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Place and dates of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly

I. Procedure for fixing the place and dates of General Assembly sessions¹

1. The Articles of the Organization's Statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly concerning the place and dates of General Assembly sessions are reproduced below for information:

(a) Article 8(2) of the Statutes:

"Meetings of the Assembly and the Council shall be held at the Headquarters of the Organization unless the respective organs decide otherwise."

(b) Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure:

"1. The Secretary-General shall convene the Assembly in ordinary session every two years at the Organization's Headquarters.

2. The Assembly may meet at another place if it so decides, provided the host country reimburses the extra expenses involved in holding the session.

3. The date of the session shall be fixed by the Assembly or by the Council, if so empowered and notified to the Members of the Organization not less than seven months before it is due to be held."

(c) Resolution 351(XI) of the General Assembly

By this resolution, the General Assembly adopted the procedure for the submission of candidatures by interested States, with particular regard to the timetable for the presentation of candidatures and the signature of agreements between the host State and the Organization.

¹ A proposal of guidelines for the selection of venues for General Assembly sessions is submitted to the current session of the General Assembly (document A/20/5(II)(i)). They will have to be applied for the definition of place and date of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.



II. List of venues of the previous nineteen sessions

2. It is recalled that, since its inception, UNWTO has held its General Assembly at the following venues:

First session	(1975)	Madrid (Spain)
Second session	(1977)	Torremolinos (Spain)
Third session	(1979)	Torremolinos (Spain)
Fourth session	(1981)	Rome (Italy)
Fifth session	(1983)	New Delhi (India)
Sixth session	(1985)	Sofia (Bulgaria)
Seventh session	(1987)	Madrid (Spain)
Eighth session	(1989)	Paris (France)
Ninth session	(1991)	Buenos Aires (Argentina)
Tenth session	(1993)	Bali (Indonesia)
Eleventh session	(1995)	Cairo (Egypt)
Twelfth session	(1997)	Istanbul (Turkey)
Thirteenth session	(1999)	Santiago (Chile)
Fourteenth session	(2001)	Seoul (Republic of Korea)/Osaka (Japan)
Fifteenth session	(2003)	Beijing (China)
Sixteenth session	(2005)	Dakar (Senegal)
Seventeenth session	(2007)	Cartagena de Indias (Colombia)
Eighteenth session	(2009)	Astana (Kazakhstan)
Nineteen session	(2011)	Gyeongju (Republic of Korea)

III. Candidature received for the twenty-first session

3. On 2 January 2013, through its Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism, the Republic of Colombia officially presented its candidature for hosting in Bogota the twenty-first session of the General Assembly.

4. In addition, the members of the Regional Commission for the Americas expressed “*the joint wish of all the delegations to support the candidature of Colombia to host the twenty-first General Assembly of the UNWTO*”.

5. On 18 January 2013, through its Ministry of Tourism, the Royal Government of Cambodia officially also expressed its strong interest in hosting the twenty-first session of the General Assembly in Siem Reap Angkor.

6. By decision CAP/CSA/DEC/8 (XXV), the Regional Commissions for East Asia and Pacific and for South Asia also “*support unanimously the candidature of Cambodia as host of the 21st session of the UNWTO General Assembly in 2015*”.

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

7. The General Assembly is requested to decide on the venue of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly.