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DECISIONS

CSA/DEC/1(XXXIII)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/33/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the provisional agenda of its thirty-third meeting as contained in document CSA/33/Prov.Ag., submitted by the Secretary-General.

CSA/DEC/2(XXXIII)

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;
 3. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of the international and regional tourism in 1995 and joins him in hoping that South Asia would continue to show a positive growth both in tourist arrivals and expenditure;
 4. Urges the Members to strengthen intra-regional cooperation and promote multi-destination tours in the region; and
 5. Joins him in calling upon regional and sub-regional organizations such as ESCAP and SAARC to devote more resources for the development of tourism in South Asia.
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CSA/DEC/3 (XXXIII)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
Agenda item 3 (document CSA/33/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world tourism in 1995;
2. Notes with satisfaction the growth achieved by the region in 1995, 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;
4. Notes with satisfaction the current financial status of the Organization and the steps taken by the Secretary-General to cut down on the staff costs;
5. Hopes that the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Organization will not have any significant impact on the Organization; and
6. 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 (XXXIII)

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. Expresses the hope that the positive trends in tourist arrivals and receipts in the region will continue during the rest of the 90's;
4. Urges the Secretariat to include more analytical information in the future monographs;
5. Requests the Secretariat to conduct a seminar/workshop in the region to train the NTA officials in the area of tourism statistics; and
6. Calls upon the members to supply the statistical data to the Secretariat regularly and on a time-bound basis.

CSA/DEC/5 (XXXIII)

REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 5 (document CSA/33/2)

The Commission,

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

1. Notes the various activities carried out in the region in the last biennium and the activities planned for the 1996-1997 biennium;
2. Notes with satisfaction that an educating the educators course was conducted in Iran and that similar courses have been planned for India and Pakistan in 1996;
3. Appreciates the internship scheme introduced by the Organization and calls upon the Members to take full advantage of the scheme;
4. Notes that during 1996 sectoral support and technical assistance missions have been planned for India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka on various subjects of tourism development and promotion;
5. Noting that non-availability of appropriate funding for development of tourism infrastructure and superstructure is generally a restraining factor in overall development and promotion of tourism, urges the Secretariat to locate more multilateral sources of tourism financing and to further develop external linkages with related sectors;

6. Expresses its satisfaction at the formal opening of the Organization's Regional Support Office in Japan and thanks the Government of Japan and other local organizations for their generous assistance in setting up the office;
 7. Accepts with gratitude the offer of the representative of SAARC to work in close collaboration with WTO for the development of the tourism sector in the region; and
 8. 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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PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE OF
THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Agenda item 6 (document CSA/33/3)

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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CSA/DEC/7(XXXIII)

South Asia Fund-in-Trust
Agenda item 7 (document CSA/33/4)

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

Having heard the views of the Members on the subject,

Decides that the funds accumulated in the South Asia Fund-in-Trust should be utilized for joint marketing activities of the Members; and

Urges the Secretariat to take a final decision in the matter in consultation with, and the approval of, the Chairman of the Commission.

CSA/DEC/8(XXXIII)

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

The Commission,

Accepts with gratitude the offer of the Republic of Maldives to host the thirty-fourth meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1997, in conjunction with the thirteenth joint meeting of the WTO Commission for South Asia and the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific.

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