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**Executive summary**

In accordance with FR 8.3, the Secretary-General transmits to the General Assembly 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, texts shown in **Annex I**, thanking those that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations and reminding Members of the importance of settling their contributions within the time period stipulated thereby averting delays that could hamper the implementation of the Organization's Programme of Work.

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

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.1)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report in document A/26/6(b) rev.1 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, Turkmenistan and Uruguay;
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 Leona, and Syrian Arab Republic as endorsed by the Executive Council at its 122nd and 121st sessions, respectively;
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 Members, Republic of the Gambia, Uganda, and Venezuela, 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;

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.

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.

I. Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or Paragraph 13 the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

1. As of 30 September 2025, the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are applied to the Members listed in the table shown in **Annex II.A** of document A/26/6(b) rev.1. These Members have been deprived of Member's privileges in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and Council. The stipulations of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are applicable as of 1 January 2025 to the Full Members Myanmar, Papua New Guinea and Togo respectively.
2. The amount due by Members subject to provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes since 30 June 2025 and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes is shown in the table in **Annex II.B** of the present document.
3. The Full Members to which the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026 are listed in **Annex III.A**. Affiliate Members to which the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026 are in **Annex III.B**, and the Members that will continue to be subject the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are shown in **Annex III.C**, in all cases if they have not agreed on a payment plan with the Secretariat for the settlement of their arrears.

II. Members granted temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

4. **Annex IV.1** shows the degree of compliance with the conditions laid down by the Assembly for Members with agreed payment plans for the settlement of their outstanding balance, and which have been granted a temporary exemption from the application of the stipulations of paragraph 13 by the 25th session of the General Assembly (Samarkand, Uzbekistan 16-20 October 2023).
5. At the request of the Members mentioned in said table, the General Assembly agreed, in its resolution A/RES/761(XXV), excerpts shown in **Annex IV.2**, to grant them temporary exemption from the application of the aforementioned provisions subject to the following conditions: (a) immediate payment of the contribution corresponding to the year before the General Assembly session at which their case is reviewed; and (b) strict observance of the agreed payment plan for the settlement of arrears.
6. On 6 October, the UN Tourism Secretariat received an official letter from Full Member Liberia informing it about the circumstances beyond its control that have prevented it from meeting its financial obligations to the Organization and requesting exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes and Article 34 of the Statutes. The above exemption is in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of General Assembly resolution A/RES/162(VI) as follows:

"1. the Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;"

"2. the council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control"

7. This request is submitted to the 124th session of the Executive Council for endorsement and to the present session of the General Assembly for ratification.
8. The Secretariat and Full Member Liberia conducted extensive consultations to agree on a ten-year instalment payment plan for the settlement of its arrears by 31 March 2026, to be submitted to the 126th session of the Executive Council for endorsement and to the 27th session of the General Assembly for ratification, subject to strict compliance with the conditions attached to it.
9. All communications received from Members after the date of this document requesting temporary exemption from the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes are to be submitted to the Executive Council and then to the present session of the General Assembly for its consideration.

Annex I: Texts of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Article 34 of the Statutes

1. Article 34 of the Statutes concerning the suspension of Members provides as follows:

"1. If any Member is found by the Assembly to persist in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of these Statutes, the Assembly may, by a resolution adopted by a majority of two-thirds of Full Members present and voting, suspend such Member from exercising the rights and enjoying the privileges of membership.

"2. The suspension shall remain in force until a change of such policy is recognized by the Assembly."

2. At its seventh session the General Assembly adopted the following resolution A/RES/217(VII) concerning the application of these provisions:

A/RES/217(VII)

Suspension of Members in arrears in the payment of statutory contributions: Article 34 of the Statutes

"The General Assembly,

"Considering decision CE/DEC/2(XXX) by which the Executive Council recommended the Assembly to apply Article 34 of the Statutes and consequently to suspend the Members of the Organization whose contribution arrears are equal to or exceed the contributions owed by such Members for four financial years and who have not, within six months, agreed with the Secretary-General on a payment plan for reimbursing these arrears,

"Considering document A/7/10(j) prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the above Executive Council decision,

"Recognizing that Article 34 of the Statutes, which provides the sanction of suspension when a Member persists in a policy that is contrary to the fundamental aim of the Organization as mentioned in Article 3 of the Statutes, becomes applicable in the case of prolonged non-payment of obligatory contributions to the Organization's budget, such an attitude clearly constituting a policy contrary to the aims of WTO,

"1. Decides to apply henceforward the measure of suspension provided for in Article 34 of the Statutes:

- (a) when a Member of the Organization has accumulated contribution arrears in respect of any four financial years, which need not be consecutive, partial payment of contributions not preventing the measure of suspension being applied, and;
- (b) when the aforementioned Member has not agreed a payment plan for the contribution arrears with the Secretary-General within a period of one year from the date of the resolution by which the Assembly noted that the measure of suspension was applicable to the Member pursuant to Article 34 of the Statutes;

.....

3. Requests the Secretary-General to apply the present resolution and to inform each session of the Executive Council concerning its application"

Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

3. The provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes read as follows:

"13. A Member which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization's expenditure shall be deprived of the privileges enjoyed by the Members in the form of services and the right to vote in the Assembly and the Council if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two financial years. At the request of the Council, the Assembly may, however, permit such a Member to vote and to enjoy

the services of the Organization if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Members."

4. In this regard, at its sixth session the Assembly adopted the following resolution:

A/RES/162(VI)

"The General Assembly,

.....

"Confirms the following provisions;

"When a Full Member becomes subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules and Regulation 8(7) of the Financial Regulations, the Assembly may restore that Member's right to vote and to enjoy the services of the Organization, only on an exceptional basis, when:

"1. the Member has explained the reasons for its failure to pay in writing and has requested the restoration of its rights in writing;

"2. the Council finds that the circumstances are beyond the Member's control;

"3. the Council and the country concerned have agreed to the measures which should be taken in order to settle the arrears."

Annex II.A: Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes at 30 September 2025

Statement of Members subject to provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

at 30 September 2025

Euros

Full Members	Para. 13	Art. 34	Years	Number of years	Arrear contributions
					EUR
<i>Total</i>					9,501,499.45
Afghanistan	X	X	81-87,89-08,10-12,14,19-24	36	845,467.91
Bolivia	X	X	83-87,89-98,19-22,24	20	575,129.57
Burundi	X	X	79-07,11-13, 15-22,24	41	902,614.78
Cameroon	X	X	20-24	5	169,592.00
Central African Republic	X	X	07-24	18	449,653.20
Chad	X	X	12-24	13	352,531.56
Djibouti	X	X	03-24	22	507,425.00
Ethiopia	X	X	17-18,20-24	7	225,015.00
Gabon	X	X	15-24	10	546,258.56
Guinea	X	X	00, 07-09,14-22,24	14	337,549.01
Guinea Bissau	X	X	92-96, 99-24	31	726,331.55
Liberia	X	X	12-24	13	352,538.00
Mauritania	X	X	84-05,16-19	26	586,891.64
Myanmar	X		23-24	2	85,754.00
Niger	X	X	84-87,90-07,10-11,14-17,19-	32	761,043.01
Papua New Guinea	X		23-24	2	69,344.00
Sao Tome et Principe	X	X	86-14,18-22,24	35	695,683.65
Somalia	X	X	18-24	7	195,968.00
Sudan	X	X	90-03,06-08,13-14,18-20,23-24	24	606,129.18
Togo	X		05-06,19,24	4	70,983.83
The Union of Comoros	X	X	18-24	6	134,496.00
Vanuatu	X	X	10-17, 20-24	13	305,100.00
					9,501,499.45

Annex II.B: Movements since 30 June 2005 of contributions due by Members subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes at 30 September 2025

Movements from previous statement of the amount due by Members subject to provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

at 30 September 2025

Euros

	30/06/2025	Increase	Decrease	30/09/2025
<i>Amount due</i>	9,663,225.95	-	161,727	9,501,499.45

Annex III:

- A. Full Members to which the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026.**
- B. Affiliate Members to which the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026.**
- C. Full and Associate Members that will continue to be subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or Paragraph 13 of the Financing rules attached to the Statutes in 2026, in all cases if they have not agreed on a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears with the Secretariat.**

- A. Full Members to which the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026 if they have not agreed on a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears with the Secretariat:**

ARTICLE 34 OF THE STATUTES

1. TOGO

PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE FINANCING RULES ATTACHED TO THE STATUTES

1. ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
2. BANGLADESH
3. BELARUS
4. CÔTE D'IVOIRE
5. DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA
6. KUWAIT
7. NEPAL
8. NIGERIA

- B. Affiliate Members to which the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes will be applicable in 2026:**

As the date of issuance of the present document, the Affiliate Members and Public-Private Collaboration Department is in the process of negotiating the settling of arrears of UN Tourism Affiliate Members under this category. The final list of Affiliate Members to which these provisions will be applied as of January 2026 will be made available by the Secretariat by year-end. In the meantime, an updated financial statement may be obtained upon written request to the Member Contributions Coordinator mmelgarejo@untourism.int and the Affiliate Members and Public-Private Collaboration Department at am@unwto.org

- C. Full and Associate Members that will continue to be subject to the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes in 2026 if they have not agreed on a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears with the Secretariat or reduced them to less than two years:**

FULL MEMBERS

1. AFGHANISTAN
2. BOLIVIA
3. BURUNDI
4. CAMEROON
5. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
6. DJIBOUTI
7. ETHIOPIA
8. GABON
9. GUINEA
10. GUINEA BISSAU
11. LIBERIA
12. MAURITANIA
13. NIGER

- 14.SAO TOME ET PRINCIPE
- 15.SOMALIA
- 16.SUDAN
- 17.CHAD
- 18.THE UNION OF COMOROS
- 19.VANUATU

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- 1. ARUBA

Annex IV.1: Members granted temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes (resolution A/RES/761(XXV))

**Members granted temporary exemption from the application of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes
Compliance with the conditions laid down by the 25th General Assembly (A/RES/761(XXV))
at 30 September 2025**

	Arrears payment plan approval and details				Strict fulfilment of the agreed payment plan		
	GA/EC approval		Details		Year	Payment made	
	Year	Payment made	Start from	Number of years		Contribution for the year	Annual arrears
Full Member							
Cambodia	2006	Yes	2006	30	2006-2025	Yes	Yes
Gambia, Republic of the	2015	Yes	2016	15	2016-2024	Yes	Yes
					2025	No	No
Iraq	2010	Yes	2014	25	2014-2025	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	2017	Yes	2016	21	2017-2025	Yes	Yes
Lao People's Dem. Republic	2005	Yes	2005	26	2005-2025	Yes	Yes
Malawi	2023	No	2024	20	2024-2025	Yes	Yes
Turkmenistan	2023	No	2024	10	2024-2025	Yes	Yes
Uganda	2022	Yes	2022	20	2022-2024	Yes	Yes
					2025	Yes	Part
Uruguay	2017	Yes	2017	13	2007-2025	Yes	Yes
Venezuela	2023	Yes	2023	10	2023	Yes	Yes
					2024	Yes	Part
					2025	No	No

Annex IV.2: Excerpts of resolution A/RES/761(XXV)

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report in document A/25/7(b) transmitted by the Secretary-General containing updated information on the Members falling under the above-mentioned provisions,

(...)

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, Gambia, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Uruguay;
3. Ratifies 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 the Full Members Iraq, Kyrgyzstan and Uganda as endorsed by the Executive Council at its 116th, 117th and 118th sessions, respectively, as well as to the Affiliate Members Adventure Travel and Trade Association (ATTA) whose payment plans were endorsed by the 116th and 118th sessions of the Executive Council, respectively;
4. *Further approves* the payment plans submitted by the Full Members Malawi, Turkmenistan and Venezuela as well as to the Affiliate Member Pardis Iranian Mana Seir International Tourism Institute submitted to the present session of the General Assembly;
5. *Also decides* to maintain the temporary exemption to the Full Members Sierra Leone and Sudan, as well as to the Affiliate Member Instituto Medio de Gestao Hotelaria e Turismo Francisco do Santos (IMGHT-FS), 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 2024;
6. *Notes* with satisfaction that Burkina Faso, Congo, Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar, Palau, and Yemen 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;
7. *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;

Having regard to Libya's and Syrian Arab Republic's special circumstances,

8. *Notes with appreciation* their communications regarding their willingness to meet their financial obligations to the Organization and renews the temporary exemption from the provisions of Paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes, making it clear that these provisions will be reapplied to these Members if they have not settled their contributions or submitted a payment plan for the settlement of their arrears by 1 April 2024; 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.