

WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION

COMMISSION FOR
SOUTH ASIA



WTO/CSA/8/79/SR

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORDS

OF THE 8TH MEETING

TORREMOLINOS (SPAIN)- 17TH & 24TH SEPTEMBER 1979

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Nomination of Commission's Representatives to General Assembly Offices.
3. Nomination of Commission's Representatives on the Executive Council, Technical Committee for Programme & Coordination (TCPC) and Committee on Budget & Finance (CBF).
4. Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.
5. Any other business
6. Place and date of next meeting.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

THE COMMISSION ADOPTED the Provisional Agenda consisting of six items, which had been circulated among the members.

II. NOMINATION OF COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

The Regional Secretary explained that the Commission had to nominate its representatives to the Vice-Presidency and the Credentials Committee.

THE COMMISSION DECIDED to nominate the Hon. Minister of Civil Aviation & Tourism from Bangladesh to the Vice-Presidency and the delegate of Afghanistan to the Credentials Committee.

III. NOMINATION OF COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION (TCPC) & COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & FINANCE (CBF)

The Regional Secretary explained the guidelines on the basis of which the Commission had nominated its representatives to such offices in the past. He stated that the general practice was to share the offices available among as many members as possible in rotation.

In discussion the following points were made:

1. While it is an admirable practice to maintain past traditions, there is no need to consider offices held by members under the IUOTO, since the IUOTO and the WTO are different organizations of entirely different character (India, Pakistan).
2. There is some continuity between the IUOTO and the WTO, particularly in regard to the CSA, which has the same members represented by National Tourism Authorities (Sri Lanka, Nepal).

3. A discussion on the legal status of IUOTO and WTO is not of much use and what the Commission has to decide are the norms to be adopted for nominating its representatives (Iran, Afghanistan).

The Deputy Secretary-General clarified the transformation of IUOTO into WTO, and pointed out that while IUOTO was a non-governmental organization, of National Tourist Organizations, WTO is an intergovernmental organization of sovereign States.

The delegate of Sri Lanka suggested that the Commission follows past practice in nominating its representatives on this occasion, while the legal question of the continuity between IUOTO and WTO can be examined before the next General Assembly, which was unanimously accepted.

THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO nominate Nepal for election to the Executive Council, and India and Sri Lanka as its representatives on the CBF and TCPC respectively.

IV. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED Bangladesh as its Chairman, and Afghanistan and Pakistan as its Vice-Chairmen.

V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Terminology of Regional Commissions

The Chairman stated that at a Joint CAP/CSA Meeting held during the General Assembly, CAP had agreed to change its name to "East Asia and the Pacific". This decision will be conveyed to the Executive Council and a Resolution submitted to the General Assembly through its Administrative Committee.

Recruitment of WTO Staff

The Deputy Secretary-General clarified the Organization's policy in the recruitment of staff, particularly in regard to language requirements.

In discussion the following points were made:

1. The requirement of fluency in French is a barrier for the recruitment of staff from the South Asia region (Nepal, India).
2. Both English and French should be working languages at the Secretariat-General (Pakistan, Sri Lanka).
3. WTO should provide assistance to study French to potential candidates who have the other necessary qualifications for recruitment (Nepal, Afghanistan).

The Director/Administration explained the language requirements in the recruitment of staff to other international organizations. He pointed out that fluency in one official language and a good knowledge of another official language were essential requirements.

Regional Training Institute

The delegate of Pakistan sought clarification as to whether WTC is going to establish Regional Training Institutes.

The Deputy Secretary-General explained that only Africa had made such a proposal. In regard to South Asia, there is a project for "Regional Cooperation in Tourism Training" proposed to the UNDP and awaiting their approval.

Workshop on Facilitation

The Regional Secretary stated that he was awaiting confirmation of the arrangements from Pakistan to send the invitations for this Workshop to be held in Lahore during December 1979.

Regional Seminar and Joint CAP/CSA Meeting

The Regional Secretary stated that the CAP had agreed to the Seminar and Meeting to be held during April/May 1980 in Sri Lanka. Exact dates and arrangements will be finalized in consultation with the Secretariat-General, CAP and Sri Lanka.

VI. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Regional Secretary stated that he was awaiting confirmation of the arrangements and dates from Bangladesh.

The delegate of Bangladesh assured that the arrangements and dates will be confirmed on his return from the General Assembly.

VOTES OF THANKS

The Chairman congratulated the new office-bearers and thanked all the members for their cooperation and support during his tenure of office.

The delegate of India proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and the Commission carried the Vote unanimously.

The Chairman then declared the sessions closed.