WTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

AND

WTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA

DECISIONS TAKEN AT THEIR SIXTH JOINT MEETING

Macau, 15 November 1985
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Sixth Joint Meeting
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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Communication of the Chairman and Co-Chairman
3. Communication of the Secretary-General
4. Consideration of the final report and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Seminar on "Role of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Economic Development through Movements of Persons, Travel and Tourism"
5. Exchange of tourism information and documentation between Members of the two Commissions
6. Exchange of tourism personnel on study tours/training between Members of the two Commissions
7. Place and date of seventh meeting
8. Any other business
The Commissions,

Adopt the agenda of their sixth joint meeting as contained in document CAP/CSA/6/Prov.Ag. submitted by the Secretary-General with the inclusion of an additional item "Any other Business".

The Commissions,

Having heard the Communications of the Chairman and the Co-Chairman;

Take note of the Communications, for which they thank them;

Appreciate the valuable services rendered to the Organization by the outgoing Secretary-General, Mr. Robert C. Lonati;

Congratulate Dr. Willibald Pahr on his unanimous election as the new Secretary-General;

Urge the Member States to use their good offices in persuading the non-Member States in Asia and the Pacific region to join the Organization.

The Commissions,

Having heard the Communication of the Secretary-General as presented by the Deputy Secretary-General;

Take note of the activities of the Secretariat and the Organization, as well as the important resolutions taken by the General Assembly at its sixth session;
Appreciate the initiatives taken by the Secretary-General for negotiations with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of activities and consequent waste of scarce human and financial resources;

Request the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards concluding a working arrangement for coordination and cooperation with ESCAP, as he has done with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;

Recognize the valuable roles played by the Organization's operational and technical cooperation activities in the development of travel and tourism in the region;

Urge the Member States to give a higher priority to tourism when seeking development assistance;

Appreciate the contributions made so far by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in funding technical cooperation projects;

Request the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of finding also other sources of funding technical cooperation activities.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/4 (VI)

CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "ROLE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MOVEMENTS OF PERSONS, TRAVEL AND TOURISM"

Agenda item 4

(Document CAP/CSA/6/4)

The Commissions,

Having examined the final report of the Seminar on "Role of small and medium-sized enterprises in economic development through movements of persons, travel and tourism" held from 11 to 13 November 1985;

Recognize that small and medium-sized enterprises would seem to provide the most realistic means to establish a network of facilities and services best suited to meet the varied requirements of travellers;

Confirm the important role of Governments in creating a favourable climate for the operation of small and medium-sized travel enterprises as well as in adopting appropriate measures to maximize their potential;
Consider with satisfaction the conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Seminar, which set forth operational and practical guidelines to enable small and medium-sized travel enterprises to play their full role in economic development;

Adopt the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar, as revised;

Request the Member States to take appropriate action to implement the recommendations of the Seminar.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/5 (VI)

EXCHANGE OF TOURISM INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Agenda item 5

The Commissions,

Recalling the decisions at previous joint meetings for the exchange of tourism information and documentation between Members of the two Commissions;

Recognize the importance of such exchange on a regular basis, as one of the means of promoting regional cooperation and understanding;

Request the Members to continue the exchange of tourism information and documentation, particularly annual reports, among themselves.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/6 (VI)

EXCHANGE OF TOURISM PERSONNEL ON STUDY TOURS/ TRAINING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE TWO COMMISSIONS

Agenda item 6

(Document CAP/CSA/6/6)

The Commissions,

Recalling the decisions at previous joint meetings for the exchange of tourism personnel on study tours/training between Members of the two Commissions;

Take note of the progress report on the implementation of the decision taken at the fifth joint meeting regarding the various offers by countries in the two regions for exchange of tourism personnel on a bilateral basis;
Express the wish that such exchanges take place in 1986;

Appreciate the interest shown by Australia in the field of training through its inclusion in the country's aid programme for developing countries;

Request the Member States to keep the Secretary-General informed on the developments of the exchange programmes undertaken by them.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/7 (VI)

PLACE AND DATE OF SEVENTH MEETING

Agenda item 7

The Commissions,

Decide to hold their seventh joint meeting preceded by a technical meeting during March/April 1987;

Accept with appreciation the offer from the delegation of Nepal to host the above-mentioned meetings;

Entrust the Secretary-General with deciding on the dates of the meetings in consultation with the host country and informing the Members accordingly.

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CAP/CSA/DEC/8 (VI)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda item 8

The Commissions,

Having heard the proposal of Australia to discuss under this agenda item the following matters:

a) WTO's representation in the region,
b) WTO's status in the region with regard to its membership,
c) WTO's relations with other international/regional organizations, in particular ESCAP,
d) Development of a regional strategy as theme of the regional seminar in 1987;

Take note that clarification on the first three issues mentioned above had been made by the Deputy Secretary-General under agenda item 3;

Request the Members to suggest possible themes to the Secretary-General for the regional seminar in 1987.
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SIXTH JOINT MEETING

Macau, 15 November 1985

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