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WTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA AT ITS
EIGHTH JOINT MEETING

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DECISIONS

The Eighth Joint Meeting of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the WTO Commission for South Asia was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 28 September 1991 with Pakistan as Chairman and Indonesia as Vice-Chairman.

The Commissions, adopted the agenda as presented by the Secretary-General and, after having considered the background paper presented by the Secretariat, and having heard the views of the Members, took the following decisions:

I. With regard to the activities common to the two regions which may be carried out within the Organization's general programme of work for 1992-1993

1. Note that these activities will provide an excellent opportunity to the Members to inter-act with each other on technical views and benefit from the exchange of experiences and information; and
2. Urge the Secretariat to prepare a timebound Action Programme and submit it to the next joint meeting of the two Commissions for consideration and appropriate action.

II. With regard to the application of the resolutions of the Ottawa International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics

1. Appreciate the effort of the Secretariat in organising the Conference;
2. Request the Secretariat to forward the resolutions of the Conference to all the Members as early as possible;
3. Recommend that the Secretariat should coordinate with other organizations like PATA and WTTC so as to ensure uniformity in various definitions relating to tourist statistics;
4. Welcome the proposal to hold a workshop to consider implementation of the resolution of the Conference; and
5. Accept with gratitude the offer of Indonesia to host such a workshop.

III. With regard to the progress of the Tourism Financing Study being conducted by WTO and the Asian Development Bank

1. Appreciate the decision of the Organization to conduct the Study in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank;
2. Hope that the study, when completed, will assist the Members in rationalizing their financing policies and strategies; and
3. Urge the Secretariat to circulate the copies of the Study to the Members when completed.

IV. With regard to the possible coordination of South Asia Tourism Year 1993 and East Asia and Pacific Tourism Year 1994

1. Welcome the idea of coordination of some activities, particularly promotion of inter-regional tourism, within the framework of South Asia Tourism Year 1993 and East Asia and Pacific Tourism Year 1994;
2. Urge the Members to explore the possibilities of entering into bilateral agreements for promotion of inter-regional tourism;
3. Feel that both Steering Committees can learn and draw lessons from each other and also benefit from the experiences of individual countries, particularly India, Indonesia and Malaysia; and
4. Request the Secretariat to identify the common factors in the programmes of both the Steering Committees and submit specific proposals at the next joint meeting of the two Commissions.

V. Place and date of the ninth joint meeting of the two Commissions

The Commissions,
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