

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS 125TH SESSION**

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Agenda item 1
Adoption of the agenda
(document CE/125/1 prov.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its 125th session as proposed.

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Agenda item 2
Declaration of loyalty by the Secretary-General
(Regulation 6(a) of the Staff Regulations)

The Executive Council,

Meeting in public session in accordance with Staff Regulation 6(a),

1. *Welcomes* the solemn declaration of loyalty made and signed by Ms. Shaikha Al Nowais following her appointment as Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 2026-2029 by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session, pursuant to Article 22 of the Statutes; and
2. *Thanks* the current Secretary-General Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, who faithfully served the Organization during the present term 2022-2025.

Agenda item 3
Appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council
(document CE/125/3)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the nominations to the subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council,

Having noted the nominations made by the Regional Commissions in 2025 for the Committee on Tourism Online Education and the Technical Committee for the International Code for the Protection of Tourists (ICPT) and by the Associate Members in the meeting held within the framework of the 26th session of the General Assembly,

1. *Establishes* the composition of its subsidiary bodies as follows:

Committee on Tourism Online Education

- (a) Africa: Angola and Morocco (2029)
- (b) Americas: Chile and Uruguay (2029)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: Republic of Korea (2029)
- (d) South Asia: Iran (2029)
- (e) Europe: Czechia and Portugal (2029)
- (f) Middle East: Saudi Arabia (2029)
- (g) Representative of the Associate Members: Hong Kong, China (2027)

Technical Committee for the International Code for the Protection of Tourists (ICPT)

- (a) Africa: Cabo Verde and Sierra Leone (2029)
- (b) Americas: Costa Rica and Ecuador (2029)
- (c) East Asia and the Pacific: To be determined
- (d) South Asia: Maldives (2029)
- (e) Europe: Republic of Moldova and Uzbekistan (2029)
- (f) Middle East: United Arab Emirates (2029)

2. *Takes note* that the representatives of the Associate Members to the subsidiary bodies until 2027 are as follows:
 - (a) Executive Council and Programme and Budget Committee, Macao, China
 - (b) Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership, Macao, China
 - (c) Committee on Tourism and Statistics, Flanders
 - (d) Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness, Flanders
 - (e) Committee on Tourism and Sustainability, Flanders
3. *Notes* that the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, NECSTouR, will represent the Affiliate Members in the Council and all its subsidiary bodies; and
4. *Thanks* the outgoing members for their active and valuable contribution to the work of the subsidiary committees of the Executive Council.

Agenda item 4
Election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2026
(document CE/125/4 rev.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the different candidatures received for the chairmanship,

Having taken a vote by secret ballot,

1. *Decides* to elect Brazil as Chair of the Council for 2026;

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

2. *Decides* to elect Slovenia as first Vice-Chair of the Council and China as second Vice-Chair of the Council for 2026;
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* its Officers for 2025—Brazil as Chair, South Africa as first Vice-Chair, and Czechia as second Vice-Chair—for the quality of the work they have accomplished for the benefit of the Organization in the performance of their functions.

Agenda item 5
Place and dates of the 126th session of the Executive Council
(document CE/125/5 rev.1)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

1. *Decides* to hold its 126th session in the Headquarters of the Organization during the first semester of 2026, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the Government of Spain;
2. *Recalls* that the venues of the 127th, 128th and 129th sessions of the Executive Council will be decided during its 126th session; and
3. *Invites* the Member States to submit their candidatures to host the forthcoming sessions of the Executive Council to the Secretary-General, at the latest, 90 days before the 126th session of the Executive Council, in accordance with the Guidelines on the selection of venues of Executive Council sessions adopted by decision 11(XCIV).