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THE SECOND MEETING OF THE  
WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL TRAVEL COMMISSION

FOR THE

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I. INTRODUCTION

The World Tourism Organization Regional Travel Commission for the Pacific and East Asia held its second meeting in Manila, Philippines, on 22 April 1976.

II. ATTENDANCE

The list of participants who attended the meeting appears as ANNEX I.

III. OPENING CEREMONY

The second meeting of the Regional Travel Commission for the Pacific and East Asia was formally declared open by its Chairman, General Chalermchai Charuvastr, Director General of the Tourist Organization of Thailand.

The Honorable Jose D. Aspiras, Secretary of the Philippine Department of Tourism, delivered the welcome address in behalf of the Philippine Delegation. The full text of his statement appears as ANNEX II.

This was followed by the opening address of the Chairman of the WTO-RTCPEA, the full text of which appears as ANNEX III.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The Meeting adopted the Provisional Agenda without amendment. The Agenda appears as ANNEX IV.

V. ELECTION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Commission designated Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles, Regional Secretary of the WTO-RTCPEA, to examine the Credentials

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of the delegates. The Regional Secretary reported that the appropriate Credentials had been presented. 1 7 1

VI. OPENING STATEMENTS OF CHIEF DELEGATES

The Heads of Delegations delivered their respective statements. All the Delegates expressed their appreciation to the Philippine Government, in particular to the Department of Tourism, for hosting the second meeting of the Commission.

The full texts of the statements of the Delegations of Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Thailand appear as ANNEX V - A, B, C, and D, respectively.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE WTO-RTCPEA

The Meeting considered and adopted the Draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the WTO-RTCPEA. The full text of these documents appear as ANNEX VI.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY

Secretary Jose D. Aspiras announced the designation of Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles as Regional Secretary of the RTCPEA effective as of 25 March 1976. The letter of designation appears as ANNEX VII.

IX. REPORT OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY

Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles made a report on the Regional Secretariat, the Programmes and Budget of the RTCPEA. The full text of the report appears as ANNEX VIII.

The Commission decided on the recommendations of the Regional Secretary, as follows:

1. It approved the proposed structure of the Regional Secretariat, subject to periodic review, and noted the suggested programmes of the RTCPEA as embodied in the report; and

2. It authorized the representatives of Indonesia and Thailand, members of the WTO Executive Council, to request from the WTO during the forthcoming WTO Executive Council

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meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, a lump sum grant-in-aid in the amount of US\$25,000 to the RTCPEA to be used solely for programmes in the region normally given to the Regional Secretariats.

3. The Commission further agreed that two Liaison Officers be nominated from each of the RTCPEA member countries. One of the Liaison Officers must be based in Manila, preferably from the Embassy of the member country and one from the capital of that country.

X. CONSIDERATION OF THE RTCPEA'S PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND/OR PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR CY 1976-77

The Meeting considered ten projects proposed by the Regional Secretary and approved in principle, these projects to be undertaken by the RTCPEA for the calendar year 1976-77. A list of these ten (10) projects appears as ANNEX IX.

CONSIDERATION OF RTCPEA POSITION FOR PRESENTATION IN THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN ACAPULCO, MEXICO.

The Meeting agreed that the RTCPEA would be represented at the second Executive Council Meeting in Acapulco, Mexico, by the delegations of Indonesia and Thailand. These delegations would present the report of the second meeting of the WTO-RTCPEA to the WTO Executive Council as the official paper or position of the Commission in connection with Item 15 of the WTO Executive Council's Provisional Agenda, which is attached as ANNEX X of this report.

XII. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND WTO-MADRID

Since the Draft Agreement was considered by the Commission as a bilateral agreement between the Philippine Government and the WTO-Madrid, it was decided that the two bodies be responsible for the final revisions of the Agreement before the finalization and signing of the same. A copy of the Draft Agreement is attached as ANNEX XI of this report.

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XIII. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Commission noted the proposed budget for the WTO-RTCPEA Secretariat submitted by the Philippine Delegation, and authorized the delegations of Indonesia and Thailand to present this budget to the forthcoming WTO Executive Council session scheduled in Acapulco, Mexico. The text of the proposed budget appears as ANNEX II.

XIV. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Commission decided to postpone action on setting the date and place of its next meeting. The Chairman, in consultation with the Regional Secretary, was authorized to undertake their task, bearing in mind the need to have a meeting before every session of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization.

XV. OTHER MATTERS

- a) The Commission commended Director General Chalerm Charuvaster and Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles for their exemplary performance of their duties as Chairman and Regional Secretary of the WTO-RTCPEA respectively
- b) The Commission expressed its gratitude and appreciation for the gracious hospitality and excellent arrangements of the Philippine Government in connection with the hosting of the meeting.

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