

majority of the Full Members present and voting at the Assembly.

Article 30

Decisions of the Council shall be made by a simple majority of Members present and voting except on budgetary and financial recommendations which shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting.

Legal Personality, Privileges and Immunities

Article 31

The Organization shall have legal personality.

Article 32

The Organization shall enjoy in the territories of its Member States the privileges and immunities required for the exercise of its functions. Such privileges and immunities may be defined by agreements concluded by the Organization.

Amendments

Article 33

1. Any suggested amendment to the present Statutes and its Annex shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General who shall circulate it to the Full Members at least six months before being submitted to the consideration of the Assembly.

2. An amendment shall be adopted by the Assembly by a two-thirds majority of Full Members present and voting.

3. An amendment shall come into force for all Members when two-thirds of the Member States have notified the Depository Government of their approval of such amendment.

Suspension of Membership

Article 34

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.

Withdrawal from Membership

Article 35

1. Any Full Member may withdraw from the Organization on the expiry of one year's notice in writing to the Depository Government.

2. Any Associate Member may withdraw from the Organization on the same conditions of notice, provided the Depository Government has been notified in writing by the Full Member which is responsible for the external relations of that Associate Member.

3. An Affiliate Member may withdraw from the Organization on the expiry of one year's notice in writing to the Secretary-General.

Entry into Force

Article 36

The present Statutes shall enter into force one hundred and twenty days after fifty-one States whose official tourism organizations are Full Members of IUOTO at the time of adoption of these Statutes have formally signified to the provisional Depository their approval of the Statutes and their acceptance of the obligations of membership.

Depository

Article 37

1. These Statutes and any declarations accepting the obligations of membership shall be deposited for the time being with the Government of Switzerland.

2. The Government of Switzerland shall notify all States entitled to receive such notification of the receipt of such declarations and of the date of entry into force of these Statutes.

Interpretation and Languages

Article 38

The official languages of the Organization shall be English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Article 39

The English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of these Statutes shall be regarded as equally authentic.

Transitional Provisions

Article 40

The headquarters shall provisionally be in Geneva, Switzerland, pending a decision by the General Assembly under Article 2.

Article 41

During a period of one hundred and eighty days after these Statutes enter into force, States Members of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice shall have the right to become Full Members of the Organization, without requirement of vote, on formally declaring that they adopt the Statutes of the (Organization and accept the obligations of membership.

Article 42

During the year following the entry into force of the present Statutes, States whose national tourism organizations were members of IUOTO at the time of adoption of these Statutes and which have adopted the present Statutes subject to approval may participate in the activities of the Organization with the rights and obligations of a Full Member.

Article 43

During the year following the entry into force of the present Statutes, territories or groups of territories not responsible