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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of the Chairman and of the two Vice-Chairmen of the Commission for the period 2009-2011
3. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
 - ✓ **two** candidates to the Executive Council (2009-2013)
 - ✓ **two** candidates (one member and one alternate) to the Programme Committee (2009-2013)
 - ✓ **one** candidate to the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership (2009-2011)
4. Nomination of candidates of the Commission to the various offices of the 18th General Assembly:
 - ✓ **two** Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
 - ✓ **two** Members of the Credentials Committee
5. Other matters
6. Place and date of the fifty-first meeting of the Commission

DECISIONS

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CAM/44/ODP)

The Commission

Adopts the agenda of its fiftieth meeting as it appears in page 2 of this document.

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**ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND
VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSION**

Agenda item 2 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Commission,

1. Elects **Venezuela** as its Chairman for a two-year term (2009-2011);
 2. Also decides to elect **Paraguay** and **Ecuador** as the Commission's Vice-Chairmen for a two-year term (2009-2011); and
 3. Expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing Chairman, **Colombia**, and the outgoing Vice-Chairmen, **Jamaica** and **El Salvador**, for the efficient and valuable work carried out during their term of office.
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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS:

Agenda item 3 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the representation of the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies,

1. Decides to nominate to the Executive Council **Argentina** and **Colombia** for the period 2009-2013 and **Costa Rica** and **Jamaica** for the periods 2009-2011 and 2011-2013, respectively, to occupy the floating seat;
2. Thanks the four candidates to the aforementioned posts for the consensus reached, permitting all of them to sit on the Executive Council;
3. Decides to nominate to the Programme Committee Mr. Hermes Navarro of **Costa Rica** as member and Ms. Fernanda Maciel of **Brazil** as alternate for the period 2009-2013; and
4. Further decides to nominate **Brazil** as its representative in the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2009-2011.

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 4 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the nomination by the Commission of candidates for the various General Assembly offices,

Decides to nominate the following States as its candidates for the offices listed below:

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| (a) Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: | Jamaica
Venezuela |
| (b) Credentials Committee: | Brazil
Venezuela |

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OTHER MATTERS

Agenda item 5

The Secretary-General a.i. discussed the subjects that will be dealt with by the Organization in the short term: the global economic crisis, environmental protection and the green economy, and influenza A(H1N1).

As for the effects of the crisis, the Secretary-General a.i. pointed out that long-haul destinations were the most affected due, first of all, to the rise in oil prices, the impact on commercial aviation and finally the suspension of flights due to lower demand, which had an impact on all the destinations and led to a gradual decline in the number of arrivals. He also called upon the countries to take greater care in the handling of the issue of pandemics and invited them to contact the corresponding department to obtain more detailed indications in this regard.

He explained the changes he intends to carry out in the Organization upon confirmation by the Executive Council and the General Assembly of his appointment as Secretary-General for the period 2010-2013. He pointed out that the economic situation of the Organization is sound.

The Director of Programme and Coordination reported on the inclusion of the subject of "Sustainable Tourism" in the agenda of the United Nations Environment Programme, and urged the Member States to make their opinions heard regarding the objectives of the document "*Stand Up Against Poverty*" to which only Uruguay had responded to date.

At the proposal of the delegate of **Costa Rica**, the Commission adopted the following decision:

The Commission,

Recalling that tourism is an economic and social activity that contributes to the growth and development of economies, to environmental conservation, and to poverty reduction,

Considering also that tourism represents a vital force for peace and a factor of friendship and understanding among peoples, thanks to the direct, spontaneous and non-mediated contact it allows among men and women of different cultures and lifestyles,

Bearing in mind that tourism has experienced continued growth and diversification, becoming one of the key sectors in the world economy and a main source of income for developing countries, and

Acknowledging that the importance of tourism in the world economy requires specific and integrated policy frameworks from governments,

Calls upon UNWTO Member States to consider tourism as a specific and integral national public policy receiving the highest hierarchy in the senior government structure.

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**PLACE AND DATE OF THE FIFTY-FIRST
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Having taken note of the generous invitation extended by the delegation of **Venezuela** to host the next meeting of the Commission in its country,

1. Decides to hold its fifty-first meeting in that country in the spring of 2010; and
2. Thanks the Government of Kazakhstan for all the attention accorded to the delegates.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE VARIOUS UNWTO ORGANS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VICE-PRESIDENTS	JAMAICA	2011
	VENEZUELA	2011

CREDENTIALS C.	BRAZIL	2011
	VENEZUELA	2011

COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS

CHAIRMAN	VENEZUELA	2011
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VICE-CHAIRMEN	PARAGUAY	2011
	ECUADOR	
2011		

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. ARGENTINA	2013
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2. COLOMBIA	2013
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3. COSTA RICA (*)	2009-2011
JAMAICA (*)	2011-2013

(*) Shared term of office in the floating seat

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(Member) COSTA RICA (Hermes Navarro)	2013
(Alternate) BRAZIL (Fernanda Maciel)	2013

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. ARGENTINA (Chairman) | 2007-2011 |
| 2. COLOMBIA | 2007-2011 |

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM COMMITTEE

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. COSTA RICA | 2007-2011 |
| 2. BAHAMAS | 2007-2011 |
| 3. ARUBA (Associate Member) | 2007-2011 |

COMMITTEE ON MARKET AND COMPETITIVENESS

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1. JAMAICA | 2007-2011 |
| 2. PARAGUAY | 2007-2011 |

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT

BRAZIL (Chairman) (ex officio member)

CANADA (ex officio member)

- | | |
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| 1. BAHAMAS | 2007-2011 |
| 2. MEXICO | 2007-2011 |

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS
FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP**

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| BRAZIL | 2009-2011 |
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Anexo 2/Annex 2

LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES/LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
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I. PRESIDENTE DE LA COMISIÓN/ CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION**COLOMBIA**

<i>Jefe de delegación</i>	Sr. Óscar RUEDA Viceministro de Turismo Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y Turismo
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II. MIEMBROS EFECTIVOS/FULL MEMBERS**ARGENTINA**

<i>Jefe de delegación</i>	Sr. Carlos GUTIÉRREZ Coordinador General de la Unidad del Subsecretario Secretaría de Turismo Ministerio de Producción
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BAHAMAS**(Representada por/represented by Jamaica)**

<i>Head of Delegation</i>	H.E. Edmund Curtis BARTLETT Minister of Tourism of Jamaica Ministry of Tourism
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<i>Delegates</i>	Mrs. Carrole A.M. GUNTLEY Director General Ministry of Tourism of Jamaica
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	Mrs. Althea Mae HERON Senior Director Tourism Policy and Monitoring Ministry of Tourism of Jamaica
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BOLIVIA**(Representado por/represented by Venezuela)**

<i>Jefe de delegación</i>	Sra. Zaida María CARRILLO GARCÍA Presidenta Instituto Nacional de Turismo (INATUR)
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<i>Delegada</i>	Lic. Lorena LUGO Asistente a la Presidencia - INATUR
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BRAZIL / BRASIL

<i>Head of Delegation</i>	Mr. Mário MOYSÉS Vice Minister Ministry of Tourism
<i>Delegates</i>	Mr. Márcio FAVILLA Vice Minister Secretariat of Institutional Relations from the Presidency
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CHILE

<i>Jefe de delegación</i>	Sr. Mauricio SILVA NORAMBUENA, Subdirector de Operaciones y Control Servicio Nacional de Turismo - SERNATUR
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COLOMBIA

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COSTA RICA

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ECUADOR

<i>Jefe de delegación</i>	Ec. Jorge PROAÑO Subsecretario de Planificación Ministerio de Turismo
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