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CSA/16/DEC

WTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA

DECISIONS TAKEN AT ITS SIXTEENTH MEETING
Waikkal (Sri Lanka), 26-27 April 1985

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Communication of the Chairman
3. Communication of the Secretary-General
4. Representation of the Commission on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs
5. Operational activities of the Organization in South Asia
6. Technical cooperation projects in South Asia
7. Report on the Organization's activities in the field of facilitation
8. Consideration of the studies prepared by the Organization under its general programme of work for 1982-1983 and submitted to the Regional Commissions, in accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly at its fifth session
9. Consideration of the final report and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the workshop on "Development and promotion of Youth Tourism"
10. Communication on the tenth anniversary of WTO
11. Report on the celebration of World Tourism Day
12. Report on the Fund in trust administered on behalf of the Members of the Commission
13. Report on the joint promotional activities of the Members of the Commission
14. Consideration of the draft Statutes of South Asia Regional Association of Tourism and Hotel Institutes (SARATHI)
15. Review of tourism in South Asia
16. Place and date of seventeenth meeting

CSA/DEC/1 (XVI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/16/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the agenda of its sixteenth meeting, as contained in document CSA/16/Prov. Ag. submitted by the Secretary-General.

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CSA/DEC/2 (XVI)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Agenda item 2

The Commission,

Having heard the Communication of the Chairman,

Takes note of the Communication, for which it thanks him.

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CSA/DEC/3 (XVI)

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Agenda item 3 (Document CSA/16/3)

The Commission,

Having heard the Communication of the Secretary-General as presented by the Chief, Asia and the Pacific Operational Section of the Secretariat;

Agrees with his analysis of the present situation of tourism in the world viewed not only as holiday travel, but also as movements of persons for other motivations and obligations and of the potential new markets, particularly at intra-regional and national levels;

Recognizes the need to develop small and medium-sized enterprises for providing the facilities and services required by these new markets, as well as for creating employment opportunities with comparatively small investments;

Reiterates the importance of taking supportive follow-up action on General Assembly resolutions 123 (V) on the Powers, authority and responsibilities of tourism administrations, 125 (V) on WTO's central and decisive role in the field of tourism, and 124 (V) on Technical cooperation activities of the Organization towards attaining the objectives set out in those resolutions;

Welcomes the initiative taken by the Secretary-General for preliminary consultations with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of activities and consequent waste of scarce human and financial resources;

* Trusts that the Secretary-General will take appropriate action towards concluding a working arrangement for coordination and cooperation with ESCAP, as he has done with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;

Endorses the activities of the Secretariat in the fields of information, measurement and records, the standard-setting role of the Organization and the mechanism established for consultation and negotiation;

Recalls the General Assembly resolution 143 (V) on professional training and the importance of the international conference on this vital subject to be held in Paris in June 1985;

Urges Member States and Affiliate Members to participate and encourage participation in this conference.

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CSA/DEC/4 (XVI)

REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS
Agenda item 4 (document CSA/16/4)

The Commission,

Having heard the reports of representatives from India and Sri Lanka on the 24th session of the Executive Council and from Bangladesh on the 12th meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance;

Takes note of the reports, for which it thanks them;

* Welcomes the information that the third meeting of the Environment Committee will be held during 1985, since the matters considered by this Committee are of vital concern to the Members of the Commission.

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CSA/DEC/5 (XVI)

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

IN SOUTH ASIA

Agenda item 5 (document CSA/16/5)

The Commission,

Having examined the report and the booklet annexed thereto on the operational activities carried out in the region by the WTO Secretariat during the period 1975-1985;

Appreciates the information contained therein;

Expresses its satisfaction with the significant increase in the operational activities of the Organization, especially the fielding of missions in response to specific needs indicated by Members, as well as the positive results of such missions;

* Urges Member States to inform the Secretary-General about their priority needs in the tourism sector requiring assistance through missions;

Entrusts Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan as members of the UNDP Governing Council with taking appropriate measures to help the Organization obtain more funds from the UNDP for sectoral support missions;

* Invites Members to suggest possible themes for the Regional Seminar to be held at Macau in November 1985, together with the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific.

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CSA/DEC/6 (XVI)

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

IN SOUTH ASIA

Agenda item 6 (document CSA/16/6)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the completed, on-going and pipe-

line technical cooperation projects in the region, and the procedures for obtaining WTO technical assistance within the framework of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) annexed thereto;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

Reiterates the decision taken at its thirteenth meeting held in Tehran (Iran) in August 1983, urging Governments to give a higher priority for tourism projects in the allocation of resources from the UNDP;

* Requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of finding other multilateral or bilateral sources of funding for tourism projects, in view of the financial constraints being faced by the UNDP;

* Expresses its satisfaction with the progress in implementation of WTO/UNDP project "Regional cooperation in tourism training", which was initiated at the request of the Commission;

Notes the difficulties certain Member States are encountering in nominating participants for the Diving Instructor's Course to be held in Maldives;

Invites these Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their requirements, so that arrangements could be made for a preparatory course or tailor-made course to suit their requirements, as indicated in the information already conveyed to them.

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CSA/DEC/7 (XVI)

REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES
IN THE FIELD OF FACILITATION
Agenda item 7 (document CSA/16/7)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the Organization's activities in the field of facilitation and the programme of the Facilitation Committee for 1985;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

Appreciates the work accomplished by the Facilitation Committee so far and its next priority activity concerning formalities and facilities for the temporary admission and circulation of means of transport for private use;

* Urges Member States who have not already done so to reply urgently to questionnaires SG/140, SG/141 and SG/155;

Requests Member States who have not already done so to take the appropriate measures towards the ratification of the

- * International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Customs Cooperation Council), and Annex F3 thereto concerning customs facilities applicable to travellers.

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CSA/DEC/8 (XVI)

CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDIES PREPARED BY THE ORGANIZATION UNDER ITS GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1982-1983 AND SUBMITTED TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTH SESSION
Agenda item 8 (document CSA/16/8)

The Commission,

Recalls resolution 140 (V) of the General Assembly, whereby certain studies completed under the General Programme of Work of the Organization for the period 1982-1983 were submitted to the Commission for further consideration and practical application;

- * Takes note of the progress in implementation of the decisions taken at its fifteenth meeting held at Kathmandu (Nepal) in October 1984 in this regard;

- * Requests Member States who have not already done so to send their comments on the proposed criteria and draft classifications of travel motivations and socio-economic characteristics of travellers to Pakistan, as Coordinator of the Working Group on Tourism Statistics.

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CSA/DEC/9 (XVI)

CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKSHOP ON "DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF YOUTH TOURISM"

Agenda item 9 (document CSA/16/9)

The Commission,

Having considered the final report of the workshop on "Development and Promotion of Youth Tourism" held at Waikkal (Sri Lanka) from 22 to 24 April 1985;

Adopts the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

Invites Member States to develop and promote youth tourism in the context of their national policies for educational and cultural development, social advancement and national integration;

* Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action on the role of WTO to harmonize travel concessions and facilities in cooperation with other organizations, formulate policy guidelines and coordinate the activities of Member States.

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CSA/DEC/10 (XVI)

COMMUNICATION ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WTO
Agenda item 10 (document CSA/16/10)

The Commission,

Having heard the Communication on the measures already taken and the activities proposed to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Organization;

Notes with satisfaction the reports submitted by India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka on the measures being taken to celebrate this anniversary;

Urges Member States to continue their efforts in the celebration of this anniversary, on the basis of the guidelines provided by the Secretary-General.

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CSA/DEC/11 (XVI)

REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD TOURISM DAY
Agenda item 11 (document CSA/16/11)

The Commission,

Having heard the report on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 and the suggested guidelines for 1985;

Notes with satisfaction the information contained therein;

Encourages Member States to continue their efforts in the celebration of World Tourism Day - 1985 on the theme "Youth Tourism: cultural and historical heritage for peace and friendship";

Invites Member States to submit to the Secretary-General names of deserving figures for the award of diplomas, in accordance with Executive Council decision 15 (XXIII).

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CSA/DEC/12 (XVI)

REPORT ON THE FUND IN TRUST ADMINISTERED
ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 12 (document CSA/16/12)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the current position of the Fund in Trust administered by the Secretariat, together with the balance sheet at 31st December 1984 and administrative accounts for 1984 annexed thereto;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

- * Requests Member States who have not already done so to send their annual contributions for 1984 to the Fund in Trust.

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CSA/DEC/13 (XVI)

REPORT ON THE JOINT PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 13 (document CSA/16/13)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the implementation of the joint promotional activities of the Members;

Notes with satisfaction the information contained therein;

Decides to continue implementation of these activities as follows:

1. Publicity Material

- i) additional expenditure incurred on freight and storage charges of the joint poster and English version of the folder to be recovered from the printers after consulting legal opinion;
- * ii) packing, insurance and forwarding charges to be met from Commission funds;
- * iii) local taxes to be paid by the countries concerned;

- * iv) dispatch instructions of French and German versions of the folder to be sent to the printers immediately;
 - * v) Members who have not sent their share of the cost of production to do so without any further delay;
 - vi) expenditure of US Dollars 3,500 from Commission funds to be authorized for the production of the Calendar of Events for Youth to be held in the region during 1985;
 - * vii) Sri Lanka to be entrusted with the production of this Calendar, as Coordinator of the Working Group on Youth Tourism;
 - .viii) Members to provide any additional information for the Calendar to Sri Lanka before 15 May 1985, and to arrange for the collection of their shares from Colombo;
 - * ix) Members to send information on the concessions and facilities available for youth travel to the Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations (FIYTO) before 15 September 1985.
2. Consumer Publications
- i) appreciates the publication of "Focus on South Asia" by SITA World Travel (India) Pvt. in 1984;
 - ii) notes the difficulties they are encountering to obtain suitable material for publication;
 - * iii) discontinues sponsoring Consumer Publications;
 - * iv) requests the Members who have not sent their annual contribution to do so without any further delay,
3. Special Interest Tours
- * i) notes the report on the production of the audio-visual presentation on Himalayan Tourism;
 - ii) authorizes US Dollars 2,000 to be met from Commission funds and the balance from contributions of US Dollars 1,000 each from India, Nepal and Pakistan towards the cost of production;
 - iii) welcomes the decision to devote one day during the Himalayan Mountaineering and Tourism Meeting to be held at Darjeeling (India) from 15 to 17 May 1985, to the promotion of "Himalayan Tourism"

under the auspices of WTO.

4. Coordination of Promotional Activities

- i) notes the estimates submitted by Sri Lanka of the number of copies required and the cost of direct mailings of the joint folder in selected markets, as well as the numbers likely to be involved and the cost of joint promotions;
- * ii) requests India to provide similar estimates and Sri Lanka revised estimates for the direct mailings and joint promotions;
- * iii) entrusts the Secretariat with informing the Members concerned of the arrangements for direct mailings and joint promotions;
- * iv) requests Bangladesh and Pakistan to confirm as soon as possible their participation in the joint promotions.

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CSA/DEC/14 (XVI)

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STATUTES OF
SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOURISM
AND HOTEL INSTITUTES

Agenda item 14 (document CSA/16/14)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the revised draft Statutes circulated by the Secretary-General to all the countries in the region;

Accepts in principle the need for such an Association;

* Requests the countries that have not already done so to send their comments or any proposed amendments to reach the Secretariat before the end of July 1985, so as to enable consideration of the draft Statutes and their adoption at the seventeenth meeting of the Commission.

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CSA/DEC/15 (XVI)

REVIEW OF TOURISM IN SOUTH ASIA
Agenda item 15 (document CSA/16/15)

The Commission,

Having examined the Monograph summarizing tourism trends and developments in South Asia up to 1984;

Appreciates the comprehensive and valuable information contained therein;

* Requests the Secretary-General to continue its publication annually;

Entrusts Member States with the submission of their comments, annual reports and other necessary information, so as to enable the preparation of a more comprehensive Monograph in the future.

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CSA/DEC/16 (XVI)

PLACE AND DATE OF SEVENTEENTH MEETING
Agenda item 16

The Commission,

* Decides to hold its seventeenth meeting on 17 September 1985 at Sofia (Bulgaria), within the framework of the sixth session of the General Assembly.

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WTC COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA

SIXTEENTH MEETING

Waikkal (Sri Lanka), 26-27 April 1985

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