WTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

AND

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DECISIONS TAKEN AT THEIR SEVENTH JOINT MEETING

Kathmandu, Nepal, 3 April 1987
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Seventh Joint Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Communication of the Chairman and Co-Chairman

3. Communication of the Secretary-General

4. Consideration of the final report and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the regional Seminar on "Heritage Conservation for Tourism Development"

5. Exchange of tourism information and documentation between Members of the two Commissions

6. Exchange of tourism personnel on study tours/training between Members of the two Commissions

7. Review of implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the CAP/CSA joint Seminars on "Promotion of Interregional and Intraregional Tourism"

8. Place and date of eighth meeting
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
(document CAP/CSA/7/Prov. Ag.)

The Commissions,

Adopt the agenda of their seventh joint meeting, as contained in document CAP/CSA/7/Prov. Ag.

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN

Agenda item 2

The Commissions,

Having heard the Communications of the Chairman and the Co-Chairman;

Take note of the Communications, for which they thank them;

Express their appreciation for the increased activities of the Secretariat in responding to the needs of its member States, especially in the field of training.

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 3
(document CAP/CSA/7/3)

The Commissions,

Having heard the Communication of the Secretary-General as presented by the Deputy Secretary-General;

Welcome the new dynamic approach adopted by the Secretary-General to increase WTO's operational activities, especially training programmes and technical assistance;
Note with satisfaction the growing cooperation between WTO and other international and regional organizations;

Consider with interest the creation of the World Tourism Information Exchange Centre (WTIEC)/Clearing House, which the Secretary-General has proposed to establish beginning in the 1988-89 general programme of work of the Organization;

Urge the Secretary-General to continue and increase these activities in the future.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/4 (VII)

CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON HERITAGE CONSERVATION FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Agenda item 4

(document CAP/CSA/7/4)

The Commissions,

Having examined the final report of the Seminar on "Heritage Conservation for Tourism Development", held in Kathmandu from 30 March to 1 April;

Recognizing that a successful tourism development requires the protection of its natural and cultural heritage;

Confirming that governments, national tourism administrations, the tourism professionals and local populations must make a coordinated effort to maintain a balance between tourism development and heritage conservation;

Stressing the fundamental role of planning and education in the conservation of heritage for tourism and in the promotion of tourism consciousness and respect for indigenous values;

Considering with satisfaction the conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Seminar, which set forth operational and practical guidelines for the conservation and enhancement of heritage for tourism development;

Adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar, as revised;

Urge the member States to take appropriate action to implement the recommendations of the Seminar;
Request WTO and other international and regional organizations to carry out the necessary follow-up action;

Thank the member States for country reports, and the various national, regional and international organizations for papers prepared and presented at the Seminar, all of which contributed to the success of the meeting.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/5 (VII)

EXCHANGE OF TOURISM INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Agenda item 5
(document CAP/CSA/7/5)

The Commissions,

Recalling the decisions taken at previous joint meetings for the exchange of tourism information and documentation between Members of the two Commissions;

Recognizing the importance of such exchange on a regular basis as one of the means of promoting regional cooperation and understanding;

Noting however that basic information and documentation is still not being exchanged by all countries;

Urge Members to increase their efforts to exchange basic information and documentation, particularly annual reports, among themselves;

Request Members to send less routine reports and studies to the Secretariat for inclusion in the Tourism Bibliography, thus avoiding any unnecessary mailing of material;

Note that the above procedures are complementary to the proposed World Tourism Information Exchange Centre (WTIEC).
EXCHANGE OF TOURISM PERSONNEL ON STUDY TOURS/
TRAINING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Agenda item 6
(document CAP/CSA/7/6)

The Commissions,

Recalling the decisions taken at previous joint meetings for the exchange of tourism personnel on study tours/training between Members of the two Commissions;

Recognizing the importance of greater regional cooperation, particularly in the field of training;

Appreciating the increased efforts of the Secretariat to respond to the training needs of its member States;

Take note of the informal discussions and exchanges that took place intraregionally in the East Asia and Pacific region, on a limited scale, between Australia and Japan, and Australia and China;

Take note of the interest expressed by Sri Lanka in reviving the exchange programmes with the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and the Republic of Korea;

Welcome the offer of China to keep the Secretariat informed of the progress regarding a study tour on tourism development to Sri Lanka for Chinese officials, proposed within the framework of the Inter-Governmental TCDC*Programming Exercise for China that took place in Beijing in November 1986;

Request member States to keep the Secretary-General informed on the developments of the exchange programmes they undertake;

Express satisfaction at the efforts of the Secretary-General to assist States or groups of States in the implementation of staff exchange programmes between national tourism administrations (NTAs), as proposed in the draft general programme of work of the Organization for 1988-89;

Thank the Secretary-General for the continued coordination of offers of training facilities and requests for training received from Members.

*Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries
The Commissions,

Having examined document CAP/CSA/7/7, submitted under this agenda item;

Stressing the continuing importance of promoting interregional and intraregional tourism for the member States of the regions;

Note the progress being made by member States in the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the seminars that have taken place on this theme;

Urge the Members to pursue systematically their efforts to promote interregional and intraregional tourism along the operational guidelines they established at the above-mentioned seminars.

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The Commissions,

Decide to postpone taking a decision on this agenda item until the seventeenth meeting of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the nineteenth meeting of the Commission for South Asia, both to be held on 22 September 1987, within the framework of the Seventh General Assembly, in Madrid;

Entrust the Chairman and Co-Chairman with informing the Secretary-General of the outcome of the decision of the two Commissions in this respect.
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