-16 April 2025, Jakarta, Indonesia); the 71st meeting of the Commission for Europe (4-6 June 2025, Baku, Azerbaijan); the 68th meeting of the Commission for Africa (11-13 June 2025, Abuja, Nigeria); and the 70th meeting of the Commission for the Americas (31 July-1 August 2025, Lima, Peru).

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

Agenda item 14

Election of the Executive Council Members (document A/26/14)

The General Assembly,

Having received the proposals of the Regional Commissions,

1. *Thanks* the outgoing members of the Executive Council for the work accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions;
2. *Declares* the following Full Members elected as members of the Executive Council for the period 2025-2029, for the 17 seats to be filled:

Africa:

1. Angola
2. Kenya
3. Seychelles
4. Zambia
5. Zimbabwe

Americas:

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Peru

Europe:

1. Azerbaijan
2. Croatia
3. France
4. Greece
5. Slovenia

Middle East:

1. Egypt
2. United Arab Emirates

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.

South Asia:

1. India
2. Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Recalling that the term of office of elected members of the Executive Council shall be four years,

3. *Strongly urges* all Regional Commissions, for future occasions, concerning nominations and elections of Members to the Governing Organs and their Subsidiary Bodies, to respect and strictly adhere to the provisions of the Statutes of the Organization to ensure consistency, continuity, and the strengthening of multilateralism;

Having received the proposals of the meeting of the Associate Members and the Board of Affiliate Members,

4. *Takes note* that the Associate Members will be represented by (Associate Member) on the Executive Council until the 27th session of the General Assembly; and
5. *Also takes note* that the Affiliate Members will be represented on the Executive Council by (Affiliate Member).

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. The rationale of a full four-year mandate for each member of the Council is grounded in the principle of allowing sufficient time to fulfil their obligations and commitments by overseeing the implementation of the Organization's policies and decisions. Respect for the provisions of the Statutes, particularly with regard to the duration of the mandate of Council Members, is of critical importance to ensuring consistency, continuity, and the strengthening of multilateralism.

4. 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."

5. 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.

6. 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."

7. 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-sixth and twenty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly.
8. The current membership of Full Members of the Executive Council whose terms of office expire in 2025 is indicated in Annex II.
9. Seventeen Full Members will have to be elected to the Council by the 26th session of the General Assembly in the ratio of 1 member for every 5 Full Members per region, as follows:

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Africa | 5 seats |
| Americas | 3 seats |
| East Asia and the Pacific | 0 seats |
| Europe | 5 seats |
| Middle East | 2 seats |
| South Asia | 2 seats |
| TOTAL | <hr/> 17 seats |

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

10. Nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies, including the nomination of candidates to represent the Regions on the Executive Council for the period 2025-2029, were held during the following meetings of the UN Tourism Commissions: the 51st meeting of the Commission for the Middle East (11-14 February 2025, Doha, Qatar); the 56th meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the 60th meeting of the Commission for South Asia (CSA) (15-16 April 2025, Jakarta, Indonesia); the 71st meeting of the Commission for Europe (4-6 June 2025, Baku, Azerbaijan); the 68th meeting of the Commission for Africa (11-13 June 2025, Abuja, Nigeria); and the 70th meeting of the Commission for the Americas (31 July-1 August 2025, Lima, Peru).
11. The following tables reflect the States which have submitted their candidatures for Executive Council membership (2025-2029) as well as the States that have been nominated by the Regional Commissions for Africa, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia:

AFRICA (5 seats to be filled)

| Candidatures | Letter of Intent (date) | Nominated Candidatures |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Seychelles (new) | 05.12.2024 | Angola |
| Angola (new) | 10.01.2025 | Kenya |
| Tunisia (new) | 15.01.2025 | Seychelles |
| Zimbabwe (new) | 03.02.2025 | Zambia |
| Kenya (new) | 11.03.2025 | Zimbabwe |
| Zambia (renewal) | 07.11.2024 | |
| Morocco (renewal) | 25.12.2024 | |
| Mozambique (renewal) | 06.06.2025 | |

AMERICAS (3 seats to be filled)

| Candidatures | Letter of Intent (date) | Letter of Withdrawal (date) | Nominated Candidatures |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Paraguay (new) | 13.11.2023 | | Argentina (2025-2029) |
| Peru (new) | 12.09.2024 | | Brazil (2025-2029) |
| Chile (new) | 13.01.2025 | 13.01.2025 | Peru (2025-2029) |
| Bahamas (new) | 19.02.2025 | | |
| Cuba (new) | 28.02.2025 | 09.04.2025 | |
| Brazil (renewal) | 27.06.2024 | | |
| Dominican Republic (renewal) | 22.07.2024 | | |
| Argentina (renewal) | 15.01.2025 | | |

12. During the 70th meeting of the Commission for the Americas, held from 31 July-1 August 2025 in Lima, Peru, the Commission recommended to the General Assembly that Argentina, Brazil, and Peru fill the three seats in the Executive Council for the region of the Americas for the period 2025-2029.
13. Following a joint declaration by these three members through which they have stated their intention to relinquish their seats on the Council in 2027 so as to enable equitable rotation of seats within the region, the Commission further decided that, at the meeting of the Commission for the Americas in 2027, a new recommendation shall be made to the 27th session of the General Assembly to fill the three vacancies in accordance with Rule 55(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, with Bahamas, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic already being put forth as candidates for the period 2027-2029.

EUROPE (5 seats to be filled)

| Candidatures | Letter of Intent (date) | Nominated Candidatures |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Kazakhstan (new) | 11.01.2024 | Azerbaijan |
| Republic of Moldova (new) | 01.04.2024 | Croatia |
| Slovenia (new) | 06.06.2024 | France |
| Romania (new) | 25.07.2024 | Greece |
| France (new) | 23.01.2025 | Slovenia |
| Azerbaijan (renewal) | 12.02.2024 | |
| Armenia (renewal) | 15.05.2024 | |
| Croatia (renewal) | 13.09.2024 | |
| Greece (renewal) | 06.11.2024 | |

MIDDLE EAST (2 seats to be filled)

| Candidatures | Letter of Intent (date) | Letter of Withdrawal (date) | Nominated Candidatures |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Egypt (new) | 16.10.2023 | | Egypt |
| Lebanon (new) | 09.04.2024 | | United Arab Emirates |
| Qatar (new) | 26.05.2024 | 07.02.2025 | |
| Bahrain (renewal) | 20.08.2023 | | |
| United Arab Emirates (renewal) | 10.05.2024 | | |

SOUTH ASIA (2 seats to be filled)

| Candidatures | Letter of Intent (date) | Nominated Candidatures |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| India (renewal) | | India |
| Iran (renewal) | 16.11.2024 | Iran |

14. 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".
15. During the 26th session of the General Assembly, the Associate and Affiliate Members will respectively meet to elect their representatives to the Executive Council until the 27th session.

Annex I: UN Tourism Member States (160)

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| 1. Afghanistan | 43. Democratic People's Republic of |
| 2. Albania | 44. Democratic Republic of the Congo |
| 3. Algeria | 45. Djibouti |
| 4. Andorra | 46. Dominican Republic |
| 5. Angola | 47. Ecuador |
| 6. Antigua and Barbuda | 48. Egypt |
| 7. Argentina | 49. El Salvador |
| 8. Armenia | 50. Equatorial Guinea |
| 9. Austria | 51. Eritrea |
| 10. Azerbaijan | 52. Eswatini (the Kingdom of) |
| 11. Bahamas | 53. Ethiopia |
| 12. Bahrain | 54. Fiji |
| 13. Bangladesh | 55. France |
| 14. Barbados | 56. Gabon |
| 15. Belarus | 57. Gambia |
| 16. Belize | 58. Georgia |
| 17. Benin | 59. Germany |
| 18. Bhutan | 60. Ghana |
| 19. Bolivia | 61. Greece |
| 20. Bosnia and Herzegovina | 62. Guatemala |
| 21. Botswana | 63. Guinea |
| 22. Brazil | 64. Guinea-Bissau |
| 23. Brunei Darussalam | 65. Haiti |
| 24. Bulgaria | 66. Honduras |
| 25. Burkina Faso | 67. Hungary |
| 26. Burundi | 68. India |
| 27. Cabo Verde | 69. Indonesia |
| 28. Cambodia | 70. Iran, Islamic Republic of |
| 29. Cameroon | 71. Iraq |
| 30. Central African Republic | 72. Israel |
| 31. Chad | 73. Italy |
| 32. Chile | 74. Jamaica |
| 33. China | 75. Japan |
| 34. Colombia | 76. Jordan |
| 35. Comoros | 77. Kazakhstan |
| 36. Congo | 78. Kenya |
| 37. Costa Rica | 79. Kuwait |
| 38. Croatia | 80. Kyrgyzstan |
| 39. Cuba | 81. Lao People's Democratic Republic |
| 40. Cyprus | 82. Lebanon |
| 41. Czech Republic (Czechia) | 83. Lesotho |
| 42. Côte d'Ivoire | 84. Liberia |

85. Libya
86. Lithuania
87. Madagascar
88. Malawi
89. Malaysia
90. Maldives
91. Mali
92. Malta
93. Mauritania
94. Mauritius
95. Mexico
96. Monaco
97. Mongolia
98. Montenegro
99. Morocco
100. Mozambique
101. Myanmar
102. Namibia
103. Nepal
104. Netherlands
105. Nicaragua
106. Niger
107. Nigeria
108. North Macedonia
109. Oman
110. Pakistan
111. Palau
112. Panama
113. Papua New Guinea
114. Paraguay
115. Peru
116. Philippines
117. Poland
118. Portugal
119. Qatar
120. Republic of Korea
121. Republic of Moldova
122. Romania

123. Rwanda
124. Samoa
125. San Marino
126. Sao Tome and Principe
127. Saudi Arabia
128. Senegal
129. Serbia
130. Seychelles
131. Sierra Leone
132. Slovakia
133. Slovenia
134. Somalia
135. South Africa
136. Spain
137. Sri Lanka
138. Sudan
139. Switzerland
140. Syrian Arab Republic
141. Tajikistan
142. Thailand
143. Timor-Leste
144. Togo
145. Trinidad and Tobago
146. Tunisia
147. Turkmenistan
148. Türkiye
149. Uganda
150. Ukraine
151. United Arab Emirates
152. United Republic of Tanzania
153. Uruguay
154. Uzbekistan
155. Vanuatu
156. Venezuela
157. Viet Nam
158. Yemen
159. Zambia
160. Zimbabwe

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

1. Aruba
2. Flanders
3. Hong Kong, China
4. Macao, China
5. Madeira
6. Puerto Rico

OBSERVERS PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

1. Holy See (Permanent Observer)
2. Palestine (Special Observer)

Annex II: Member States finishing their terms of office as members of the UN Tourism Executive Council in 2025

Africa:

1. Cabo Verde
2. Morocco
3. Mozambique
4. South Africa
5. Zambia

Americas:

1. Argentina
2. Brazil
3. Dominican Republic

Europe:

1. Armenia
2. Azerbaijan
3. Croatia
4. Georgia
5. Greece

Middle East:

1. Bahrain
2. United Arab Emirates

South Asia:

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