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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION
FOR SOUTH ASIA AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST MEETING**

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DECISIONS

CSA/DEC/1(XXXI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/31/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

1. Amends the provisional agenda of the thirty-first meeting as contained in the document (CSA/31/Prov.Ag.) submitted by the Secretary-General by adding "Other matters" as Agenda item 7 and renumbering the last item accordingly; and
2. Adopts the agenda as amended.

CSA/DEC/2(XXXI)

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, non-members, the representatives of international organizations present at the meeting and the Secretary-General and his officers; and
 3. Agrees with his suggestion that to succeed in the 1990s, the countries of the region should devote more resources towards development of tourism infrastructure and upgradation of skills of personnel in the tourism sector.
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CSA/DEC/3 (XXXI)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
Agenda item 3 (document CSA/31/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world tourism in 1994;
2. Notes with satisfaction the growth achieved by the region in 1994, both in terms of international tourist arrivals and tourist receipts;
3. Congratulates him on the action taken to implement various segments of the general programme of work of the Organization in the region; and
4. Calls upon the Members to extend their support and cooperation in full measure to the Secretary-General in order to achieve the objectives of the programme of work during the current biennium.

CSA/DEC/4 (XXXI)

PRESENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL MONOGRAPH OF 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;
 3. Urges the Secretariat to include more analytical information as well as brief technical notes on the country-specific methodologies of data collection and classification so that the finished data is more comparable;
 4. Requests the Secretariat to conduct a seminar/workshop in the region to implement the recommendations of the Ottawa Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics, and accepts with gratitude the offer of India to host the seminar/workshop during the first half of 1996; and
 5. 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(XXXI)

**APPLICATION TO THE REGION OF THE GENERAL PROGRAMME
OF WORK FOR 1994-1995 INCLUDING REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AND
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1996-1997**
Agenda item 5 (document CSA/31/2)

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;
3. Notes with satisfaction that a workshop on sustainable tourism development and an educating the educators course were conducted in India in 1994 and an educating the educators course is scheduled to be held in Pakistan in 1995;
4. Greatly appreciates the internship scheme introduced by the Organization and calls upon the Members to take full advantage of the scheme;

5. Urges the Secretariat that, resources permitting, training programmes oriented towards the operational sector should be conducted in the region;
 6. Requests the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of designating a WTO education and training centre in the region;
 7. Suggests that development of Spice Route on the lines of the Silk Route, be undertaken with the joint efforts of the Members and international organizations;
 8. Accepts with gratitude the offer of the representative of ESCAP to provide faculties for in-country training programmes in the region;
 9. Joins the representatives of Iran, Maldives and Sri Lanka in appreciating the Secretariat's technical cooperation activities in the region; and
 10. Urges the Members to incorporate the tourism sector into their national 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/(XXXI)

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**
Agenda item 6 (document CSA/31/3)

The Commission,

Having been informed of the details of the UNDP's Sixth Programming Cycle, financing mechanisms and implications for the tourism sector,

1. Thanks the Secretariat for bringing the objectives and methodologies of the Programming Cycle to the notice of the Members;
2. Requests the Secretariat that, wherever needed, the Organization's technical assistance be extended to the Members in formulating definite project proposals;

3. Welcomes the statement of the Secretariat that even in cases where projects are nationally-executed, WTO's technical support will continue to be extended to the Members as a cooperating agency; and
 4. Calls upon the Members to make every effort to secure a high priority for the tourism sector in the allocation of resources during UNDP's Sixth Programming Cycle.
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OTHER MATTERS
Agenda item 7

The Commission,

Expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for making excellent arrangements for hosting the first Asian Tourism Conference as well as the Commission meeting and for their overwhelming hospitality.

CSA/DEC/8(XXXI)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Noting that the thirty-second meeting of the Commission will be held in conjunction with the eleventh session of the General Assembly,

1. Accepts with gratitude the offer of the Government of Nepal to host the thirty-third meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1996.
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ANNEX

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