Agenda item 9
World Tourism Day: themes and host countries for 2020 and 2021 to be proposed to the General Assembly

Executive summary

Upon recommendation of the Regional Commission for the Americas, the Executive Council is requested to propose Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) as the host for the official celebration of World Tourism Day 2020 to the 23rd session of the General Assembly.

The recommendation of a host country for World Tourism Day 2021 will be made by the Regional Commission for Africa scheduled on 10 September 2019 in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, and the nomination will be proposed to the next General Assembly (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-13 September 2019).

Action by the Executive Council

The Executive Council

1. Proposes to the 23rd session of the General Assembly Mercosur as the host of the official celebrations for the World Tourism Day in 2020, upon recommendation of the Regional Commission for the Americas; and

2. Invites the Regional Commission for Africa (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 10 September 2019) to recommend to the 23rd session of the General Assembly a host for World Tourism Day 2021.
I. World Tourism Day host countries for 2020 and 2021

1. By resolution 470(XV), the General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the Executive Council and decided that the following geographic order would apply to World Tourism Day celebrations beginning in 2006: Europe; South Asia; Americas; Africa, East Asia and the Pacific and Middle East.

2. By resolution A/RES/703(XXII), the General Assembly designated Hungary and India, as host countries of World Tourism Day (WTD) in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

3. In this regard, the Executive Council, upon recommendation of the Regional Commission for the Americas (La Antigua, Guatemala, 16 May 2019) is requested to propose Mercosur as the host for the official celebration of WTD 2020 to the 23rd session of the General Assembly.

4. The recommendation of a host country for the World Tourism Day in 2021 will be taken by the Regional Commission for Africa at its meeting scheduled on 10 September 2019 in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, and the nomination will be proposed to the next General Assembly (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-13 September 2019).

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