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Decisions adopted by the UNWTO Commission for the Americas at its sixty-second meeting

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I. AGENDA

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 - ✓ two Vice-Chairs of the General Assembly
 - ✓ two Members of the Credentials Committee
5. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
 - ✓ three candidates to the Executive Council (2017-2021)
 - ✓ one candidate to the Programme and Budget Committee
 - ✓ two candidates of an ad hoc committee for the preparation of the final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethic
6. Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Commission for the period 2018-2019
7. Jury for the video competition¹
8. Update on regional activities
9. Other matters
10. Place and date of the 63rd meeting of the Commission

¹ In order to select the winners of the six regional prizes, a jury will be established comprising the Chairs of the six Regional Commissions of UNWTO, one representative of the host country (China), and a prominent communications professional designated by the Organization. Each member of the jury shall vote for three videos from each region, except his or her own region in the case of representatives of the member countries.

II. DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CAM/62/ODP/2017)

The Commission,

Adopts the agenda of its sixty-second meeting as set forth in page 2 of this document.

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2 (document CAM/62/ODP/2017)

The Commission,

Having heard the welcome remarks of the Chair of the Commission, the Minister of Tourism of Haiti, Mrs. Jessy Menos,

Decides to congratulate Mrs. Menos for her performance as Chair of the Commission, for her extraordinary efforts, and for her commitment to tourism in the region.

DESIGNATION OF THE CANDIDATES OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE 22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Agenda item 4 (document CAM/62/A/22/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

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

Decides to designate **Colombia** and **Mexico** to occupy the positions of Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly, representing the region.

Decides to designate **Chile** and **Panama** to represent the region in the Credentials Committee that meets during the General Assembly exclusively.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE REGION TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

Agenda item 5 (document CAM/59/A/21/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 bodies,

1. Decides to designate **exceptionally** for the Executive Council the six countries that had presented their candidatures, which will share the three seats in the following order: **Argentina** and **Peru**, with Argentina occupying the seat in the first biennium (2018-2019) and Peru, during the second biennium (2020-2021), **Uruguay** and **Brazil** (with Uruguay occupying the seat during the first biennium and Brazil during the second biennium), and **Jamaica** and **Honduras** (with Jamaica occupying the seat during the first biennium and Honduras during the second);
2. Decides to designate **Peru** to occupy a seat on the **Programme and Budget Committee**;
3. Decides to designate **Panama** and **Argentina** to be part of the **Ad Hoc Committee for the preparation of the final draft of the Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics**;
4. Thanks the candidates to these posts for the consensus achieved.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND THE TWO VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 6 (document CAM/62/A/22/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the information document submitted by the Secretary-General on the election of the Chair and the two Vice-Chairs,

1. Decides to elect the **Bahamas** as Chair of the Commission for a term of office of two years (2018-2019);
2. Also decides to elect **Brazil** and **Haiti** to occupy the two vice-chairmanships of the Commission for a term of office of two years (2018-2019); and
3. Expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing Chair, **Haiti**, and to the outgoing Vice-Chairs **Chile** and **Paraguay** for their efficient and valuable work in their leadership of the Commission.

ELECTION OF THE JURORS FOR THE VIDEO CONTEST

Agenda item 7

The Regional Director for the Americas informed those present about the characteristics of the video competition, the entrants of which were being played in the lobby of the convention centre where the General Assembly was held. A jury had been designated, composed of the chairs of the regional commissions, a representative of the host country and a professional expert in communication, designated by the Organization. Each of the members of the jury was to vote for three videos from each region, except his own, in the case of representatives of member countries.

The winning entries were announced on Wednesday, 14 September 2017 within the framework of the Third Plenary Session.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 8

(click [here](#) to see the presentation)

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda item 9

The Secretary-General elect, Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, addressed the Regional Commission for the Americas. He expressed his support for the region and called for a joint effort to strengthen the tourism industry in view of the Sustainable Development Goals, favouring the creation of jobs, the reduction of poverty and the empowerment of the least-advantaged sectors.

PLACE AND DATE OF THE SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 10

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of Paraguay's candidature to host the next meeting of the Commission in its country,

1. Decides to hold its sixty-third meeting in Paraguay in the city of Asunción, on a date to be determined.
2. Thanks the Government of China for all the attention accorded to the delegates.

III. ANNEX 1: REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE DIFFERENT ORGANS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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XXII GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VICE-PRESIDENT	COLOMBIA MEXICO
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CRED. COMMITTEE	CHILE PANAMÁ
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COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS

CHAIR	BAHAMAS	2019
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VICE-CHAIRS	BRAZIL HAITI	2019 2019
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. ARGENTINA/PERU	2019 / 2021
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2. URUGUAY/BRAZIL	2019 / 2021
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3. JAMAICA/HONDURAS	2019 / 2021
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4. MEXICO	2019
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5. PARAGUAY	2019
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IV. ANNEX 2: List of participants

1. Chair of the Commission

HAITI

Head of delegation

Mrs. Colombe Emilie Jessy Menos
Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Tourism

2. Full Members

ARGENTINA

Head of delegation

Mr. Gustavo Santos
Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Tourism

Mr. Leandro Compagnucci
Chief - Economic Section
Embassy of Argentina in China

Delegates

Mrs. Romina Inés Nardi
Director of International Relations
Ministry of Tourism

Mrs. Ana Inés García Allievi
Technical Assistance, Directorate of International Relations
Ministry of Tourism

Mrs. Georgina Visintin
Technical Assistant
Ministry of Tourism

BARBADOS

Head of delegation

Mrs. Ruth Jordan
First Secretary
Embassy of Barbados in China

BRASIL

Head of delegation

Mr. Alberto Alves
Vice Minister
Ministry of Tourism

Delegates

Mr. Rafael Augusto Luisi de Oliveira
Chief Coordinator
Ministry of Tourism

CHILE

Head of delegation

Mrs. María Fernanda Noriega
Head of International Affairs
Undersecretary of Tourism

COLOMBIA

Head of delegation

Mrs. Sandra Howard Taylor
Vice-Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

Mr. Jaime Alberto Cabal
Ambassador of Colombia in Austria

COSTA RICA

Head of delegation

Mr. Mauricio Ventura Aragón
Minister of Tourism
Costa Rica Institute of Tourism

Delegates

Sr. Hermes Navarro
Head of Investment Attractions
Costa Rica Institute of Tourism

CUBA

Head of delegation

Mrs. Marivel Pérez Pérez
International Relations Specialist
Directorate of International Relations
Ministry of Tourism

ECUADOR

Head of delegation

Mr. Aldo Luzi
Undersecretary of Markets, Investments and International
Relations
Ministry of Tourism

HAITI

Head of delegation

Mrs. Colombe Emilie Jessy Menos
Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Tourism

Delegates

Mrs. Lucie Marie Carmel Paul-Austin
Director of the Cabinet
Ministry of Tourism

HONDURAS

Head of delegation

Mrs. Laura Beatriz Acosta
International Relations Officer
Honduran Institute of Tourism

JAMAICA

Head of delegation

Mrs. Jennifer Griffith
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Tourism

Delegates

Mrs. Alyssa Taffe
Public Relations Officer
Ministry of Tourism

MEXICO

Head of delegation

Mr. Javier Guillermo Molina
Head of International Affairs Unit
Secretariat of Tourism of Mexico (SECTUR)

Mrs. Gabriela Ruiz-Durán

Director of International Affairs (SECTUR)

NICARAGUA

Head of delegation

Mr. Valdrack Jaentschke
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

PANAMÁ

Head of delegation

Mrs. Maria Calvino
Adviser to the Minister
Tourism Authority of Panama

Delegates

Mrs. Daisy Carolina Trujillo Bonaga
Head of Technical Cooperation
Tourism Authority of Panama

Mrs. Amanda Loo
Lawyer
Tourism Authority of Panama

PARAGUAY

Head of delegation

Mrs. Teresa Espinola
General Director SENATUR
National Secretariat of Tourism (SENATUR)

Delegates

Mrs. Giannina Riboldi
Director of Cabinet
National Secretariat of Tourism (SENATUR)

PERU

Mr. Rogers Valencia Espinoza
Vice-Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism

Mr. Jim Franz Chevarria Montesinos
Director General of Tourism Development Policies
Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism

URUGUAY

Head of delegation

Mr. Benjamín Liberoff
Vice-Minister of Tourism
Ministry of Tourism

Delegates

Mr. Juan Fernando Lugris
Ambassador

Mrs. Agustina Casavalle
Consul
Embassy of Uruguay in China

VENEZUELA

Head of delegation

Mr. Alí Padrón Paredes
Vice-Minister of International Tourism
Ministry of Popular Power for Tourism

Mr. Franklin A. Rangel V.
Director General of International Cooperation and Integration
Ministry of Popular Power for Tourism
Mrs. Milenys Vasquez
Adviser
Ministry of Popular Power for Tourism

3. Associate Members

PUERTO RICO

Head of delegation

Mr. Jose Izquierdo
Director
Puerto Rico Tourism Company

4. Observers

SPAIN

Mr. Antonio Nieto
Deputy Director General of Tourism Cooperation
Secretary of State for Tourism

Mr. Manuel Butler
General Director
Turespaña

FRANCE

Mrs. Amandine Southon
Head of Division "International Tourism and
Representations"
Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

NETHERLANDS

Mr. Thomas Falkenhagen
Deputy General Consul
Consulate General of the Netherlands in Guangzhou (China)

5. AFILIATE MEMBERS

ANATO

Mrs. Paula Cortés
President

AEE

Mr. Eduardo Fayos
Vice-President

CAT

Mr. Oscar Ghezzi
President

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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Mr. Dan Hawkins
Professor

ICTE - INSTITUTO PARA LA CALIDAD TURÍSTICA ESPAÑOLA

Mr. Miguel Mirones Diez
President

Mr. Fernando Fraile
General Director

VIP World Events

Mr. Diego Fuentes
President and CEO

6. World Tourism Organization

Mr. Carlos Vogeler
Regional Director for the Americas

Mr. Alejandro Varela
Deputy Regional Director for the Americas

Mrs. Daniela Urcuyo
Regional Programme for the Americas

Mrs. Esther Ruiz
Regional Programme for the Americas