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1. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Nomination of candidates to the various XXI General Assembly offices:
 - (a) **two** Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
 - (b) **two** Members of the Credentials Committee
3. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs (2015-2019):
 - (a) **four** candidates to the Executive Council (three fixed + one floating¹)
 - (b) **one** candidate for the Programme and Budget Committee
 - (c) **two** candidates for the Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account
 - (d) **two** candidates for the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability
 - (e) **two** candidates for the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness
 - (f) **one** candidate for the Committee for the Review of the applications for affiliate membership²
4. Election of the Chairperson and **two** Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission for the period 2015-2017
5. Jury for the video competition³
6. Update on regional activities
7. Other matters
8. Place and date of the sixtieth meeting of the Commission

¹ The General Assembly will decide on assignment of floating seats among regions under Agenda Item 12.

² This member should be from the Executive Council.

³ In order to select the winners of the six regional prizes, a jury will be established comprising the Chairs of the six Regional Commissions of UNWTO, one representative of the host country (Colombia), and a prominent communications professional designated by the Organization. Each member of the jury shall vote for three videos from each region, except his or her own region in the case of representatives of the member countries.

2. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION

CEU/DEC/1(LIX)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
(document CEU/59/Prov. Agenda)

The Commission

1. Adopts the agenda of its fifty-ninth meeting, as contained in document CEU/59/Prov. Agenda.
2. Thanks the Secretary-General for his welcome remarks,
3. Acknowledges that the General Assembly is an opportunity to highlight how tourism can be an effective tool to promote a new universal, people-centered development model, particularly given tourism's inclusion in three Sustainable Development Goals;
4. Takes note of the importance of engaging in the General Debate on "Tourism: Fostering Inclusive Development and Social Transformation", as well as the Joint World Tourism Organization / International Civil Aviation Organization High-Level Forum on Tourism and Air Transport for Development;
5. Takes cognizance of the fact that the General Assembly marks the 40th anniversary of the Organization and the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, and is thus an excellent occasion to reflect on the role of our sector and UNWTO, including issues such as the reform of the Organization and the POW for 2016-2017;
6. Notes with appreciation several important upcoming activities, including World Tourism Day on the theme of "One Billion Tourists, One Billion opportunities" (27 September 2015), the UNWTO / Ministers Summit in WTM on "Destination Branding: new challenges in a changing market" (3 November 2015), the "Tourism and Media" Conference to be held in Tunisia (12-13 November 2015) and the 12th edition of the UNWTO Awards;
7. Accepts the invitation to support, through their representations to the UN, the proposal presented by UNWTO to the UN General Assembly of declaring 2017 as the "International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development".

CEU/DEC/2(LIX)

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE VARIOUS XXI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Agenda item 2
(document CEU/59/Com.Reg.)

The Commission

1. Nominates **Bulgaria** and the **Spain** to serve as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly;
2. Proposes **Hungary** and **Portugal** to the Assembly, as its representatives for the Credentials Committee.

CEU/DEC/3(LIX)

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION
ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

Agenda item 3
(document CEU/59/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of the documents submitted by the Secretariat,

1. Proposes, following a vote by secret ballot, **Portugal, Italy** and **Slovakia**, as its candidates for the vacant seats on the Executive Council corresponding to the European region, for a four-year term, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019);
2. Recommends, following a vote by secret ballot, **France** for a floating seat in the Executive Council for a four-year term, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019), on the understanding that the regional distribution of floating seats will be decided upon in the General Assembly;
3. Nominates **Hungary** as Member of the Programme and Budget Committee, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019);
4. Nominates, following a vote by secret ballot, **Austria** and **Georgia** as members of the Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019);
5. Nominates **Lithuania** and **Montenegro** as members of the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019);
6. Nominates, following a vote by secret ballot, **Croatia** and **Italy** as members of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019);
7. Nominates **Croatia** as Member for the Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, for the period between the twenty-first and twenty-third sessions of the General Assembly (2015-2019).

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**ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON
AND OF TWO VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2017**

Agenda item 4
(document CEU/59/Com.Reg.)

The Commission

1. Decides to elect **Switzerland** as its Chairperson and **Lithuania** and **Montenegro** as its Vice-Chairpersons, for a two-year term (2015-2017);
2. Thanks Austria for its dedicated work as Chairperson of the Commission and Georgia and Portugal for having performed the duties of Vice-Chairpersons during the period 2013-2015;

3. Thanks Switzerland for its commitment to further enhancing the Commission for Europe as a platform for multilateral collaboration, dialogue and exchange of expertise.

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CEU/DEC/5(LIX)

JURY FOR THE VIDEO COMPETITION

Agenda item 5

The Commission

Takes note of the rules establishing the jury for the video competition, whereby the Chairperson of the Commission for Europe (Austria) will represent the region in the Jury.

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CEU/DEC/6(LIX)

UPDATE ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 6

The Commission,

Having regard to the report by the Regional Director for Europe on the contribution of the Member States of the Commission for Europe, to the formulation of the UNWTO General Programme of Work and of the upcoming activities before the end of 2015,

1. Thanks her for the update and expresses its satisfaction with the collaborative effort of the Members of the European Region;
2. Thanks the Secretariat for the work it has carried out between 2013 and 2015, and calls for a continued cooperation during the upcoming programme period.

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OTHER MATTERS

Agenda item 7

The Commission

Takes note that a consolidated draft of the Medellin Statement on Tourism and Air Transport for Development has been disseminated for their information in anticipation of the subsequent day's Joint World Tourism Organization / International Civil Aviation Organization High-Level Forum on Tourism and Air Transport for Development.

CEU/DEC/8(LIX)

PLACE AND DATE
OF THE SIXTIETH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Recalling its decision CEU/DEC/13 (LVIII) taken at its 58th Meeting (Haifa, Israel, 12 May 2015),

Noting that the Government of Lithuania has submitted its candidature with an official letter dated 17 December 2014, to host the 60th Meeting of the Commission for Europe together with a seminar, which will be held in conjunction with the said meeting of the Commission;

1. Decides that the 60th Meeting of the Commission for Europe and seminar will be held in Vilnius (Lithuania), on 24-26 May 2016;
2. Congratulates Lithuania for its election to host the 60th Meeting of the Commission for Europe, in 2016;
3. Entrusts the Secretariat with finalising with the Government of Lithuania the necessary arrangements for holding the above-mentioned meetings;
4. Thanks the Ministry of Tourism of Bulgaria for presenting, through a communication dated 21 August 2015, its candidature to host the 61st Meeting of the Commission for Europe in Bulgaria in 2017; The Decision on the place of the 61st Meeting will be taken at the 60th Meeting of the Commission.
5. Thanks the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic for presenting its candidature to host the 63rd Meeting of the Commission for Europe in the Czech Republic in 2018. The Decision on the place of the 63rd Meeting will be taken at the 62nd Meeting of the Commission, which will be held in 2017, in China, on the occasion of the XXII session of UNWTO's General Assembly.

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3. PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

1. The following Member States belonging to the European region participated in the meeting: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Monaco, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey
2. Flanders in its capacity of Associate Member
3. The following Affiliate Members: European Travel Commission (ETC), Exceltur, Madison MK, Palacio de Congresos y Exposiciones de la Costa del Sol: Torremolinos

4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE VARIOUS ORGANS
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I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2015)

VICE-PRESIDENTS	BULGARIA SPAIN
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE	HUNGARY PORTUGAL
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II. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2015-2019	PORTUGAL ITALY SLOVAKIA FRANCE
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2013-2017	AZERBAIJAN BULGARIA CROATIA GERMANY SERBIA
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III. PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (2015-2019)

MEMBERS	HUNGARY FRANCE
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IV. COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND SUSTAINABILITY (2015-2019)

MEMBERS	LITHUANIA MONTENEGRO
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V. COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND THE TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT (2015-2019)

MEMBERS	AUSTRIA GEORGIA
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	FRANCE SPAIN
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VI. COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND COMPETITIVENESS (2015-2019)

MEMBERS	CROATIA ITALY
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VII. COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP (2015-2017)

MEMBER CROATIA

VIII. COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (2015-2017)

CHAIRPERSON SWITZERLAND

VICE-CHAIRPERSON LITHUANIA
VICE-CHAIRPERSON MONTENEGRO

IX. JURY OF THE VIDEO COMPETITION

CHAIRPERSON OF THE CEU AUSTRIA