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Note by the Secretary-General

In this document, the Secretary-General informs the Members of the Commission that further to the Decision **CAF/DEC/11(LIX) taken in the framework of the 59th Commission meeting held in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa on 19 April 2017**, the Sixty-first Commission Meeting for Africa will take place in Nigeria in 2018.



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**EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO HOST THE 61ST UNITED NATIONS
WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (UNWTO) COMMISSION FOR
AFRICA (CAF) MEETING IN 2018**

It is with great pleasure that I submit this Letter of Intent to formally notify the Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) of Nigeria's intent to host the 61st UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF) meeting in 2018.

2. Our chosen city for the meeting is the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and the venue is the Trancorp Hilton, Abuja. The Trancorp Hilton is strategically located in Abuja's capital city and is located just 25 minutes from the Abuja International Airport. This purpose built venue has to date hosted over 5,000 events and conferences including the 47th UNWTO CAF meeting in 2008.

3. I would like to state that Nigeria's membership of the UNWTO since 1975 has exposed the country to the workings of the Organization and some of the best global tourism trends and practices. This has translated in active participation in the activities and programmes of the UNWTO, greater awareness of Nigeria's tourism potentials and increased support of the sector by the Government.

4. In view of the positive developments of tourism in Nigeria, it is therefore my intention to present Nigeria's intent to host the 61st UNWTO CAF meeting in 2018. I am very optimistic that this will continue to challenge us to play a more prominent role in the growth of the country's tourism industry and also open the country to potential investors.
5. We look forward to Nigeria being given the opportunity to host the 49 Africa Member States for the 61st UNWTO Commission for Africa in 2018.
6. Your kind consideration of this notice and the circulation of it to other Member States will be deeply appreciated.
7. Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.


Lai Mohammed
Honourable Minister