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DECISIONS

CSA/DEC/1 (XXVIII)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/28/Prov. Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth meeting as contained in the document (CSA/28/Prov. Ag.) submitted by the Secretary-General.

CSA/DEC/2 (XXVIII)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2

The Commission,

Having heard the Communication of the Chairman,

1. Thanks him for his Communication,
 2. Appreciates his words of welcome and greetings extended to all Members, the representatives of international organizations present at the meeting and the Deputy Secretary-General and his officers; and
 3. Joins him in emphasizing the Region's continuing needs in the fields of market information, human resources development and sustainable tourism development.
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CSA/DEC/3 (XXVIII)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 3

The Commission,

Having heard the introductory remarks of the Secretary-General, as presented by the Deputy Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a comprehensive review of world tourism and for his statement on the progress achieved by the Secretariat in the implementation of the general programme of work of the Organization for 1992-1993 since the last meeting of the Commission;
2. Notes with satisfaction the performance of the Region in 1992 and forecasts up to the year 2000;
3. Appreciates the salient features of the regional and technical cooperation activities in the region;
4. Congratulates the Secretariat for organizing a technical seminar on Planning for Sustainable Tourism Development in South Asian Countries, a subject which is of prime interest to the Members and which occupies a high priority in their national tourism development plans, and hopes that the deliberations of the Seminar will assist the Members to a considerable extent in their endeavour to effectively pursue the policy of sustainable tourism development; and
5. Joins him in thanking His Excellency the President of Maldives for receiving a delegation of WTO officials and the Government of Maldives for the excellent arrangements made for the Commission meeting and for extending a warm welcome and hospitality to the delegates.

CSA/DEC/4 (XXVIII)**PRESENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL MONOGRAPH FOR THE REGION
AND TOURISM FORECASTS TO THE YEAR 2000**

Agenda item 4

The Commission,

Having listened to the detailed presentation of the Statistical Monograph for South Asia,

Having considered the Statistical Monograph circulated among the participants,

1. Appreciates the submission of the Statistical Monograph which will be of immense value to the national tourism administrations in the region in planning and marketing activities;
2. Notes the summary of the latest tourism trends in the region and the world as a whole;
3. Urges the Secretariat to distribute the Monograph in advance and incorporate more diversified and qualitative aspects of tourism statistical information; and
4. Congratulates the Secretariat for presenting the global and regional tourism forecasts based on the findings of the WTO study on Tourism to the Year 2000.

CSA/DEC/5 (XXVIII)

REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 5 (document CSA/28/1)

The Commission,

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

Having heard the views of various Members on the subject,

1. Appreciates the decision of the forty-fourth session of the Organization's Executive Council to open a Support Office in Asia which will enable the Secretariat to provide more efficient services to the Members in the Asia-Pacific region;
2. Thanks the Government of Sri Lanka for having offered to host and provide facilities for the proposed Support Office;
3. Notes the offer of the Government of India to examine the possibility of hosting the Support Office;
4. Notes with concern that no external funding is available to implement the activities for the South Asia Tourism Year 1993 and decides that a final decision about South Asia Tourism Year will be taken at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Commission which is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the tenth General Assembly of the Organization;
5. Notes with interest that the UNDP's Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP) has indicated that it would be willing to contribute up to fifty per cent of the total estimated budget for the proposed regional programme, provided that the participating countries agree to contribute the remaining fifty per cent out of their country IPFs or other resources;

6. Calls upon the Members to request their respective coordinating units to convey to their UNDP Resident Representatives their willingness to contribute a part of their national IPFs to the proposed regional programme;
7. Hopes that in light of the new UNDP policy for project execution, the Organization's technical assistance will continue to be extended to the Members of the Region.

CSA/DEC/6 (XXVIII)

**IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE REGION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1992-1993**

Agenda item 6 (document CSA/28/2)

The Commission,

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

1. Notes the various activities carried out by the Secretariat in 1992 and the activities planned for 1993;
2. Notes with interest that technical seminars on topics of contemporary interest will be organized during 1993 in the Republic of Korea and Malaysia and urges the Members to participate in full strength to draw maximum benefits from these technical meetings;
3. Congratulates the Secretariat for having considerably improved the quality and contents of the publications and hopes that these publications will go a long way in assisting the national tourism administrations in their planning and marketing exercises; and
4. Takes note of India's offer that one of its national tourism institutes be used as a WTO Education and Training Centre, and the request from Members for increasing the number of scholarships under WTO Scholarship Programme.

CSA/DEC/7 (XXVIII)

**INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZATION'S PROPOSED
GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1994-1995**

Agenda item 7 (document CSA/28/3)

The Commission,

Having considered the document submitted by the Secretary-General under this Agenda item,

Having noted the objectives of the proposed programme,

Having heard the views of various Members on the subject,

1. Thanks the Secretary-General for formulating a comprehensive programme and that the thrust areas of 1992-1993 biennium will continue in 1994-1995 as well;
2. Notes with interest the statement of the representative of ESCAP providing details of the programmes drawn up by his organization for the tourism sector, and the desire to work in close collaboration with WTO to achieve the objectives of these programmes; and
3. Urges the Secretariat to provide more technical assistance to the region in the field of environment and planning.

CSA/DEC/8(XXVIII)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE
THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 9

The Commission,

Having noted that its twenty-ninth meeting will be held in conjunction with the tenth session of the General Assembly,

Defers the decision on the place and date of its thirtieth meeting till its twenty-ninth meeting.

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