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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA AND
THE WTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
AT THEIR THIRTEENTH JOINT MEETING**

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DECISIONS**CSA/CAP/DEC/1(XIII)****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/CAP/13/Prov. Ag.)

The Commissions,

Adopt the agenda of their thirteenth joint meeting as modified by including special presentations and renumbering the last agenda item accordingly.

CSA/CAP/DEC/2(XIII)**COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT MEETING**

Agenda item 2

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Chairman,

1. Thank him for his communication;
2. Appreciate his words of welcome and greetings extended to all Members, non-Members, representatives of international and regional organizations present at the meeting and the Secretary-General and his officers;
3. Recognize that the tourism industry has maintained a good and sound momentum of growth, both in terms of tourist arrivals and receipts, in the two regions in 1996;
4. Note with satisfaction that these achievements have been made as a result of the importance that the Governments of the regions have attached to the tourism industry and also due to the efforts made by WTO, particularly in the area of technical assistance projects;
5. Extend a warm welcome to Thailand which rejoined WTO in 1996;
6. Appreciate the various studies published by WTO in the areas of global market trends and forecasts and urge Members to make efforts to further increase their share in the world tourism industry thus turning forecast into reality; and
7. Call upon the Members to join actively the Secretariat in its endeavour to establish close contacts with non-member countries in order to convince them to join WTO.

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COMMUNICATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT MEETING

Agenda item 3

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Co-Chairman,

1. Thank him for his communication;
2. Recognize that the regions of East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia have been recording gains in the growth of the tourism industry in recent years and that this growth has contributed to their social development and economic prosperity;
3. Are mindful that the success of Asia in tourism should not be transient and that its achievements should be made in a more sustainable and long-lasting way for the benefit of the society and the environment as a whole; and
4. Call upon the Members to learn from the lessons of the past and guide the development of the future through careful planning; and urge them to treat the **Male´ Declaration** as an important instrument in realizing the goals of sustainable tourism development in the coming century.

CSA/CAP/DEC/4(XIII)**REVIEW OF WTO MARKET RESEARCH PROGRAMME AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Agenda item 4

The Commissions,

Having heard the presentation made by the Secretariat under this agenda item,Encouraged by the achievements made in the field of statistics and market research and the proposed programme,

1. Thank the Secretariat for substantial achievements in this important area of WTO programme of work; and
 2. Request the Secretariat to continue its efforts to provide timely and in-depth information, both in qualitative and quantitative terms, geared to the specific needs of the Members.
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CSA/CAP/DEC/5(XIII)**PRESENTATION OF WTO'S INTERACTIVE ONLINE DATA BASE
ON TOURISM STATISTICS**

Agenda item 5 (document CSA/CAP/13/1)

The Commissions,

Having considered the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on this agenda item and having heard the presentation on the subject,

1. Congratulate the Secretariat in its endeavour to make available WTO's tourism statistics and publications to Members as well as the international tourism community on a wider basis; and
2. Call upon the Members to take full advantage of the WTO website and, establish interactive links with and through WTO, to reach a wider spectrum of the tourism consumers.

CSA/CAP/DEC/6(XIII)**REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AND PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH AN INTEREST
IN TOURISM, BALI, INDONESIA, 24-27 SEPTEMBER 1996**

Agenda item 6 (document CSA/CAP/13/2)

The Commissions,

Having considered the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on this agenda item,

1. Congratulate the Secretariat for convening the Forum and for directing its efforts not only towards policy makers at central level but also for putting more emphasis on the recognition of the importance of tourism at regional and local levels; and
 2. Thank the Government of Indonesia for hosting the Forum and for the overwhelming hospitality extended to all the participants.
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CSA/CAP/DEC/7(XIII)**FORMULATION OF THE GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK
OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD 1998-1999**

Agenda item 7 (document CSA/CAP/13)

The Commissions,

Having heard the presentation on this agenda item,

1. Thank the Secretary-General for preparing the conceptual general programme of work for the period 1998-1999;
 2. Agree that the programme of work should maintain the six main areas of activities reflecting both continuity and renewal; and
 3. Support the new idea of indicating direct beneficiaries for each programme output at three different levels namely, national tourism administrations (central), local authorities (regional) and the private sector (affiliate members).
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CSA/CAP/DEC/8(XIII)**PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE
WTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Agenda item 8 (document CSA/CAP/13/3)

The Commissions,

Having heard the information report presented under this agenda item,

1. Note that a summit debate on the future of the Organization will be held and attended by heads of delegations within the framework of the General Assembly;
 2. Hope that the conclusions and recommendations of the summit debate will serve as strategic guidelines for the future of the Organization; and
 3. Urge the Members to participate actively and in full strength in the General Assembly and contribute meaningfully to its deliberations.
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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Agenda item 9

The Commissions,

After having heard the presentations made by the representatives of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB),

1. Thank ESCAP and ADB for their presentations and for familiarizing the Members with the activities of their respective Organizations in the field of tourism; and
2. Call upon the Members to make full use of projects and programmes of ESCAP and ADB in the further development and promotion of tourism in their countries.

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**PLACE AND DATE OF THE FOURTEENTH
JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS**

Agenda item 10

The Commissions,

Noting that as per the established procedure, it is the turn of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific to host the next joint meeting of the two Commissions,

Decide that their fourteenth meeting should be held at the same venue, and in conjunction with, the next meeting of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The thirteenth joint meeting of the WTO Commission for South Asia and the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific was attended by:

1. Delegates of the following Members: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Lao P.D.R., Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.
2. Delegates of the following Affiliate Members: East Express Co. Ltd (Iran), Hotel and Tourism Training Institute (Thailand), Indian Airlines, Indian Tourism Development Corporation, Japan Airlines, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation (India) , Korea National Tourism Organization, Pacific Asia Travel Association and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (Thailand).
3. Delegates of the following non-member states: Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Kiribati and Vanuatu.
4. Delegates of the following Regional and International Organizations: Asian Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Indian Ocean Tourism Organization (IOTO), South Asia Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), United Nations, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).