

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT ITS FIRST EMERGENCY SESSION

Phuket, Thailand, 1 February 2005

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3. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL

CE/DEC/1(URG)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(document CE/URG/1 prov.)

The Executive Council,

Adopts the agenda of its emergency session as proposed.

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CE/DEC/2(URG)

Evaluation of the situation after the tsunami and of its consequences for the region and for the world tourism industry

Agenda item 2

- (documents: - Report of the Secretary-General
 - Presentation by the Head of the Market Intelligence
 and Promotion Department
 - Presentations by the special envoys of WTO)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the different reports presented to it by the Secretary-General, by the Head of the WTO Market Intelligence and Promotion Department, and by the two special envoys of the Organization to the region, Mr. Ralf Corsten and Mr. Germán Porras, complemented by the presentations of the Ministers and representatives of the tsunami-affected countries and of regional tourism organizations,

Agrees with the analyses and evaluation presented in these reports regarding the impact of this catastrophe on the regional and world tourism economy.

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CE/DEC/3(URG)

Adoption of the Phuket Action Plan

Agenda item 3
(document: Phuket Action Plan)

The Executive Council,

Having heard the presentation of the Chairperson of the Emergency Task Force, H.E. Ms. Renuka Chowdhury, Minister of Tourism of India, following the Task Force's meeting of 31 January 2005 in Phuket,

Aware of the importance of tourism's contribution to the economies of the countries affected by the tsunami and of the considerable damage caused by this catastrophe to tourism operators and facilities,

1. Adopts unanimously the Phuket Action Plan, which is attached as an annex to this Decision, as completed with the observations and contributions of the States members of the Council, as well as by other Member States of the WTO and the stakeholders involved in the Plan; and
 2. Calls upon all the Member States of the WTO and the international tourism community to contribute to its realization.
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CE/DEC/4(URG)

Respects and acknowledgements

The Executive Council,

Having successfully completed the work of its emergency session, as well as that of the Emergency Task Force,

1. Expresses its sympathy, its profound sorrow, and its deepest condolences to the countries affected by the tsunami of 26 December 2004;
2. Extends its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea, Chairman of the Executive Council, for its contribution to this session of the Council, and to VISA International, which also provided material support for its organization; and
3. Thanks the Government of Thailand for making it possible to hold this emergency session under excellent conditions at the hard-hit destination of Phuket.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The Emergency session of the Executive Council was attended by:

- 1) delegates of the following Members of the Council: Andorra, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, India, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey;
- 2) the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Africa (Angola) and the Chairman of the Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Cambodia);
- 3) the Permanent Observer to WTO (Holy See);
- 4) The Representative of the Associate Members: Macao, China
- 5) the representatives of the following WTO Member States: Angola, Australia, Austria, Cambodia, China, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Ukraine and Viet Nam, as observers.
- 6) delegates of the following Associate Member: Hong Kong, China
- 7) delegates of the following Affiliate Members: Federal Association of German Tourism Industry (TUI/BTW), Hong Kong Polytechnic University, International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), Resorts Condominiums International (RCI) and Technical University of Dresden
- 8) delegates of the following non Member State: Singapore
- 9) the representatives of the following International Organizations: APEC International Centre for Sustainable Tourism (AICST), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), International Finance Corporation (IFC), United Nations Development Programme in Thailand (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- 10) the representatives of the following other entities: Andaman Holiday Resort, Alpitour Group, Celia Ltd. Thailand Asia, Ch2m-Ildc, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Graduate School Of Business, Ocean Princess Group Co., Ltd, Planet Finance, School Of Travel Industry Management, Thai Airways International, Thailand Privilege Card Co. Ltd., Travel Trade Report, Tuoi Tre Newspaper, Twinpalms Phuket Resort, Visa International and Xinhua News Agency