Report of the Secretary-General

Part I: Current situation and activities

(g) UNWTO in the United Nations system

Addendum

I. Background

1. An important operational outcome of the Rio+20 Conference was the establishment of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), whose Secretariat is hosted by UNEP.

2. Sustainable Tourism is one of the initial five programme areas. UNWTO collaborated with UNEP in the preparation and formulation of this Programme and expressed its interest to lead the Programme activities in collaboration with other partners.

3. As part of the consultation and preparation process, a survey was conducted in mid-2013. Nearly all the Member States that replied to this survey requested the UNWTO Secretariat to act as a lead actor in this process.

4. Additionally, the UNWTO Committee on Tourism and Sustainability reviewed the Concept Note of the 10YFP Sustainable Tourism Programme and transmitted through its Chairman (Bahamas) to the 10YFP Secretariat the consolidated feedback of the Committee.

5. The UNWTO Secretariat, therefore, expressed during the month of May 2014 its interest to act as the lead of this Programme and invites its Member States and especially its Executive Council’s members to support this proposal.

II. Actions to be taken

6. The Executive Council is requested:

(a) To take note of the Secretariat’s proposal to lead the Sustainable Tourism Programme
within the 10YFP; and

(b) To encourage the Member States to support it.