Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda

PLACE AND DATE OF THE TWENTY-NINTH JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Joint Meeting of the two Commissions information related to the place and date of its 29th Joint Meeting.
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It is recalled that as a result of a unanimous decision taken in 2005 by the Commission for South Asia (CSA/46) and the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP/42), joint meetings of the two commissions are to be held on a rotational basis i.e. alternating from countries in South Asia to countries in East Asia and the Pacific.

Following this decision, the 20th joint meeting of the two commissions took place in Kobe, Japan in 2008, followed by the 21st joint meeting in Tehran, Iran in 2009, the 22nd joint meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2010, the 23rd joint meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2011, the 24th joint meeting in Chiang Mai, in Thailand in 2012, the 25th joint meeting in Hyderabad, India in 2013, the 26th joint meeting in Legazpi, Philippines, the 27th joint meeting in Bandos, Maldives in 2015 and the forthcoming 28th joint meeting which will be held in Nara, Japan on 3 June 2016.

In accordance with the foregoing, the 29th joint meeting of the two commissions scheduled for the first half of 2017 will have to be hosted by a member country from the Commission for South Asia (CSA). In this regard it is recalled that a note verbale was sent to members of the two commissions to inform them about Bangladesh’s presentation of its candidature as host of the 29th joint meeting. Please see the annex to this note for details.

It is further recalled that the decision on the place and date for the 29th meeting of the two commissions will be taken during the 28th meeting of the two commissions in Nara, Japan.
NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization presents its compliments to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia, and has the honour to inform them that Bangladesh has presented its candidature to host the 29th joint meeting of the two commissions in 2017.

Recipients of this note are reminded that the decision on the place for the 29th joint meeting of the two commissions shall be taken during discussions on agenda item 13 of the Provisional Agenda for the 28th Joint meeting which is scheduled to be held in Nara, Japan on 3 June 2016.

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and UNWTO Commission for South Asia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Madrid, 21 April 2016
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Subject: Hosting the 29th Joint Commission Meeting of UNWTO CSA-CAP in Bangladesh.  

Dear Dr. Rifai,  

I would like to draw your attention to the subject stated above.  

I have the honor to inform you that Bangladesh wishes to present its candidature to host the 29th Joint commission Meeting of CSA-CAP in 2017.  

In this regard, Bangladesh hopes that this candidature will be supported by member countries of the Commissions and assist in continuing the development of the tourism industry in the region.  

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.  

Yours sincerely,  

(Rashed Khan Menon, MP)  
Minister