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### Decisions taken by the UNWTO Commission for the Americas at its fifty-third session

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## I. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Designation of the candidates of the Commission for the offices of the 19th General Assembly:
  - ✓ **two** vice-presidents of the General Assembly
  - ✓ **two** members of the Credentials Committee
3. Designation of the Members of the region for the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
  - ✓ **two** candidates for the Executive Council (2011-2015) (one regular and one floating)
  - ✓ **two** candidates for the Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account
  - ✓ **two** candidates for the Committee on Sustainable Development of Tourism
  - ✓ **two** candidates for the Committee on Market and Competitiveness
  - ✓ **one** candidate for the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership
4. Election of the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen of the Commission for the period 2011-2013
5. Other matters
6. Place and date of the fifty-fourth meeting of the Commission

**II. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda item 1 (document CAM/53/OD/2011)

The Commission

Adopts the agenda of its fifty-third meeting as shown in page 2 of this document.

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**DESIGNATION OF CANDIDATES OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE OFFICES OF THE 19TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Agenda item 2 (document CAM/53/A/19/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the information document submitted by the Secretary-General on the designation of candidates of the Commission to the various offices of the General Assembly,

Decides to designate the following countries to occupy the posts specified below:

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|--|------------------------------------|
| (a) Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: | <b>Jamaica</b><br><b>Mexico</b>    |
| (b) Credentials Committee:                   | <b>Argentina</b><br><b>Ecuador</b> |

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**DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE REGION FOR THE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

Agenda item 3 (document CAM/53/A/19/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the information document submitted by the Secretary-General on the representation of the region in the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs,

1. Decides to designate **Mexico** for the Executive Council for the period 2011-2015, and **Brazil** for the same period for the floating seat;
2. Thanks the two candidates to the aforementioned seats for the consensus reached;
3. Decides to designate **Argentina** and **Colombia** for the Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account for the period 2011-2015;

Having heard the explanations of the Regional Director on the reform of the Committee on Sustainable Development of Tourism and the Committee on Market and Competiveness, which will be of an eminently technical nature and representative of the region as a whole, with their meetings envisaged to be held in virtual form and not in person,

4. Decides to designate **Bahamas** and **Bolivia** for the Committee on Sustainable Development of Tourism for the period 2011-2015;
5. Decides to designate **Mexico** and **Uruguay** for the Committee on Market and Competitiveness for the period 2011-2015;
6. Decides, lastly, to designate **Jamaica** to represent it in the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2011-2013.

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## ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 4 (document CAM/53/A/19/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

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

1. Decides to elect **Costa Rica** as Chairman of the Commission for a term of office of two years (2011-2013);
2. Also decides to elect **Bahamas** and **Peru** to occupy the two vice-chairmanships of the Commission for a term of office of two years (2011-2013); and
3. Expresses its most sincere gratitude and recognition to the outgoing Chairman, **Venezuela** and the two outgoing Vice-Chairmen, **Paraguay** and **Ecuador**, for their efficient and valuable work at the head of the Commission.

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## OTHER MATTERS

Agenda item 5

After thanking the host country for its hospitality, the Secretary-General discussed the main topics of the 19th session of the General Assembly, from among which he highlighted the Ministerial Round Table with the participation of Professor Jeffrey Sachs and United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro, whose theme was "Fostering Growth and the Achievement of the MDGs through Tourism, Culture and Sport".

The Secretary-General provided details about the functioning and methodology of the debate and urged the members of the Commission to participate in it.

He also informed those present that upon the conclusion of the meeting, he would meet with the Chairman of the Commission to consult him about the future designation of a member of the Commission as part of the board of the ST-EP Foundation.

The Executive Director for Competitiveness, External Relations and Partnerships invited the members of the Commission to participate in the RIO+20 meeting scheduled for June 2012 in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The meeting will tackle issues such as the green economy and tourism's contribution to all three aspects of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental.

Both the Brazilian and the Jamaican delegations supported the countries' participation in the aforementioned Conference, which also celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the first meeting on sustainable development that took place in Rio in 1992.

For his part, the Regional Director reminded the members of the Commission about the following events:

- The Ministerial Summit on Tourism to be held at the WTM in London on 8 November 2011;
- The International Tourism Conference in the context of the PRODETUR Programme, organized jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank, on 28 and 29 November in Fortaleza, Brazil
- The meeting on investments in the Americas, which will take place at the forthcoming FITUR 2012; from 18 to 22 January in Madrid

The Regional Director informed those present about the First Iberoamerican Encounter on new tourism technologies: "Innovation and New Technologies Applied to Tourism Marketing" which will be held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on 25-28 October 2011 with the sponsorship of AECID, and urged countries that had not yet designated a representative to do so, in light of the interest of the meeting and the fact that the organizers would cover the cost of board and lodging.

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

Agenda item 6

The Commission,

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

1. Decides to hold its fifty-fourth meeting in that country in the second half of 2012 jointly with the Interamerican Tourism Congress of the OAS and the Congress on Ethics and Tourism; and
2. Thanks the Government of the Republic of Korea for all the attention accorded to the delegates.

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### **III. ANNEX 1: REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

<b><u>ORGAN</u></b>		<b><u>DATE OF CONCLUSION OF THE TERM</u></b>
<b><u>19TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY</u></b>		
VICE-PRESIDENTS	<b>JAMAICA MEXICO</b>	
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	<b>ARGENTINA ECUADOR</b>	
<b><u>COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS</u></b>		
CHAIRMAN	<b>COSTA RICA</b>	<b>2013</b>
VICE-CHAIRMEN	<b>BAHAMAS PERU</b>	<b>2013 2013</b>
<b><u>EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</u></b>		
<b>1. ARGENTINA</b>		<b>2013</b>
<b>2. COLOMBIA</b>		<b>2013</b>
<b>3. MEXICO</b>		<b>2015</b>
<b>4. JAMAICA</b>		<b>2013</b>
<b>5. BRAZIL</b>		<b>2015</b>



**COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT**

- |              |      |
|--------------|------|
| 1. ARGENTINA | 2015 |
| 2. COLOMBIA  | 2015 |

**COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM**

- |            |      |
|------------|------|
| 1. BAHAMAS | 2015 |
| 2. BOLIVIA | 2015 |

**COMMITTEE ON MARKET AND COMPETITIVENESS**

- |            |      |
|------------|------|
| 1. MEXICO  | 2015 |
| 2. URUGUAY | 2015 |

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

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| 1. JAMAICA | 2013 |
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