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Preparations for the nineteenth session of the General Assembly

I. PLACE AND DATES

1. At its last session, the General Assembly unanimously decided to accept the generous invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea (resolution 581(XVIII)). Its next session and other related meetings will be held in Gyeongju, from 8 to 14 October 2011, in accordance with rule 1(2) of its Rules of Procedure.

II. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

2. The Secretariat has established the structure of the next session taking into account the benefits of the last structure and the observations received from the Members (see Annex 1).

A. Ministerial Round Table

3. In order to enhance the technical nature of the General Assembly and to take advantage of the participation of Ministers and other top-ranking authorities, a Ministerial Round Table will be organized in the framework of the Assembly on a highly topical subject.

B. Preparatory and related meetings

Joint meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance (CBF) and the Programme Committee (PC), and ninety-first and ninety-second sessions of the Executive Council

4. The joint CBF and PC meeting will take place on the first day of the session, 8 October, and the ninety-first session of the Council will be held on 9 October, on the eve of the first plenary session of the General Assembly, for transmission to the Assembly of items on which an Executive Council recommendation is required. The ninety-second session of the Council will be held immediately after the last plenary session of the Assembly for the election of its Officers for 2012 and the filling of vacant seats on certain subsidiary organs of the Executive Council for the period 2011-2015.

Regional Commissions

5. All Regional Commissions will hold a meeting in the framework of the Assembly. Their agendas will include the designation of their respective representatives for the various General Assembly offices, which should be approved by the Assembly. Each Commission will also be required to designate its representatives to serve on those subsidiary bodies of the Council whose membership is to be renewed.

Finally, they will be required to put forward candidates for the vacant seats on the Executive Council, for which elections will be held during the Assembly.

Affiliate Members

6. The Affiliate Members will have one full afternoon for their deliberations. Both the General Meeting of the Affiliate Members which will deal with administrative matters, and the meeting of their Board will take place in the afternoon of 11 October.

Credentials Committee

7. The Credentials Committee will meet after the first plenary session of the Assembly and present its report to the Assembly at the second plenary session.

Workshops

8. In order to enhance the technical nature of the General Assembly proceedings and to encourage a high-level participation of the private and public sectors, up to four workshops will be organized in the framework of the Assembly. The subjects of the workshops will be communicated at a later stage.

C. General Assembly session

9. The draft provisional agenda of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly (see Annex 2) was drawn up in accordance with rule 5(1) of its Rules of Procedure.

10. The provisional agenda will be attached to the official invitation. Members are reminded that they may propose the inclusion of new items in the provisional agenda provided they follow the procedure laid down for this purpose in rule 5(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly.

11. In view of the volume of work that the provisional agenda can be expected to entail, the General Assembly, unless otherwise decided by its President, will need to hold seven plenary sessions between 10 and 14 October.

Opening meeting and opening ceremony

12. The official opening ceremony is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 9 October and will be held in the presence of high-ranking authorities of the Republic of Korea, followed by a welcome reception.

13. The first plenary session of the Assembly will be held on Monday, 10 October in the afternoon. It will be opened by the President of the previous session, i. e., the Head of the Kazakh delegation. The Assembly will then be called upon to elect the President of its nineteenth session, in accordance with rule 16 of its Rules of Procedure.

III. FACILITIES PROVIDED TO THE ORGANIZATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

14. The authorities of the Republic of Korea have already taken all necessary measures to host this session in optimum conditions in the facilities of Hotel Hyundai in Gyeongju (http://www.hyundaihotel.com/gyeongju_en/), and to provide all kind of appropriate services to the delegates of UNWTO Members. They will also facilitate the entry into their territory of Full, Associate

and Affiliate Members of the UNWTO, as well as of the other participants invited by the Secretary-General.

15. The Agreement between the Organization and the host Government, which is presently being finalized, establishes in particular the obligations and costs that the Government has generously agreed to meet in convening and conducting the proceedings of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly and the other related meetings, in accordance with the Statutes, rules and practices of the Organization.

IV. INVITATIONS AND WORKING DOCUMENTS

16. The corresponding invitations by the Secretary-General to all Members, together with the provisional agenda prepared in accordance with rule 5(1) of the General Assembly's Rules of Procedure, the annotated provisional agenda and an information note, will be sent by e-mail within the prescribed time-limits, i.e., ninety days before the opening of the session, and posted in electronic format on UNWTO website.

17. The working documents necessary for the General Assembly's discussions and decisions on the various agenda items will also be sent by e-mail to Members within the time-limits prescribed in rule 8 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, and posted in electronic format on UNWTO website.

18. The United Nations and the international organizations with which the Organization has concluded agreements or working arrangements or that have a working relationship with the Organization for a specific project will also receive an invitation to participate in the nineteenth session of the Assembly.

V. LANGUAGES OF THE ASSEMBLY

19. The five official languages will be used for the Assembly and the other connected meetings, in part or in totality, as each meeting requires.

Annex 1. Structure of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly and related meetings
Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, 8-14 October 2011

DAY	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON	EVENING
8 October (Saturday)	CBF / PC (10:00-12:00)		Regional Commissions CAF (14:00-16:00)	
9 October (Sunday)	Regional Commissions CAP (9:00-10:30); CAM (9:30-11:00); CSA (11:00-12:30); CME (12:00-13:30); CEU (11:30-13:00)		91st Executive Council (14:30-17:30)	Opening ceremony (19:00-21:00)
10 October (Monday)	Ministerial Round Table (9:30-12:00)		1st Plenary Session: - Agenda items 1 to 5 (15:00-16:30) - Speeches (16:30-18:00) 12 speakers Credentials Committee (17:00-18:30)	
11 October (Tuesday)	2nd Plenary Session: - Agenda items 6 to 8 (9:00-10:30) - Speeches (10:30-12:00) 12 speakers		3rd Plenary Session: - Agenda items 9 and 10 (14:00-15:30) - Speeches (15:30-17:00) 12 speakers General Meeting of the Affiliate Members (incl. Platma) (14:00-16:00) Affiliate Members Board (16:00-17:00)	
12 October (Wednesday)	4th Plenary Session: - Agenda item 11 (9:00-12:00)		5th Plenary Session: - Agenda items 12 and 13 (14:00-15:30) - Speeches (15:30-17:00) 12 speakers ST-EP Board meeting (14:30-16:30)	
13 October (Thursday)	6th Plenary Session: - Agenda items 14 to 17 (9:00-12:00)		7th Plenary Session: - Agenda item 18 (resolutions) (14:00-17:00)	
14 October (Friday)	92nd Executive Council (10:00-12:00)			

Annex 2. Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
3. Appointment of the Credentials Committee
4. Membership of the Organization
 - (a) New membership
 - (b) Suspension of membership in accordance with Article 34 of the Statutes
 - (c) Requests for temporary exemption from the application of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules
5. Report of the Secretary-General
6. Report of the Executive Council to the General Assembly
7. Report of the Credentials Committee
8. Implementation of the General programme of work for 2010-2011
9. United Nations system activities
10. Administrative and statutory matters
 - (a) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the seventeenth financial period (2008-2009)
 - (b) Financial situation of the Organization
 - (c) Human Resources situation of the Organization
 - (d) Election of the Members of the UNWTO Staff Pension Committee for 2012-2013
 - (e) Election of the Auditors for 2012-2013
 - (f) Use of the UNWTO logo
 - (g) Revision of the Financial Regulations
 - (h) Agreements concluded by the Organization
11. Report on the progress of the reform of the Organization (White Paper)
12. Draft programme and budget of the Organization for 2012-2013
13. World Tourism Day: information on the activities of 2010 and 2011, adoption of themes and designation of the host countries for 2012 and 2013
14. Report on the Affiliate Members
15. Report on the World Committee on Tourism Ethics
16. Election of Council Members
17. Place and dates of the twentieth session of the General Assembly
18. Review and adoption of the draft resolutions of the nineteenth session of the General Assembly