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# DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA AND THE WTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AT THEIR ELEVENTH JOINT MEETING

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#### DECISIONS

## CSA/CAP/DEC/1(XI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CSA/CAP/11/Prov. Ag.)

The Commissions,

<u>Amend</u> the provisional agenda of their eleventh joint meeting as contained in the document (CSA/CAP/11/Prov.Ag.), submitted by the Secretary-General, by adding "Other matters" as Agenda item 10 and renumbering the last item accordingly; and

Adopt the agenda as amended.

CSA/CAP/DEC/2(XI)

## COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT MEETING Agenda item 2

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Chairman,

- Thank him for his warm words of welcome extended to the Members, non-Members and others present at the meeting;
- 2. <u>Appreciate</u> his very comprehensive account of the current tourism scenario in East Asia and the Pacific;
- 3. <u>Join</u> him in requesting the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of holding joint meetings of the Commissions in conjunction with regional Commission meetings so as to avoid multiple travel by the Members; and
- 4. <u>Endorse</u> his call for more cooperation between the two Commissions with a view to optimizing the economic and social benefits of tourism in both the regions.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/3(XI)

## COMMUNICATION OF THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT MEETING Agenda item 3

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Co-Chairman,

- 1. Thank him for his communication; and
- 2. <u>Join</u> him in emphasizing the need for more inter-regional cooperation between South Asia and the East Asia and the Pacific since both the regions provide excellent market opportunities for each other.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/4(XI)

## PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL Agenda item 4

The Commissions,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

- 1. Thank him for his remarks; and
- Agree with him that the Members should lay due emphasis on sustainable tourism development and should share their experiences in this area with each other.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/5(XI)

# PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL SUPPORT OFFICE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION IN OSAKA, JAPAN Agenda item 5

The Commissions,

Having heard the representative of Japan on the subject,

Having heard the views of the Members and the Secretariat,

- 1. <u>Appreciate</u> the progress achieved so far in setting up the Organization's Regional Support Office in Japan;
- 2. Thank the Government of Japan for their generous offer to host the Office;

- Note that the operation and the management of the Office will be through a foundation to be set up for the purpose with financial support from the Government of Japan, the Government of the Osaka Prefecture and the private sector of the Kansai area, and that the Office will have full support of Japanese travel and tourism organizations such as JNTO, JTB and JATA;
- 4. Take note of the views expressed by some of the Members that major areas of work of the Office should include promotion of Asian tourism products in the Japanese market and in-depth market analysis and research; and
- 5. <u>Hope</u> that with the setting up of the Office, the Organization will be in a position to provide faster and more efficient services to the Members in the Asia and Pacific region.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/6(XI)

# INFORMATION REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF HANDBOOKS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD IN OTTAWA ON TOURISM AND TRAVEL STATISTICS Agenda item 6 (document CSA/CAP/11/2)

The Commissions,

<u>Having considered</u> the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on this Agenda item,

Having heard the views of the Members on the subject,

- 1. <u>Note</u> with satisfaction the activities which have been undertaken by the Secretariat to promote the application of the Ottawa Conference recommendations in accordance with the plan of action;
- 2. Express the need for the Members to adopt the recommendations of the Conference on a time-bound basis;
- 3. <u>Urge</u> the Secretariat to draw up a timeframe for the implementation of the recommendations so that there is consistency and harmony in compilation, classification and analysis of tourist statistics;
- 4. Express the concern that in view of difference in capability levels of various Members in the Asia and Pacific region, intensive workshops/seminars be organized to upgrade the technical skills of research and statistics personnel of national tourism administrations to even out these differences; and

5. <u>Take note</u> of the Secretariat's intentions to conduct workshops/seminars in the region to train NTA personnel on the implementation of the Conference recommendations.

CSA/CAP/DEC/7(XI)

## INFORMATION REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SILK ROAD Agenda item 7 (document CSA/CAP/11/3)

The Commissions,

<u>Having considered</u> the information report submitted by the Secretary-General,

- Thank the Secretariat for coordinating the promotion of the Silk Road concept;
- Note with satisfaction the progress achieved so far;
- 3. <u>Hope</u> that the Silk Road will provide a new product to major generating markets which will also boost up tourist arrivals in Asia and the Pacific region; and
- 4. Accept with gratitude the offer of Iran to host a meeting of the Silk Road countries in its territory in 1996.

CSA/CAP/DEC/8(XI)

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM FORUM, CADIZ, SPAIN, 16-17 MARCH 1995 Agenda item 8 (document CSA/CAP/11/4)

The Commissions,

<u>Having considered</u> the document submitted by the Secretary-General on this Agenda item,

- 1. Thank the Secretariat for advance information;
- 2. Note with interest and satisfaction the contents of the proposed Forum and hope that the Forum will go a long way in enlisting the support of parliamentarians for the cause of tourism; and
- Call upon the Members to sponsor parliamentary delegations to the Forum and draw full benefits from its deliberations.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/9(XI)

## <u>PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY</u> <u>OF THE ORGANIZATION, CAIRO, EGYPT, OCTOBER 1995</u> Agenda item 9 (document CSA/CAP/11/5)

The Commissions,

<u>Having considered</u> the document submitted by the Secretary-General on this Agenda item,

- 1. Thank the Secretariat for advance information;
- Note with interest that as in the past years, roundtables on subjects of contemporary interest will be held during the General Assembly;
- 3. <u>Express satisfaction</u> at the arrangements for the General Assembly; and
- 4. <u>Call upon</u> the Members to attend the eleventh session of the General Assembly in full strength.

CSA/CAP/DEC/10(XI)

## OTHER MATTERS Agenda item 10

The Commissions,

- 1. Express their deep gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for hosting the first Asian Tourism Conference and the eleventh joint meeting of the two Commissions and for making excellent arrangements for these events; and
- 2. Place on record their sincere thanks to Mr. Khalid bin Haji Ismail, Secretary-General, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism of Malaysia who presided over the eleventh joint meeting with distinction and grace and who is scheduled to retire from the Malaysian Civil Service in July 1995.

## CSA/CAP/DEC/11(XI)

## DATE AND PLACE OF THE TWELFTH JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS Agenda item 11

The Commissions,

Noting that as per the established procedure, it is the turn of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific to host the next joint meeting of the two Commissions,

<u>Accept with gratitude</u> the offer of Japan to host the twelfth joint meeting in its territory in conjunction with the next meeting of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific.

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