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(g) Agreements concluded by the Organization

I. Introduction

1. Article 12 of the Statutes of the UNWTO stipulates the following in regard to the agreements concluded by the Organization:

“The Assembly may consider any question and make recommendations on any matter within the competence of the Organization. Its functions, other than those which have been conferred on it elsewhere in the present Statutes shall be:

...

(l) to approve, or to delegate the power to approve, the conclusion of agreements with governments and international organizations;

(m) to approve, or to delegate the power to approve, the conclusion of agreements with private organizations or private entities;

...”

2. It is by virtue of these provisions that the following agreements and working arrangements concluded with governments and with intergovernmental organizations are submitted to the General Assembly. It should be noted that agreements and working arrangements concerning technical cooperation, Themis Foundation and MDGs projects are being reported to the General Assembly under each specific agenda item. All agreements concluded by the Organization are available for consultation at the Secretariat.



II. Agreements concluded with governments and intergovernmental organizations

- 29 October 2011: [English] Memorandum of understanding between **UN WOMEN** and the World Tourism Organization to strengthen the framework of cooperation between the two organizations in their efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in tourism.
- 18 January 2012: [Spanish] Framework agreement between the **Argentine Republic** and the World Tourism Organization to carry out activities for South-South and triangular cooperation in order to join efforts and share experiences and best practices between the parties, and promote joint technical assistance in the field of tourism with third countries.
- 7 March 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **European Travel Commission** to combine efforts by cooperating and implementing joint activities in issues related to tourism and beyond, with the aim of better responding to the current needs of both parties and the widest interest of UNWTO member States, ETC member NOTs and the international tourism sector and international community.
- 23 April 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to provide a framework for cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the parties, on a non-exclusive basis, in areas of mutual interest, with the aims of making tourism destinations safer from drugs, crime and terrorism; complemented by the Cooperation Agreement signed on 5 April 2013 between the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) on the joint transnational organized crime/tourism awareness-raising campaign.
- 16 May 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding to enhance cooperation between the World Tourism Organization and the **European Commission** to facilitate identification of joint initiatives in the areas of cooperation and build on each other's comparative advantage.
- 31 May 2012: [Spanish] Exchange of letters constituting an agreement between **Spain** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) recognizing the eligibility of dependent relatives of UNWTO officials to engage in remunerated activities.
- 30 October 2012: [English and French] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Ministry of Tourism of **Haiti** (MDT) to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and MDT on areas of mutual interest.
- 15 November 2012: [Spanish] Agreement between the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the **United Mexican States** (SER), the Secretariat of Tourism of the United Mexican States (SECTUR) and the Secretariat of Tourism and Economic Development of the State of Oaxaca (Oaxaca Tourism) to improve tourism education and training in the world and most especially that of civil servants and professionals with responsibilities in the public sector and in the macro-management of tourism destinations.

- 14 February 2013: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Government of **Italy** to update the status of the Permanent Secretariat of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (established in Rome in November 2008).
- 18 February 2013: [English] Letter of Agreement between the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) with the aim to utilize their respective comparative advantages, to increase their collaboration and develop joint activities in support of internationally agreed environment and sustainable development goals established by member States.
- 27 March 2013: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the Ministry of Tourism of **Greece** to cooperate in the implementation of projects, in particular the “Observatory on Sustainable Tourism under the auspices of UNWTO” for the Aegean islands.
- 11 April 2013: [Spanish] Letter of intent between the Secretariat of Tourism of **Honduras** (Honduran Tourism Institute) SECTUR and the World Tourism Organization to establish the interest and the framework of joint work for the construction and implementation of a sustainable tourism and climate change observatory in La Ceiba, Department of Atlántida, Honduras.

III. Agreements concluded with local authorities

- 24 February 2012: [English and Serbian] Memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of sustainable tourism development between the Government of the **autonomous province of Vojvodina, Republic of Serbia**, and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the university of Novi Sad and Danube Competence Center.
- 13 March 2012: [English] Letter of intent between the World Tourism Organization and the **Shanghai Municipal People’s Government** to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and Shanghai and to identify areas of mutual interest.
- 14 September 2012: [English and Chinese] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and **Shanghai Municipal Tourism Administration** to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and SMTA and to identify areas of mutual interest.

IV. Agreements concluded with local public entities

- 27 September 2012: [Spanish] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and **Casa África** to improve cooperation between the UNWTO and Casa África and define areas of common interest.

V. Agreements concluded with non-governmental organizations

- 27 February 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **International Institute for Peace through Tourism** to cooperate and implement joint activities in issues related to tourism and peace.
- 7 August 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding for partnership between the World Tourism Organization and the **Ulysses Foundation** to combine the capabilities and efforts of UNWTO and the Foundation to contribute in the creation and application of knowledge resources to specific objectives in tourism policy and governance so as to achieve excellence in tourism public administrations, the private sector, and civil society organizations through the UNWTO Ulysses prize and awards as well as its directly related activities.
- 9 September 2012: [English] Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and **Global Tourism Economy Research Centre** to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and the Global Tourism Economy Research Centre and to identify areas of mutual interest.
- 15 November 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and the **World Tourism Forum Lucerne (WTFL)** to enhance cooperation between UNWTO and WTFL and to identify areas of mutual interest.

VI. Agreements concluded with universities and institutes

- 24 October 2012: [Spanish] Memorandum of understanding between the World Tourism Organization and Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores, S.C. (**Universidad de Anáhuac, Mexico**) to improve cooperation between the UNWTO and the Universidad de Anáhuac and achieve their common objectives, including the development of high-level training programmes and the development and dissemination of research in the field of tourism.
- 11 December 2012: [English] Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the **Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Macao, China**, to promote exchanges and other forms of institutional interaction, and to identify areas of mutual interest.
- 5 February 2013: [English] Collaboration Agreement between the World Tourism Organization and the **University of the Aegean, Greece**, to establish the Monitoring Centre for Sustainable Tourism Observatories in collaboration with UNWTO in the Aegean.

VII. Other agreements

- 28 February 2012: [English] Memorandum of understanding with regard to tourism innovation between the World Tourism Organization and **Microsoft Ibérica, S.R.L. Unipersonal** to enhance cooperation and cooperate on matters of mutual interest.

VIII. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

3. The General Assembly is requested:
 - (a) To take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the agreements and working arrangements concluded, in accordance with Article 12 of the Statutes, with governments and intergovernmental organizations, as well as with non-governmental organizations, local authorities and universities;
 - (b) To approve the agreements listed in the above-mentioned document.