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Briefing Note on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with resolution 668 (XXI) of the General Assembly, the text of the [draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics](#) has been prepared by a Working Group composed of all interested member States with the assistance of the Secretariat.
2. In accordance with the [Guidelines for the adoption of draft UNWTO Conventions by the General Assembly](#) and subject to approval by the General Assembly (agenda item 5), an Ad Hoc Committee of member States should be established at the beginning of the 22nd Session of the General Assembly, to revise the amendments and prepare the final text of the Convention for submission to the Plenary Session of the Assembly (Plenary Session 4 on the afternoon of 15 September 2017, agenda item 16).
3. **All member States are encouraged to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee.** In order to ensure fair and equitable geographical representation as well as a quorum of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Regional Commissions are called upon to designate a minimum of two representatives per region; but the broader the representation, the better.

LOGISTICS

4. Delegations attending the 22nd session of the General Assembly, and interested in participating in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics, are advised to foresee including a person in their delegation dedicated to this specific topic as the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will take place in parallel with the Plenary Sessions 1 to 3 of the General Assembly.
5. Moreover, due to the technical nature of this topic, it would be desirable that representatives appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee have a legal knowledge/background or have been involved in the Working Group on the Draft Convention on Tourism Ethics or in the revision of its text at national level.
6. **If established, the Ad Hoc Committee would meet in the Shudu meeting room (Intercontinental Hotel) on the following dates:**
 - **Wednesday 13 September 2017, 15:00-18:00;**
 - **Thursday 14 September 2017, 9:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:00;**
 - **Friday 15 September 2017, 9:00-12:00**

At the end of its work, the Ad Hoc Committee shall submit the revised text of the Draft Convention to the Plenary Session 4 of the General Assembly for consideration and approval or adoption (agenda item 16).