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Agenda item 1

Adoption of the agenda
(document A/26/1 prov. rev.2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Adopts the agenda of its 26th session as proposed; and*
2. *Decides to consider item 17 at the start of its third plenary session.*

Agenda item 2

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
(document A/26/2)

The General Assembly,

1. *Declares* elected Saudi Arabia as President of its twenty-sixth session, represented by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Al-Khateeb, Minister of Tourism of Saudi Arabia; and
2. *Declares elected* as Vice-Presidents of its twenty-sixth session:

Africa:

- Nigeria
- Zimbabwe

Americas:

- Bahamas
- Chile

East Asia and the Pacific:

- Philippines

Europe:

- Lithuania
- Switzerland

South Asia:

- Maldives

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Agenda item 3

Appointment of the Credentials Committee
(document A/26/3)

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the proposals of its President, made in accordance with Rule 13(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Noting that the members of the Credentials Committee were selected by the Regional Commissions, at the request of the Assembly,

Takes note that the following countries have been appointed:

Africa:

- (a) Uganda
- (b) Tanzania

Americas:

- (c) Paraguay
- (d) Jamaica

East Asia and the Pacific:

- (e) Lao People's Democratic Republic

Europe:

- (f) Israel
- (g) Poland

Middle East:

- (h) Yemen

South Asia:

- (i) Bhutan

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Agenda item 4(a)

Current trends of international tourism
(document A/26/4(a))

The General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* the report presented by the Secretary-General as well as UN Tourism's continuous monitoring of international tourism trends; and
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue monitoring trends and updating Members accordingly, welcoming in particular the updates provided by the World Tourism Barometer and the UN Tourism Data Dashboard.

Agenda item 4(b)

Implementation of the General Programme of Work for 2024-2025

(document A/26/4(b) rev.1)

*The General Assembly,**Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the General Programme of Work 2024-2025 and its different annexes,

1. *Takes note* of activities implemented and the main achievements during the period;
2. *Pays special tribute* to Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili for his forward-looking vision and unflagging commitment, leading to remarkable achievements and milestones in the Organization's work during his mandate;

Having taken note of the agreements concluded by the Organization with public and private entities,

3. *Approves* all agreements, as listed in Annex IV;

Having read the status of amendments to the Statutes and the Financing Rules and Annex XVIII to the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies as presented in Annex V,

4. *Calls upon* Member States to do everything in their power to approve all amendments to the Statutes and the Financing Rules, with particular regard to the amendment to Article 33 of the Statutes; and
5. *Also calls upon* Member States to accede to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and to explicitly notify their intention to apply Annex XVIII to UN Tourism.

Agenda item 4(c)

Financial situation of the Organization

(documents A/26/4(c), A/26/(c) Add.1 and A/26/4(c) Add.2)

*The General Assembly,**Having examined the financial report,*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive information contained in document A/26/4(c), its different parts and its annexes;

I. Closing of the Audited Financial Statements of the twenty-fourth financial period (2022-2023)

Noting Executive Council decisions CE/DEC/4(CXIX), CE/DEC/4(CXXI) and CE/DEC/4(CXXIII),

2. *Endorses* Executive Council decisions CE/DEC/4(CXIX) and CE/DEC/4(CXXI) on the approval of the UN Tourism Audited Financial Statements for the years 2022 and 2023 respectively;
3. *Approves* the UN Tourism Financial Report for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2023 respectively, as well as the UN Tourism Audited Financial Statements of the twenty-fourth financial period (2022-2023), the budgetary cash balance of the Regular Budget and Working Capital Fund situation for the same period;

II. UN Tourism Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2025

4. *Approves*, as presented:
 - (a) The revised appropriations of the Regular Budget (RB) at 30 September 2025 (see A/26/4(c) Add.1), taking note that out of the 104 approved RB staff posts 24 are unbudgeted in the biennium 2024-2025,
 - (b) The updated Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2025 presented by the Secretary-General at 30 September 2025 (see A/26/4(c) Add.1), taking note that budgetary transfers from staff to non-staff categories and among sections (programmes) and parts (major programmes) may be required, and authorizes the Secretary-General to make them if needed within the approved appropriations,
 - (c) The voluntary and in-kind contributions received for the corresponding project implementations for the period ended 30 September 2025 (see A/26/4(c) Add.1), as well the exceptional allocation of unspent balances from completed voluntary contribution projects amounting to EUR 10,700 to another project, and
 - (d) The co-financing projects with UN Tourism and donors' contributions and project support costs and initiative projects movements for the period ended 30 September 2025 (see A/26/4(c) Add.1);
5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the submission of the interim provisional unaudited UN Tourism Statement of Financial Position at 30 September 2025 and the UN Tourism Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 30 September 2025 (see A/26/4(c) Add.1);

6. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General on the voluntary contributions collected for the period ended 30 September 2025;
7. *Thanks* the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations, urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2025, and reminds Members to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations;
8. *Supports* the Secretary-General's proactive approach for the settlement of current-year and arrear contributions in order to contribute towards the Organization's programme of work; and

III. Election of the External Auditor for 2026-2027

9. *Designates* Spain as the External Auditor for the period 2026-2027 for the external audit of the UN Tourism Financial Statements for the years ended 31 December 2025 and 2026.

Agenda item 4(d)

Human resources report
(document A/26/4(d))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the human resources report;
2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the implementation of human resources policies, learning initiatives, and gender equality frameworks, as well as the work currently being carried out by those persons in service of the Organization and their contributions to the Programme of Work, especially in view of the rising demands of the Organization and limited resources;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress achieved in addressing recommendations from the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) audit of the human resources function;
4. *Approves* the proposal to upgrade the post of Head, Ethics, Culture and Social Responsibility Department from P.4 to P.5;
5. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Organization for the financing of Junior Professional Officers;
6. *Encourages* Member States to send to the Organization, Officials on Loan, especially in view of the rising demands of the Organization with its limited resources;

Noting that no candidatures for the UN Tourism Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2026-2027 have been received,

7. *Decides* to delegate the designation of its members to the Executive Council at its 126th session as follows:

[MEMBER1] and [MEMBER2] as full members, and

[MEMBER1] and [MEMBER2] as alternate members,

Having taken cognizance of the Staff Association Committee's report on the activities carried out from March 2024 to September 2025,

8. *Takes note* of the Association's activities, priorities, concerns and recommendations; and
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To support structured dialogue and consultation with staff, promoting a smooth organizational transition,
 - (b) To promote more balanced leadership to ensure fair recruitment,
 - (c) To develop a staffing strategy that clearly distinguishes between temporary projects and the Organization's core permanent functions, and
 - (d) To provide a concrete plan to strengthen staff training and skills development.

Agenda item 4(e)

Draft Programme of Work and Budget 2026-2027
(documents A/26/4(e) I, A/26/4(e) I RC-1, and A/26/4(e) II)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the Draft Programme of Work 2026-2027,

1. *Thanks* the Secretary-General for the comprehensive consultation process with the Members for the preparation of this draft; and
2. *Approves* the Draft Programme of Work 2026-2027;

Recalling paragraphs 11 and 13 of the Executive Council decision 3 (CXXIII), in relation with the Organization's United Nations system-wide mandate in tourism statistics,

Noting decision 4 (CXXIV);

3. *Strongly encourages* the Secretary-General to strengthen the resources of the Organization in the area of tourism statistics, making the necessary provisions or raising the necessary voluntary contributions, with the objectives of: (1) reaffirming the position of the Organization as the global authoritative source for accurate, timely, and comprehensive tourism statistics, (2) updating the International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics (IRTS) and Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSA) in close alignment with the international statistical community, and (3) supporting Member States in the effective production, dissemination, and use of high-quality, comparable tourism data including the Measurement of the Sustainability of Tourism (MST), in accordance with the Organization's UN mandate;

Having regard to the decision 7 (CXXIV) of the Executive Council adopted at its 124th session,

4. *Takes note with satisfaction and gratitude* of the submission of the detailed information and evidence-based analysis on different scenarios for the 2026-2027 draft Regular Budget;
5. *Approves* the draft Regular Budget of the Organization for the period 2026-2027, as per scenario C of a 2% increase of assessed contributions, for a total amount of EUR 34,193,000 (EUR 16,923,000 in 2026 and EUR 17,270,000 in 2027) and authorizes the Secretary-General to implement it as proposed in accordance with the amounts collected;
6. *Also approves* that the budgetary income approved for the next biennium, as per scenario C, should be provided by the contributions of the Full and Associate Members in the rounded amounts of EUR 14,902,000 for 2026 and EUR 15,225,000 for 2027, and that the balance to be financed should be covered by the contributions of the Affiliate Members, with the necessary adjustments deriving from any changes in the number of Affiliate Members, and the other sources of funding proposed in this document;
7. *Approves* the proposed scale of contributions for 2026-2027 as per scenario C (Annex I.3);
8. *Congratulates* the Secretary-General on achieving a 241% increase in Voluntary Contributions over the past years, reaching EUR 11,350,641 for 2024, based on strategic and successful resource mobilization and expansion efforts; and

9. *Also approves* the Secretary-General's proposal on the assessed contributions of the Affiliate Members as per scenario C including their allocation, the discontinuation of the deductions for specific Members (Ted.Qual members) previously endorsed by the Executive Council, and the allocation of the new Affiliate Members application fee to be implemented at 1 January 2026 (Annex I.13).

Agenda item 5

Report of the Credentials Committee
(A/26/5 Report)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendations contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

Agenda item 6(a)

Membership status

(documents A/26/6(a) rev.1 and CE/124/CMAM/8)

*The General Assembly,**Having examined* the report on the membership status of the Organization (Full Members) and the report of the 8th meeting of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership,

1. *Commends* the Organization's comprehensive vision and appreciates the proactive efforts of the Secretariat in attracting non-member States, further thanking the Secretary-General and other senior officials of UN Tourism for undertaking tailored and effective actions;
2. *Welcomes* the active involvement of non-member States in the Organization's core activities, particularly those related to knowledge creation and transfer, underlines the importance of such participation, and commends the Secretariat's strategic efforts to engage key public and private sector actors, decision makers as well as academia from non-member States across diverse initiatives within the Programme of Work of UN Tourism;
3. *Appreciates* the decision of Saint Kitts and Nevis to join the Organization, and approves its candidature as a Member State which shall take effect on 1 January 2026 thereby bringing the total number of Member States to 161;

Having examined the report on the membership status of the Organization (Affiliate Members),

4. *Thanks* the members of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership for their work;
5. *Takes note* of the withdrawals from affiliate membership as listed in Annex II of document A/26/6(a) rev.1 and in Annex III of document CE/124/CMAM/8;
6. *Decides* that the entities listed in Annex III of document A/26/6(a) rev.1 and Annex IV of document CE/124/CMAM/8 have ceased to be Affiliate Members of the Organization as of the dates indicated therein; and
7. *Acknowledges* the changes of the business names of entities as listed in Annex IV of document A/26/6(a) rev.1 and in Annex II of document CE/124/CMAM/8.

Agenda item 6(b)

Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes and requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules

(document A/26/6(b) rev.2)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report in document A/26/6(b) rev.2 transmitted by the Secretary-General containing updated information on the Members falling under the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

1. *Decides* to continue applying the measure of suspension of rights and privileges provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes as per A/RES/217(VII) paragraph 1(a) and (b) and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to the Members listed in **Annex II.A**, if they have not reached an agreement with the Secretary-General on a plan for the payment of their arrears;
2. *Decides*, in view of their compliance with the agreed payment plans during the period of reference of this document, to renew the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and/or Article 34 of the Statutes to the Full Members Cambodia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Gambia, Turkmenistan, Uruguay and Venezuela;
3. *Ratifies* the payment plans and grants temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Article 34 of the Statutes to Full Members Sierra Leone, and Syrian Arab Republic as endorsed by the Executive Council at its 122nd and 121st sessions, respectively, as well as to Burundi, Ethiopia and Mauritania as endorsed by the 124th session of the Executive Council;
4. *Takes note* of the formal communication from Full Member Liberia, providing justification for the circumstances beyond the country's control that prevented it from meeting its financial obligations to the Organization, and expresses its appreciation for Liberia's readiness to settle its arrears through an appropriate payment plan;
5. *Grants* Liberia a temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Article 34 of the Statutes, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/162(VI), albeit making it clear that these provisions shall be reapplied to Liberia should it fail to submit a payment plan for the settlement of its arrears by 31 March 2026;
6. *Also decides* to maintain the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to Full Member Uganda, as well as to Affiliate Member Adventure Travel and Trade Association (ATTA), albeit making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they are not up to date with their payment plans by 1 April 2026;
7. *Notes with satisfaction* that Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Libya and Pakistan are no longer subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and/or Article 34 of the Statutes, since they have reduced their contribution arrears partially or in full;
8. *Establishes* the following conditions for the Members requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and which propose payment plans to settle their arrears in instalments: (i) to discharge the contribution corresponding to the present year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed, and (ii) strict observance of the plan agreed for the settlement of arrears; and

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Governing Bodies about the application of this resolution and the Members' compliance with the agreements made with a view, as the case may be, to maintaining the temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes or reapplying those provisions to them if they have not fulfilled their commitments.

Agenda item 7

**Appointment of the Secretary-General for the period 2026-2029
on the recommendation of the Executive Council**
(document A/26/7)

The General Assembly,

Having before it Articles 12(c) and 22 of the Statutes and Rules 38(e), 43(1) and 53(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having noted the recommendation put forward by the Executive Council in its decision 6(CXXIII),

Decides to appoint Ms. Shaikha Alnuwais as Secretary-General for the period 2026-2029.

Agenda item 8

Report on the Regional and Thematic Offices

(document A/26/8 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on the status of Regional and Thematic Offices (A/26/8 rev.1) and decision 9(CXXIV) of the Executive Council at its 124th session,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Executive Council to approve the Report of the Working Group concerning the Improvement of the Legal and Operational Framework on the Selection and Establishment of Regional and Thematic Offices adopted in its resolution 740(XXIV) under Annex I of the present report;
2. *Approves* the revised Legal and Operational Framework on the Selection and Establishment of Regional and Thematic Offices under Annex I of the Report of the Working Group;
3. *Takes note* of all the progress achieved after its 25th session and thanks the Secretary-General for all the contributions;
4. *Reiterates* the utmost importance that all applicants to host UN Tourism Regional and/or Thematic Offices comply with the Legal and Operational Framework adopted by the present resolution and with the standard requirements to be included in the relevant host country agreement, while extensively considering the policies and practices of the United Nations system in case of challenges during the discussion phase between the Secretariat and the Member States related to the establishment of UN Tourism Offices;
5. *Ratifies* the decisions adopted by the Executive Council concerning the arrangements necessary for the entry into force of the Host Country Agreement between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the World Tourism Organization concerning the Regional Office for the Americas in Rio de Janeiro;
6. *Approves* the Protocol between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the World Tourism Organization concerning the Annual Financial Contribution by Brazil to UN Tourism for the Regional Office for the Americas, and the Agreement between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the World Tourism Organization concerning for the Financial and Administrative Arrangements of the Regional Office for the Americas;
7. *Congratulates* Brazil on the completion of the conditions for the entry into force of the Host Country Agreement for the establishment of the Regional Office for the Americas in Rio de Janeiro, in accordance with its resolution 763(XXV), as well as on the inauguration of the Regional Office for the Americas and the commencement of its operations;
8. *Ratifies* the decision of the Executive Council to approve the proposal of the Government of Morocco to establish a Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa in Rabat instead of the Regional Office for Africa in Marrakesh;
9. *Approves* the Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the World Tourism Organization on the establishment of the Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa in Rabat;

10. *Ratifies* the decision of the Executive Council concerning the arrangements necessary for the entry into force of the Host Country Agreement concerning the Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa;
11. *Approves* the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the World Tourism Organization relating to the financial and administrative arrangements of the UN Tourism Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa in the Kingdom of Morocco;
12. *Encourages* the Government of Morocco to complete all remaining procedures required to allow for the entry into force of the Host Country Agreement concerning the Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa;
13. *Ratifies* the decision of the Executive Council to approve the establishment of the Tourism Law Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay;
14. *Further ratifies*, on an exceptional basis, the decision of the Executive Council to apply, on a *mutatis mutandis* basis, the provisions of the UNDP-Uruguay Agreement to the Tourism Law Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean for such time until a Host Country Agreement with Uruguay is concluded;
15. *Approves*, the Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the interim legal status of the Tourism Law Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean;
16. *Ratifies* the decision of the Executive Council on the legal, financial and administrative arrangements for the establishment of the Thematic Office on Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand;
17. *Approves* the Host Country Agreement between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the World Tourism Organization on the establishment of the Thematic Office on Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand;
18. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue to pursue the consultative and negotiation process with the Government of Uzbekistan on the financial and administrative requirements for the establishment of the Thematic Office on Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand in accordance with the legal and operational framework adopted in its resolution 740(XXIV);
19. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of China to establish a Regional Office in Shanghai in accordance with the requirements set out in the legal and operational framework for the establishment of UN Tourism Regional Offices adopted in its resolution 740(XXIV);
20. *Takes note* of the comments received at the Secretariat from the Members of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the Commission for South Asia (CSA);
21. *Approves* the proposal of the Government of China to establish a Regional Office in Shanghai subject to further discussions at the CAP-CSA Meetings on the distribution of roles of the Regional Office in China and the Regional Support Office in Japan, since the application of China complies with the Legal and Operational Framework for UN Tourism Offices;
22. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to prepare, in collaboration with the Government of China, the legal, financial and administrative arrangements for the establishment of the Regional Office in Shanghai in accordance with the legal and operational framework adopted by the present resolution;
23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Executive Council on the results of such discussions;
24. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken by Japan to formalize the legal status of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific and to negotiate a new legal framework to provide a clear legal basis for its operations safeguarding the interests of the Organization;

25. *Notes* that Japan has undertaken to apply the provisions of the 1947 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and Annex XVIII to UN Tourism as of 20 July 2020;
26. *Approves*, as an interim measure, the Arrangements between the Japan Tourism Agency and the World Tourism Organization concerning the legal and operational framework of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific;
27. *Encourages* the Government of Japan to complete the internal procedures required to allow for any legal, financial and administrative arrangements concerning the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific to become legally binding for both UN Tourism and Japan in accordance with the conditions and criteria applicable to Category I entities adopted in resolution 656(XXI) in order for it to fully operate as a UN Tourism Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with said conditions; and
28. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Executive Council on the negotiations with the Government of Japan in the reform process of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with the conditions and criteria applicable to Category I entities pursuant to the mandate received by the General Assembly in resolution 656(XXI) with a view to integrate it fully into the legal and institutional framework of UN Tourism.

Agenda item 9

Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly
(document A/26/9)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information presented concerning the Council's activities, and in particular the decisions of its 120th, 121st, 122nd and 123rd ordinary sessions;
2. *Takes cognizance* of the major matters considered by the Council such as the implementation of the Programme of Work for 2024-2025 and the draft Programme of Work for 2026-2027, and the financial situation and human resources of the Organization;

Noting that the minimum funding for the Task Force on Redesigning Tourism for the Future required by the 121st session of the Council was not received by the Secretariat by the established deadline,

3. *Decides* to dissolve the Task Force on Redesigning Tourism for the Future;
4. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the progress in the implementation of the Regional and Thematic Offices in Brazil, Uruguay, Morocco and Uzbekistan;
5. *Encourages* the Executive Council to continue efforts to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency in the performance of its mandate;
6. *Pays tribute* to the dedication and competence demonstrated by its Chairs, Saudi Arabia in 2024 and Brazil in 2025; and
7. *Thanks* the Vice-Chairs, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Jamaica in 2024 and South Africa and Czechia in 2025, for the quality of the work they carried out in the exercise of their functions.

Agenda item 10(a)
Report of the Affiliate Members
(document A/26/10(a))

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report on Affiliate Members, submitted by the Secretariat through its Department of Affiliate Members and Public-Private Partnerships and in coordination with the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members,

1. *Thanks* the Secretariat, the Affiliate Members and Public-Private Partnerships Department and the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members for their report and commends the Affiliate Members on the activities successfully carried out and on their valuable contribution to the fulfilment of the mission of UN Tourism;
2. *Congratulates* the members of the outgoing Board on the results of their 2021-2025 term of office;
3. *Congratulates* the new members of the Board who were elected for the 2026-2029 term for the trust vested in them by the Affiliate Members and encourages them to keep working for the continued strengthening of the Affiliate Members community;
4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the successful convening of the 45th Affiliate Members Plenary Session, within the framework of this 26th General Assembly;
5. *Thanks* the Affiliate Members for their active participation in the development of the 2026-2027 work programme and encourages them to contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives and programme priorities of the 2026–2027 work programme;
6. *Commends* the Affiliate Members on their active participation in the development of the 2026-2027 work programme and encourages them to contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives and programme priorities of the 2026-2027 work programme;
7. *Invites* the members of the 2026-2029 Board to continue working with the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership to strengthen the participation of Affiliate Members in the activities of the Organization;
8. *Supports* the continuing efforts to ensure full implementation of the provisions relating to the reform of the UN Tourism legal framework for Affiliate Members;
9. *Emphasizes* the importance of continuing to step up the effective participation of Affiliate Members and the private sector in the agenda and work programme of UN Tourism;
10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further strengthen the cooperation of Affiliate Members with Member States.

Agenda item 10(b)

Report of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership
(documents A/26/10(b) and CE/124/CMAM/8)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee;
2. *Thanks* Jordan and Argentina for the successful fulfilment of their mandates as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee;
3. *Approves* the applications for affiliate membership of the entities provisionally admitted by the Executive Council as listed in Annex I of document A/26/10(b) and in Annex I of document CE/124/CMAM/8;
4. *Appreciates* the efforts made by the members of the CMAM to enhance the cooperation between the Affiliate Members and the Member States; and
5. *Invites* the Committee to continue to work together with the Board of the Affiliate Members on initiatives to strengthen the Affiliate Membership.

Agenda item 11

Report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics
(document A/26/11)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the interim Chair and the members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the efforts deployed in streamlining the promotion and the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;
2. *Takes note* of the updated version of the Committee's Rules of Procedure as presented in Annex I of document A/26/11;
3. *Approves* the amendments to the Protocol of Implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism – Part I as presented in Annex II of document A/26/11;
4. *Encourages* Member States to consider ratifying, accepting, and/or acceding to the Convention and its Optional Protocol adopted at the twenty-third General Assembly and to place it as a matter of significance so as to guide the sustainable development of tourism;
5. *Welcomes* the development and promotion of the Tourism Education for Sustainable Development (TESD) approach as an effective means of integrating sustainability principles into tourism education, training, and capacity building;
6. *Recognizes* the urgent need to address decent work deficits in the tourism sector, especially concerning occupational safety and health (OSH) and gender-based violence and harassment;
7. *Takes note of* the Committee's recommendations to guide the tourism sector towards more responsible use of new technologies in tourism; and
8. *Congratulates* the 462 companies and trade associations from 70 countries, which have adhered to the Code as of June 2025 and thanks the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the report summarizing the implementation efforts of the adhered signatories to the Private Sector Commitment to the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.

Agenda item 12

Election of members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics
(document A/26/12)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the proposal of the Selection Board (composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General, and the Legal Counsel of the UN Tourism) with regard to the Chair, five full members and three alternate members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the period 11 November 2025 until the 28th session of the General Assembly in 2029,

1. *Takes note* that, in accordance with resolution 769(XXV), the members Martina Bienenfeld, Julio Facal, and Joseph Nzomoj, will continue their respective mandates until the 27th session of the General Assembly in 2027;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Chair of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (2021-2023) and to Ms. Daniela Otero, interim Chair (2024-2025), for their valuable contribution to the work of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics;
3. *Endorses* the proposal of the Selection Board;
4. *Appoints* Dr. Marina Novelli as chairperson of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the period from November 2025 until the 28th session of the General Assembly in 2029;
5. *Further appoints* the following individuals as full members and alternate members of the Committee for the period from 11 November 2025 until the 28th session of the General Assembly in 2029:

Full Members:

- (a) Ms. Nancy Mejía Bonifazi, Executive Director, Guatemalan Tourism Chamber
- (b) Ms. Eliana Bishara Janineh, General Manager, Jordanian Restaurant Association
- (c) Mr. Mokganedi Ntana, Environment and Eco-certification Manager, Botswana Tourism Organization
- (d) Ms. Michaela Reitterer, Owner and Chief Executive Officer, Boutique Hotel Stadthalle
- (e) Mr. Amol Bobby Titus, Chief Executive Officer, PT Indonesia Wise

Alternate Members:

- (a) Mr. Mekhak Apresyan, President, Armenian Tourism Federation
 - (b) Ms. Almudena González Gutiérrez de León, Lecturer and Researcher Saxion University of Applied Sciences
 - (c) Ms. Maria Milagrosa Nchama Nzoho, Director of Tourism Policies, Ministry of Tourism and Infrastructure, Equatorial Guinea
6. *Decides* that, consequently, the composition of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics is as follows:

Chair: Dr. Marina NOVELLI
Professor of Marketing and Tourism, University of Nottingham
Director, Sustainable Travel and Tourism Advances Research Centre

Members:

Ms. Martina BIENENFELD (2023-2027)
Chief Executive Officer
Zagreb Tourist Board

Ms. Nancy Mejía BONIFAZI (2025-2029)
Executive Director
Guatemalan Tourism Chamber

Dr. Julio FACAL (2023-2027)
Partner, Yelpo & Facal Law Firm and Tourism Law Teacher
Universidad de la República Carrera Abogacía

Ms. Eliana Bishara JANINEH (2025-2029)
General Manager
Jordanian Restaurant Association

Mr. Mokganedi NTANA (2025-2029)
Environment and Eco-certification Manager
Botswana Tourism Organization

Dr. Joseph Ngonde NZOMOI (2023-2027)
Dean, School of Business and Economics
South-Eastern University of Kenya

Ms. Michaela REITTERER (2025-2029)
Owner and Chief Executive Officer
Boutique Hotel Stadthalle

Mr. Amol Bobby TITUS (2025-2029)
Chief Executive Officer
PT Indonesia Wise

Alternate members:

Mr. Mekhak APRESYAN (2025-2029)
President
Armenian Tourism Federation

Ms. Almudena González GUTIÉRREZ DE LEÓN (2025-2029)
Lecturer and Researcher
Saxion University of Applied Sciences

Ms. Maria Milagrosa NCHAMA NZOHO (2025-2029)
Director of Tourism Policies
Ministry of Tourism and Infrastructure, Equatorial Guinea

Agenda item 13

**World Tourism Day: information and activities of 2024 and 2025,
adoption of themes and designation of countries for 2026 and 2027**
(document A/26/13)

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the observance of World Tourism Day 2024;
2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments of Georgia and Malaysia for hosting the official celebrations of World Tourism Day 2024 and 2025, respectively; and

Having taken cognizance of the host countries proposed by the Regional Commission for Americas and the Regional Commission for Africa and the themes proposed by the 123rd session of the Executive Council in its decision 10(CXXIII) for the next two World Tourism Day celebrations,

3. *Recalls* that Member States wishing to host a World Tourism Day celebration are requested to provide the conditions established in model agreement adopted through resolution 662(XXI); and

Taking note of decision 10(CXXIV) of the Executive Council,

4. *Designates* the following countries to host the official World Tourism Day celebrations in 2026 and 2027, with the respective themes:

2026: El Salvador, “Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to redesign tourism”

2027: Cabo Verde, “Transforming tourism through education”.

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

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 Macao, China, 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 NECSTouR.

Agenda item 15

Proposal by the Dominican Republic: Institutionalization of the UN Tourism Africa & Americas Summit (CAM-CAF) and the creation of a Mechanism for South-South Cooperation
(document A/26/15 rev.2)

The General Assembly,

Noting decision 12(CXXIV) of the Executive Council,

1. *Approves* the proposal by the Dominican Republic on the institutionalization of the UN Tourism Summit for Africa and the Americas (CAM-CAF) and the creation of a Mechanism for South-South cooperation; and
2. *Requests* the Member States to coordinate with the Secretariat in the preparation and development of work plans and expected outputs for the implementation of both initiatives.

Agenda item 16

Place and dates of the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly
(document A/26/16)

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Articles 8(2) and 10 of the Statutes and Rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure,

Thanking the Government of the Dominican Republic for submitting its candidature to host the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly in 2027,

Noting that the candidature of the Dominican Republic has received the sponsorship of at least 10% of the Member States required under the Guidelines for the selection of venues for General Assembly sessions adopted through resolution 631(XX) as communicated by the Secretary-General on 4 September 2025,

Recalling that acceptance by States of the standard conditions laid out in the model agreement set out in the Annex to document [A/20/5\(II\)\(i\)](#) adopted through resolution 631(XX) is a preliminary requirement for the submission of a valid candidacy to host a General Assembly session in accordance with the above-mentioned Guidelines,

Further recalling that States must undertake to observe the legal framework for the holding of UN Tourism meetings away from Headquarters and provide the conditions established in the above-mentioned model agreement,

Noting that the Government of the Dominican Republic has undertaken in writing to observe the legal framework for the holding of UN Tourism meetings away from Headquarters and provide the conditions established in the above-mentioned model agreement,

Decides to hold its twenty-seventh session in the Dominican Republic in 2027.

Agenda item 17

Thematic session on “The impact of Artificial Intelligence and Innovation in Shaping Global Tourism” – Consideration and adoption of the Riyadh Declaration on the Future of Tourism
(document A/26/17 rev.1)

The General Assembly,

Having heard the presentations and interventions of the thematic session and the ensuing debate,

1. *Thanks* the speakers and the Members for their insights and contributions regarding the challenges and opportunities presented by the emergence of Artificial Intelligence for the tourism sector;
2. *Recognizes* the urgent need to take action in order to manage this development and reap all its benefits;

Having examined the report on the Riyadh Declaration on the Future of Tourism (document A/26/17 rev.1),

Noting decision 13(CXXIV) of the Executive Council on the Riyadh Declaration on the Future of Tourism,

3. *Adopts* the Declaration;
4. *Takes note* of the reservations expressed as per the Annex to the present resolution;
5. *Welcomes* the preparation of a Strategic Roadmap on the Future of Tourism through the use of extrabudgetary resources exclusively;
6. *Notes* that the sections of the Declaration relating to the Strategic Roadmap on the Future of Tourism are subject to the receipt of extrabudgetary contributions to fund its preparation; and
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Executive Council at its first ordinary session in 2026 on the progress achieved and the funds mobilized for the Strategic Roadmap on the Future of Tourism.

Annex

Argentina: Argentina dissociates itself from the Declaration's paragraphs relating to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

Iran: Iran makes the reservation that some Member States may not be parties to, or may hold reservations regarding, certain instruments or declarations referenced herein, and therefore do not consider themselves bound by any provisions or interpretations that may be inconsistent with their domestic laws and regulations, national priorities, or cultural values.
