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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION  
FOR SOUTH ASIA AT ITS THIRTIETH MEETING**

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**DECISIONS**

CSA/DEC/1(XXX)

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/30/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

1. Amends the provisional agenda of the thirtieth meeting as contained in the document (CSA/30/Prov.Ag.) submitted by the Secretary-General by adding "Other matters" as Agenda item 8 and renumbering the last item accordingly; and
  2. Adopts the agenda as amended.
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CSA/DEC/2(XXX)

**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; and
  2. Appreciates his words of welcome and greetings extended to all Members, non-members, the representatives of international organizations present at the meeting and the Secretary-General and his officers.
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**PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**  
Agenda item 3 (document CSA/30/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world tourism in 1993;
  2. Congratulates him on the action initiated to achieve the four objectives which were outlined at the tenth General Assembly; and
  3. Calls upon the Members to extend their support and cooperation in full measure to the Secretary-General in order to achieve these objectives during the current biennium.
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CSA/DEC/4(XXX)

**PRESENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL MONOGRAPH FOR THE REGION**  
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 their planning and marketing activities;
  2. Notes the summary of the latest tourism trends in the region and the world as a whole; and
  3. Calls upon the members to supply the statistical data to the Secretariat regularly and on a time-bound basis.
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CSA/DEC/5(XXX)

**APPLICATION TO THE REGION OF THE GENERAL  
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1994-1995 AND OTHER REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**  
Agenda item 5 (document CSA/30/2)

The Commission,

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

1. Notes the various activities carried out during the first half of the current biennium and the development of relations with members and international organizations;
2. Notes the activities planned for the second half of the biennium; and
3. Urges the Members to incorporate the tourism sector into their development programmes and grant it a high priority, taking advantage of the mechanisms existing for this purpose, such as WTO's technical assistance.

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CSA/DEC/6/(XXX)

**PRESENTATION OF THE FINDINGS OF THE WTO FORECASTING  
STUDY ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION  
TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND**  
Agenda item 6

The Commission,

Having been informed of the findings of the study on **Global Tourism Forecast to the year 2000 and Beyond**, which is published in seven volumes, including a specific volume for the South Asian Region,

1. Invites its members to take cognizance of the nature and significance of tourism development prospects in South Asia for the next two decades and of the changes forecast for the various generating and receiving markets;
  2. Takes note of the action planned by the Secretariat to keep these forecasts under review and of the implications as to the guidance that the study provides on the strategies to be implemented within the countries of the region in order to face the challenges and development prospects of South Asian tourism in the next ten years; and
  3. Congratulates the Secretariat on the work carried out in this field.
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**INFORMATION REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF HANDBOOKS  
FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE HELD IN OTTAWA ON TOURISM AND TRAVEL STATISTICS**

Agenda item 7

The Commission,

Having been informed of the progress of the technical handbooks being prepared by the Secretariat to help countries implement the Recommendations on Tourism Statistics, which resulted from the Ottawa International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics and which were officially adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission,

1. Takes note of the procedures laid down by the Secretariat for applying these handbooks, bearing in mind the needs and realities of the countries in the region; and
  2. Recommends to its Members to give regular support to the Organization's continuing work in this field.
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**OTHER MATTERS**

Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Having heard the representative of Pakistan on the objectives and structure of the proposed Asian Tourism Conference to be held in Pakistan during the first quarter of 1995,

1. Welcomes the initiative taken by the Government of Pakistan to organize the Asian Tourism Conference;
  2. Thanks the Government of Pakistan for its generous offer to defray major expenses of the Conference;
  3. Accepts the suggestion of Pakistan that the Commission should invite the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific to hold its next meeting in Pakistan in conjunction with the Asian Tourism Conference; and
  4. Urges the members to attend the Conference and provide their inputs to the various technical sessions planned.
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**PLACE AND DATE OF THE**  
**THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**  
Agenda item 9

The Commission,

Accepts with gratitude the offer of the Government of Pakistan to host the thirty-first meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1995.

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ANNEX

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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