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### Place and dates of the twenty-second session of the General Assembly

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

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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 A/RES/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.

**(d) Resolution A/RES/631(XX)**

In this resolution, the Assembly adopted new guidelines for the selection of venues for General Assembly sessions. The guidelines were described in document A/20/5(II)(i).



## II. List of venues of the previous twenty sessions

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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)
Nineteenth session	(2011)	Gyeongju (Republic of Korea)
Twentieth session	(2013)	Victoria Falls (Zambia and Zimbabwe)

## III. Candidatures received for the twenty-second session

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3. On 12 May 2015, the Secretary-General received a letter dated 8 May 2015 from Mr. Li Jinzao, Chairman of the China National Tourism Administration, submitting China's candidature to host the twenty-second session of the General Assembly in 2017.

4. On 12 June 2015, a Note Verbale was sent by the Secretariat to all UNWTO Members informing of the Chinese candidature. No other candidatures have been received to date.

## IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

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5. The General Assembly is invited to accept the generous invitation of the People's Republic of China to organize the twenty-second session of the General Assembly.