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DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EUROPE AT ITS SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

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1. AGENDA

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2. Welcome remarks by the Chair of the Commission
3. Introductory remarks by the Secretary-General
4. Nomination of candidates to the 22nd General Assembly offices:
 - (a) **two** Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
 - (b) **two** Members of the Credentials Committee
5. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
 - (a) **five** candidates to the Executive Council (2017-2021)
 - (b) **two** candidates for an Ad-hoc Committee for the preparation of the final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics
6. Election of the Chair and **two** Vice-Chairs of the Commission (2017-2021)
7. Place of World Tourism Day in 2018 (Europe)
8. Jury for the video competition¹
9. Update on regional activities
10. Other matters
11. Place and date of the sixty-third 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.

2. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
(document CEU/62/Prov. Agenda)

The Commission

1. Adopts the agenda of its sixty-second meeting, as contained in document CEU/62/Prov. Agenda.
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WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2
(document CEU/62/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having heard the welcome remarks of the Chair of the Commission,

1. Thanks him for his observations;
 2. Expresses its satisfaction for the work it has carried out during the period 2015-2017 to identify the priorities of the European Member States so that the UNWTO Programme of Work 2018-2019 responds to their needs and expectations.
 3. Appreciates its active contribution to the activities of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017 as a member of its Steering Committee discussions;
 4. Thanks it for its strong commitment and efforts to strengthen the positioning of Europe in UNWTO's activities during the present and the next biennium.
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 3
(document CEU/62/Com.Reg.)

Having heard the remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for his report and comments;

2. Welcomes the update on the international tourism results for 2016 and the current trends in Europe, the world's most visited region;
3. Takes note of the importance of providing UNWTO with accurate data so that it may formulate sound and tailored tourism development plans for different countries and regions;
2. Acknowledges that the most important current priorities are:
 - a. Promoting safe, seamless and friendly travel
 - b. Enhancing the role of technology and innovation in tourism
 - c. Embracing the sustainability agenda
3. Accepts the invitation to support the Chengdu Declaration that reaffirms Members' commitment to tourism cooperation and action for sustainable and inclusive development which ensures tourism's contribution to the SDGs.
4. Takes note of the important work carried out by UNWTO with the support of Members, to transform the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism into an international Convention;
5. Welcomes the proposal to round up the number of seats per region in the UNWTO Executive Council, in the interest of a fair distribution of seats amongst the Member States and to ensure a more equitable geographical distribution:
6. Expresses its deep appreciation for the achievements of Mr. Taleb Rifai as Secretary-General of UNWTO and wishes him all the best for his future.

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**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
TO THE 22ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES**

Agenda item 4
(document CEU/62/Com.Reg.)

The Commission

1. Nominates **Romania** and **Switzerland** to serve as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly;
2. Proposes **Cyprus** and **Portugal** to the Assembly, as its representatives for the Credentials Committee.

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**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION
ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

Agenda item 5
(document CEU/62/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of the documents submitted by the Secretariat,

1. Proposes, following a vote by secret ballot, **Azerbaijan, Greece, Lithuania, Romania** and the **Russian Federation**, as its candidates for the vacant seats on the Executive Council corresponding to the European region, for a four-year term, for the period between the twenty-second and twenty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly (2017-2021);
2. Nominates **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Portugal**, the **Russian Federation** and **Turkey** as members of the Ad-hoc Committee for the preparation of the final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics

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**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR
AND OF TWO VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2019**

Agenda item 6
(document CEU/62/Com.Reg.)

The Commission

1. Decides to elect **Croatia** as its Chair and **Bulgaria** and **Lithuania** as its Vice-Chairs, for a two-year term (2017-2019);
2. Thanks Switzerland for its dedicated work as Chair of the Commission and its commitment to further enhance the priorities of the Commission for Europe in the Programme of Work of the Organization;
3. Thanks Lithuania and Montenegro for having performed the duties of Vice-Chairs during the period 2015-2017.

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PLACE OF WORLD TOURISM DAY IN 2018 (EUROPE)

Agenda item 7

The Commission,

Nominates Hungary, as its candidate for hosting the World Tourism Day in 2018.

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JURY FOR THE VIDEO COMPETITION

Agenda item 8

The Commission

Takes note of the rules establishing the jury for the video competition, whereby the Chair of the Commission for Europe (Switzerland) will represent the region in the Jury.

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UPDATE ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 9

The Commission,

Having regard to the report by the Regional Director for Europe on the contribution of the Member States of the Commission for Europe, to the formulation of the UNWTO General Programme of Work and of the upcoming activities before the end of 2017,

1. Thanks her for the update;
2. and expresses its satisfaction with the activities carried out in the region and the collaborative effort of the European Members;
3. Thanks the Secretariat for the work it has carried out between 2015 and 2017, and calls for continued efforts and coordinated work for the upcoming programme period.

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

Agenda item 11

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of document CEU/62/11:

1. Thanks China for the excellent hosting of the 62nd Meeting of the Commission, in the framework of the 22nd session of the UNWTO General Assembly.
2. Decides that the 63rd meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Europe will take place in Prague in 2018 and congratulates the Czech Republic for its election as host of this meeting ;
3. Thanks the Ministry of Tourism of Croatia for presenting its candidacy to host the 64th Meeting of the Commission for Europe in 2019. The Decision on the place of the 64th Meeting will be taken at the 63rd Meeting of the Commission, which will be held in 2018, in the Czech Republic.

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3. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SIXTY-SECOND MEETING

1. The following Member States belonging to the European region participated in the meeting: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.
2. Flanders in its capacity of Associate Member
3. Holy See in its capacity of Permanent Observer

4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE VARIOUS ORGANS
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I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2017)

VICE-PRESIDENTS	ROMANIA SWITZERLAND
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	CYPRUS PORTUGAL
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II. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2015-2019	PORTUGAL ITALY SLOVAKIA FRANCE
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2017-2021	AZERBAIJAN GREECE LITHUANIA ROMANIA RUSSIAN FEDERATION
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Note: In addition, Spain is a Permanent Member of the Executive Council

III. AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOURISM ETHICS)

MEMBERS	ARMENIA AZERBAIJAN PORTUGAL RUSSIAN FEDERATION TURKEY
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IV. COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (2017-2019)

CHAIR	CROATIA
VICE-CHAIR VICE-CHAIR	BULGARIA LITHUANIA

V. PLACE OF WORLD TOURISM DAY 2018

EUROPEAN MEMBER STATE	HUNGARY
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VI. JURY OF THE VIDEO COMPETITION

CHAIR OF THE CEU

SWITZERLAND

VII. PLACE OF THE 63RD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION (2018)

MEMBER STATE

CZECH REPUBLIC