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Propositions des membres de la Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

The Chair of the UNWTO Commission for Europe, Croatia, has asked the Secretariat to circulate a statement on its behalf calling for increased European Union support for tourism, under Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda: "Proposals of CEU Members".

Other Member States wishing to make proposals under this Item are welcome to do so and are also requested to consult in advance the Secretariat and the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission.



Proposals of CEU Members

Statement calling for increased European Union support for tourism

We, the Members of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Commission for Europe (CEU), gathered at the sixty-third meeting of the CEU in Prague, Czech Republic, on 12 June 2018,

Having regard for the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), and in particular Article 195 thereof;

Recalling that tourism generates 10% of GDP and represents 9% of total employment in the European Union and the EU countries accounting for 40% of the international tourist arrivals;

Recognizing that international tourism accounts for 6% of overall EU exports and 22% of services exports and ranks fourth as an export category, after chemicals, automotive products and food;

Recalling that tourism is one of the key pillars of the EU strategy for jobs and inclusive growth.

Emphasizes that sustained growth in tourism has been instrumental in supporting the economic recovery of many European countries, largely contributing to job creation, GDP and the balance of payments;

Agree to fully support our colleagues in the EU Member States in the better positioning of the tourism sector in the political agenda and work programme of the new European Commission through,

Calling on the European Commission to examine the possibility of the establishment of an independent budget line within the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027 that is dedicated exclusively to tourism, on the basis that tourism should be better acknowledged as an individual economic activity in terms of budget and actions;

Requesting the new European Commission to have a better representation of tourism within its new structure and its services;

Strongly encouraging the European Commission to present an updated tourism strategy which takes fully into account the new changes and rapid technological development of the sector;

Requesting the Chair of the UNWTO Commission for Europe to forward this statement to European Commission.

