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WORLD TOURISM DAY 2015

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Members of the Commission information on the World Tourism Day 2015.

Designation of the Host Country for the World Tourism Day 2015

1. By resolution 470(XV), the General Assembly designated Malaysia and Qatar as host countries for the official celebrations of World Tourism Day in 2004 and 2005. By the same resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the Executive Council and decided that the following geographic order would apply to World Tourism Day celebrations beginning in 2006: Europe, South Asia, the Americas, Africa and East Asia and the Pacific.
2. The following countries were designed as hosts to the official celebrations of World Tourism Day between 2006 and 2013:
 - WTD 2006 – Portugal (Europe)
 - WTD 2007 - Sri Lanka (South Asia)
 - WTD 2008 – Peru (Americas)
 - WTD 2009 – Ghana (Africa)
 - WTD 2010 – China (East Asia and the Pacific)
 - WTD 2011 – Yemen (Middle East)
 - WTD 2012 – Spain (Europe)
 - WTD 2013 – Maldives (South Asia)
3. Following the geographic order, World Tourism Day 2014 will be celebrated in the Americas and World Tourism Day 2015 in Africa. In this regard, the 54th Meeting of the Regional Commission for Africa is called upon to propose the Host Country for World Tourism Day 2015.
4. This proposal will be submitted to the 95th session of the Executive Council (May 2013) for recommendation to the 20th session of the General Assembly (August 2013).