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**UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA
Twenty-ninth Joint Meeting
Chittagong, Bangladesh
17 May 2017**

Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda

PLACE AND DATE OF THE THIRTIETH JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Joint Meeting of the two Commissions information related to the place and date of its 30th Joint Meeting

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It is recalled that as a result of a unanimous decision taken in 2005 by the Commission for South Asia (CSA/46) and the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP/42), joint meetings of the two commissions are to be held on a rotational basis i.e. alternating from countries in South Asia to countries in East Asia and the Pacific.

Following this decision, the host countries of the CAP-CSA joint meetings have been alternating from East Asia and the Pacific to South Asia and vice-versa as detailed in the table below.

Name of the joint meeting	Place	Year
20 th CAP-CSA	Kobe, Japan	2008
21 st CAP-CSA	Tehran, Iran	2009
22 nd CAP-CSA	Hanoi, Vietnam	2010
23 rd CAP-CSA	Colombo, Sri Lanka	2011
24 th CAP-CSA	Chiang Mai, Thailand	2012
25 th CAP-CSA	Hyderabad, India	2013
26 th CAP-CSA	Legazpi, Philippines	2014
27 th CAP-CSA	Bandos, Maldives	2015
28 th CAP-CSA	Nara, Japan	2016

The forthcoming 29th joint meeting will be held in Chittagong, Bangladesh (i.e. in South Asia) on 17 May, 2017.

As the 29th CAP-CSA will take place in South Asia, in accordance with the rotational rule, the 30th joint meeting of the two commissions scheduled for the first half of 2018 will have to be hosted by a member country from the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP). In this regard, it is recalled that a note verbale (annexed to this note) was sent to members of the two commissions to inform them about Fiji's presentation of its candidature as host of the 30th joint meeting. Please see the annex to this note for details.

It is further recalled that the decision on the place and date for the 30th meeting of the two commissions will be taken during the 29th meeting of the two commissions in Chittagong, Bangladesh.



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NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization presents its compliments to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and Pacific (CAP) and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CSA), and has the honour to inform them that Fiji has **presented** (as evidenced in the attached letter) its **candidature to host the 30th joint meeting** of the two commissions in 2018.

Recipients of this note are reminded that the decision on the place for the 30th joint meeting of the two commissions shall be taken during discussions on agenda item 14 of the Provisional Agenda for the 29th Joint meeting which is scheduled to be held in Chittagong, Bangladesh, on 17 May 2017.

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CSA) the assurances of its highest consideration



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Dear Mr. Rifai,

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of Fiji would like to thank the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for hosting the first official Fijian delegation in Madrid, Spain earlier this year, during the launch of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development.

As part of the outcomes of the abovementioned meeting, and in the spirit of continued cooperation, the Ministry would like to express its interest in hosting the 30th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CAP-CSA) in 2018 and its related events.

Fiji has played host to numerous international conferences and meetings and the Fijian Government will be honored to work with the UNWTO in hosting this event. Following on from our first meeting, the hosting of this event will be another milestone for Fiji, being the first ever UNWTO event to be hosted by the Fijian Government since we obtained membership in 1997. Therefore, we assure you of the total support of the Fijian Government in the planning and execution of this event should Fiji be given the opportunity to host.

Hosting an event of such caliber will also provide Fiji the opportunity to share with you the realities Pacific Island countries face on climate change and the adaptive measures taken to help sustain our livelihoods. Your initial support will further strengthen Fiji's current Presidency of the 23rd session of the global climate summit, COP 23, as our Prime Minister presides over negotiations. The meeting itself will further demonstrate the commitment of the Fijian Government towards sustainable tourism which is intricately linked to halting and combating climate change.

Please accept this letter as Fiji's expression of interest to host the 30th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CAP-CSA) in 2018. Contact the undersigned or Ms. Alanieta Blakelock on telephone (679) 843 7913 or e-mail: alanieta.blakelock@govnet.gov.fj for any further clarification.



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