DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS AT ITS FIFTIETH MEETING

Astana, Kazakhstan, 2 October 2009

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of the Chairman and of the two Vice-Chairmen of the Commission for the period 2009-2011
3. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
   ✓ two candidates to the Executive Council (2009-2013)
   ✓ two candidates (one member and one alternate) to the Programme Committee (2009-2013)
   ✓ one candidate to the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership (2009-2011)
4. Nomination of candidates of the Commission to the various offices of the 18th General Assembly:
   ✓ two Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
   ✓ two Members of the Credentials Committee
5. Other matters
6. Place and date of the fifty-first meeting of the Commission
DECEPTIONS

CAM/DEC/1(L)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CAM/44/ODP)

The Commission

Adopts the agenda of its fiftieth meeting as it appears in page 2 of this document.

CAM/DEC/2(L)

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Commission,

1. Elects **Venezuela** as its Chairman for a two-year term (2009-2011);

2. Also decides to elect **Paraguay** and **Ecuador** as the Commission’s Vice-Chairmen for a two-year term (2009-2011); and

3. Expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing Chairman, **Colombia**, and the outgoing Vice-Chairmen, **Jamaica** and **El Salvador**, for the efficient and valuable work carried out during their term of office.
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS:

Agenda item 3 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the representation of the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies,

1. Decides to nominate to the Executive Council Argentina and Colombia for the period 2009-2013 and Costa Rica and Jamaica for the periods 2009-2011 and 2011-2013, respectively, to occupy the floating seat;

2. Thanks the four candidates to the aforementioned posts for the consensus reached, permitting all of them to sit on the Executive Council;

3. Decides to nominate to the Programme Committee Mr. Hermes Navarro of Costa Rica as member and Ms. Fernanda Maciel of Brazil as alternate for the period 2009-2013; and

4. Further decides to nominate Brazil as its representative in the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2009-2011.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 4 (document A/18/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the nomination by the Commission of candidates for the various General Assembly offices,

Decides to nominate the following States as its candidates for the offices listed below:

(a) Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Jamaica Venezuela

(b) Credentials Committee: Brazil Venezuela
The Secretary-General a.i. discussed the subjects that will be dealt with by the Organization in the short term: the global economic crisis, environmental protection and the green economy, and influenza A(H1N1).

As for the effects of the crisis, the Secretary-General a.i. pointed out that long-haul destinations were the most affected due, first of all, to the rise in oil prices, the impact on commercial aviation and finally the suspension of flights due to lower demand, which had an impact on all the destinations and led to a gradual decline in the number of arrivals. He also called upon the countries to take greater care in the handling of the issue of pandemics and invited them to contact the corresponding department to obtain more detailed indications in this regard.

He explained the changes he intends to carry out in the Organization upon confirmation by the Executive Council and the General Assembly of his appointment as Secretary-General for the period 2010-2013. He pointed out that the economic situation of the Organization is sound.

The Director of Programme and Coordination reported on the inclusion of the subject of "Sustainable Tourism" in the agenda of the United Nations Environment Programme, and urged the Member States to make their opinions heard regarding the objectives of the document "Stand Up Against Poverty" to which only Uruguay had responded to date.

At the proposal of the delegate of Costa Rica, the Commission adopted the following decision:

The Commission,

Recalling that tourism is an economic and social activity that contributes to the growth and development of economies, to environmental conservation, and to poverty reduction,

Considering also that tourism represents a vital force for peace and a factor of friendship and understanding among peoples, thanks to the direct, spontaneous and non-mediated contact it allows among men and women of different cultures and lifestyles,

Bearing in mind that tourism has experienced continued growth and diversification, becoming one of the key sectors in the world economy and a main source of income for developing countries, and

Acknowledging that the importance of tourism in the world economy requires specific and integrated policy frameworks from governments,

Calls upon UNWTO Member States to consider tourism as a specific and integral national public policy receiving the highest hierarchy in the senior government structure.
The Commission,

Having taken note of the generous invitation extended by the delegation of Venezuela to host the next meeting of the Commission in its country,

1. Decides to hold its fifty-first meeting in that country in the spring of 2010; and

2. Thanks the Government of Kazakhstan for all the attention accorded to the delegates.
REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION IN THE
VARIOUS UNWTO ORGANS

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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

1. ARGENTINA (Chairman) 2007-2011
2. COLOMBIA 2007-2011

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM COMMITTEE

1. COSTA RICA 2007-2011
2. BAHAMAS 2007-2011
3. ARUBA (Associate Member) 2007-2011

COMMITTEE ON MARKET AND COMPETITIVENESS

1. JAMAICA 2007-2011
2. PARAGUAY 2007-2011

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNT

BRAZIL (Chairman) (ex officio member)
CANADA (ex officio member)
1. BAHAMAS 2007-2011
2. MEXICO 2007-2011

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

BRAZIL 2009-2011
I. PRESIDENTE DE LA COMISIÓN / CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

COLOMBIA

Jefe de delegación  Sr. Óscar RUEDA  
Viceministro de Turismo  
Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y Turismo

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Ministry of Tourism of Jamaica

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Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales
Ministerio de Turismo

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Jefe del Sector Económico
Embajada de Brasil en España

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Servicio Nacional de Turismo - SERNATUR

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COSTA RICA

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Asesor del Ministro de Turismo
Instituto Costarricense de Turismo

ECUADOR

Jefe de delegación
Ec. Jorge PROAÑO
Subsecretario de Planificación
Ministerio de Turismo

HONDURAS

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Ministry of Tourism

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Ministry of Tourism

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Secretaría Nacional de Turismo (SENATUR)

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