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**Agenda item 4****Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs  
of the Executive Council for 2026**

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**Executive summary**

In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2026.

## **DRAFT DECISION<sup>1</sup>**

### **Agenda item 4**

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

*The Executive Council,*

*Having considered* the different candidatures received for the chairmanship,

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

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

2. *Decides* to elect ... as first Vice-Chair of the Council and ... 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.

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<sup>1</sup> This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.

## I. Introduction

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1. In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure (see below), the Council is invited to elect its Chair and two Vice-Chairs for 2026.

### Officers of the Council

#### *Rule 5*

1. *The Council shall elect by secret ballot from among its Members a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman and a second Vice-Chairman for a term of one year.*
  2. *The election shall require a simple majority of the Members of the Council present and voting. If no candidate receives the majority in the first ballot, a second and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held to decide between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes in the first ballot.*
  3. *The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen shall be eligible for a second term of office.*
  4. *The Full Members elected to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanships of the Council shall designate the persons to perform the duties of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.*
2. Although Rule 5 provides that this election shall be by secret ballot, the Council has in practice most often adopted a consensus approach to the election of its Officers.

## II. Candidatures

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3. In a communication addressed to the Secretary-General on 9 September 2025, the Minister of Tourism of Brazil presented his country's candidature for the renewal of its chairmanship of the Executive Council for the year 2026 (Annex I).
4. No candidatures for the posts of Vice-Chairs have been received.

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**Annex I: Letter of candidature of Brazil**

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A Sua Excelência o Senhor  
**Zurab Pololikashvili**  
Secretário-Geral  
ONU Turismo

**Assunto: Manifestação de Interesse pela Reeleição à Presidência do Conselho Executivo da ONU Turismo.**

Senhor Secretário-Geral,

1. Com os meus cordiais cumprimentos, tenho a honra de informar a Vossa Excelência a intenção do Brasil de concorrer à reeleição como presidente do Conselho Executivo da ONU Turismo, para o ano de 2026.
2. Na qualidade de atual Presidente do Conselho Executivo da ONU Turismo para o ano de 2025, o Brasil vem exercendo papel de liderança na condução das agendas prioritárias da Organização, com ênfase na promoção do turismo responsável, acessível e resiliente. Essa atuação reforça o protagonismo do país nos organismos multilaterais e favorece uma ação mais integrada entre os países das Américas e o sistema internacional de turismo.
3. Nesse contexto, a reeleição do Brasil à presidência do Conselho Executivo contribuirá para continuar a alinhar visões e fortalecer o papel do país nas Relações Internacionais, em especial no tocante ao Turismo.
4. Aproveito a oportunidade para reiterar a Vossa Excelência os protestos de minha mais alta consideração e estima.

Atenciosamente,

CELSO SABINO

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