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**Resolution A/RES/511(XVI) adopted by the General Assembly
of the World Tourism Organization at its sixteenth session**

Dakar, Senegal, 28 November - 2 December 2005

A/RES/511(XVI)

Amendments to the Statutes

(a) Amendments to Articles 6 and 7 of the Statutes

Agenda item 25(a)
(documents A/16/25(a) and A/16/25(a) Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the proposal of the Working Group on the amendment of the Statutes, which the Executive Council, decided to propose to the Assembly in accordance with its decision 10(LXXIV),

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the consequences of the amendments envisaged on the regulatory texts in force,

Having taken cognizance of a supplementary draft amendment to Article 6 of the Statutes, which reaffirms the Organization's constant position regarding the admission of Affiliate and Associate Members that depend on territories whose legal status is the subject of disputes before the United Nations,

1. Thanks the Working Group for its contribution;
2. Adopts the amendments to Articles 1, 4 to 7, 9 and 14 of the Statutes and to the last paragraph of the Financing Rules, whose text appears in the annex to the present resolution;
3. Recalls that these amendments will take effect on the date when their ratification occurs in accordance with Article 33 of the Statutes;

Approves the modifications to be introduced in its own Rules of Procedure stemming from the amendments, with the understanding that such modifications will only come into force on the date of entry into force of the aforementioned amendments; and



5. Decides to establish, without waiting for the pending ratification, under the designation of "Destination Council", the board provided for in the revised Article 7 of the Statutes, calling upon the Associate Members and the Affiliate Members corresponding to the definition given in Article 7, paragraph 2(i) of the amended Statutes to sit on such council, and to allow Full Members that so desire to participate in the work of this council.

ANNEX

Article 1

The World Tourism Organization, hereinafter referred to as "the Organization", is hereby established as an international organization of intergovernmental character. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Article 4

Membership of the Organization shall be open to:

- (a) Full Members
- (b) Associate Members

Article 5

1. Full membership of the Organization shall be open to all sovereign States that are members of the United Nations.
2. Such States may become Full Members of the Organization if their candidatures are approved by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization.
3. States that have withdrawn from the Organization in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 shall have the right to become Full Members of the Organization again, without requirement of vote, on formally declaring that they adopt the Statutes of the Organization and accept the obligations of membership.

Article 6

1. Territories already holding associate membership on 24 October 2003 shall maintain the status, rights and obligations belonging to them as at such date. The list of such territories is annexed to these Statutes.

Members enjoying the status of Affiliates, up to at the date of entry into force of the Amendments to the present Statutes adopted on 29 November 2005 shall become as of right Associate Members at that date.



3. Associate membership of the Organization shall be open to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, tourism bodies without political competence subordinate to territorial entities, professional and labour organizations, academic, educational, vocation training and research institutions and to commercial enterprises and associations whose activities are related to the aims of the Organization or fall within its competence. The participation of Associate Members in the work of the Organization shall be of a technical nature, with decisions and votes being the exclusive prerogative of the Full Member.
4. Such entities may become Associate Members of the Organization provided that their requests for membership are presented in writing to the Secretary-General and that the candidature is approved by the General Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization. Except in the cases of international organizations, the candidatures of the entities mentioned in paragraph 3 above shall be introduced by the United Nations member State on whose territory their headquarters is located.
5. The General Assembly shall abstain from considering the candidature of such entities if their headquarters is located in a territory that is the subject of a dispute, of sovereignty or other, before the United Nations, or if their activity is related to such a territory, unless no Full Member objects to the introduction of the candidature of said entity or to its admission to the Organization.

Article 7

1. A Committee of Associate Members shall be constituted which shall establish its own rules and submit them to the Assembly for approval by a majority of two-thirds of the Full Members present and voting provided that said majority is a majority of the Full Members of the Organization. The Committee may be represented at meetings of the Organization's organs.
2. The Committee of Associate Members shall be composed of three boards:
 - (i) a board of destinations, composed of the tourism bodies, without political competence subordinate to territorial entities;
 - (ii) an education board composed of academic, educational, vocational training and research institutions; and
 - (iii) a professional board composed of all the other Associate Members.

Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations may participate in whichever board or boards correspond to their competences.

General Assembly

Article 9

1. The Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization and shall be composed of delegates representing Full Members.



2. At each session of the Assembly each Full Member shall be represented by not more than five delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the Member as Chief Delegate.
3. Associate Members as of 24 October 2003, the list of which is annexed to the present Statutes, shall be represented by not more than five delegates, one of whom shall be designated as Chief Delegate. These delegates may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Assembly. They shall have the right to speak but may not participate in decision-making.
4. The Committee of Associate Members may designate three spokespersons, one representing the board of destinations, one representing the professional board and the other representing the education board, who shall participate in the work of the Assembly, without the right to vote. Each Associate Member may designate one observer, who may attend the deliberations of the Assembly.

Executive Council

Article 14

1. 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 a fair and equitable geographical distribution.
2. Associate Members as of 24 October 2003 may have a spokesperson who may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Council. Such spokesperson may not participate in decision-making.
3. The three spokespersons of the Committee of Associate Members may participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Council. Such spokespersons may not participate in decision-making.

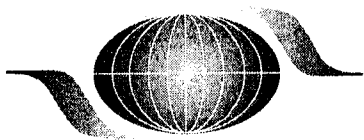
Last paragraph of the Financing Rules

In calculating the assessments of Associate Members, account shall be taken of the different bases of their membership and the limited rights they enjoy within the Organization.

Done at Madrid, on the fourteenth day of March, two thousand and six.

Francesco Frangialli
Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization





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LIST OF THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION
AS OF 24 OCTOBER 2003

1. Aruba
2. Flemish Community of Belgium
3. Hong Kong, China
4. Macao, China
5. Madeira
6. Netherlands Antilles
7. Puerto Rico

