DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION FOR
THE AMERICAS AT ITS ELEVENTH MEETING

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CAM/DEC/1(XI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CAM/11/adj.prov.)

The Commission,
Adopts the agenda of its eleventh meeting without any amendment or changes in the order of items.

CAM/DEC/2(XI)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN
Agenda item 2 (document CAM/11/2)

The Commission,
Having heard the communication of its Chairman,
1. Takes due account of the lessons to be drawn therefrom; and
2. Thanks him for it.

CAM/DEC/3(XI)

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
Agenda item 3 (document CAM/11/3)

The Commission,
Having before it the communication of the Secretary-General concerning the Organization's activities since the tenth meeting held at Kingston, Jamaica, in June 1982, and
Having heard the additional information and clarifications provided by the Secretary-General orally,
1. Takes note of the information contained in the said communication; and
2. Thanks him for it.
COMMUNICATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION
IN THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Agenda item 4 (document CAM/11/4)

The Commission,

Having taken note of the information submitted by the Secretariat-General concerning the representation of the Commission in the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs; and

Having heard the report of the delegate of Brazil on the twentieth session of the Executive Council,

1. Thanks him for the information provided, which gives Members of the Commission a direct account of the work carried out by the Executive Council on financial matters, the general programme of work, as well as on the Secretariat-General's new initiatives, and the preparation of the General Assembly's fifth session, thereby enabling Members to acquire a better knowledge of the Organization's role in the international system of multilateral cooperation;

2. Invites its Members to send to the Secretary-General, in due time, their replies to the questionnaires on customs facilities and allowances and on national facilitation committees;

3. Recommends to its representatives on the Facilitation Committee to contribute to the implementation of the facilitation programme for 1982-1983;

4. Notes that the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance have taken due account of the concerns expressed in each Committee by the Commission's representatives; and

5. Invites its representatives in the various organs of the Organization to assume this function and duly to inform the Commission on the activities of these organs in writing, should they be unable to do so personally in oral statements.

REVIEW OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS

Agenda item 5 (document CAM/11/5)

The Commission,

Having taken note with interest of the information contained in the monograph outlining tourism trends in the Americas region,
1. Notes with satisfaction that the above-mentioned monograph provides a realistic account of tourism development in the various countries of the Americas region;

2. Expresses its appreciation of this document;

3. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing the publication of this annual monograph and with ensuring that it is included in the agenda of future meetings of the Commission; and

4. Invites its Members to provide regularly, and to the best of their ability, the information requested by the Secretariat and to forward to the latter the annual reports of their national tourism administrations and any other appropriate documentation concerning their activities, so that the Secretariat may include more complete quantitative and qualitative information in future monographs.

CAM/DEC/6(XI)
REPORT ON WTO'S OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAS REGION
Agenda item 6 (document CAM/11/6)

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of the information report on WTO's operational activities in the Americas region,

Takes note of the execution of the programme of operational activities for 1982-1983, so far as both technical meetings and sectoral support missions are concerned.

CAM/DEC/7(XI)
INFORMATION REPORT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS IN THE AMERICAS REGION
Agenda item 7 (document CAM/11/7)

The Commission,

Having before it an information report by the Secretary-General on technical cooperation projects in the Americas region,

1. Takes note of the austerity measures which are currently being imposed on UNDP, as a result of a reduction in cooperation funds provided by voluntary contributions;

2. Invites the States to grant reasonable priority to tourism activities when drawing up their UNDP-assisted technical cooperation programmes;
3. Further invites the States in this connection to take cognizance of document SG/098 prepared by the Secretary-General and relating to procedures to be followed for obtaining technical assistance from WTO under the UNDP programme; and

4. Requests the Secretary-General, supported by all the necessary documentation, to use his influence with the UNDP Administrator and Resident Representatives in the various countries of the Americas so that greater priority may be given to technical cooperation projects for tourism and that larger funds than those presently available may be obtained for sectoral support missions.

CAM/DEC/8(XI)


Agenda item 8 (document CAM/11/8)

The Commission,

Having taken note of the document concerning the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Guidelines for the collection and presentation of tourism statistics,

Invites Member States, so far as possible, to implement these recommendations with a view to achieving a standardization and comparability of tourism statistics.

CAM/DEC/9(XI)


Agenda item 9 (document CAM/11/9)

The Commission,

Having examined the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the Development of Domestic and Intraregional Tourism in the region of the Americas, held at San Jose, Costa Rica, in March 1983,

1. Adopts the recommendations of this Seminar; and

2. Invites its Member States, within the context of their tourism policy, to take appropriate follow-up action on these recommendations.

Agenda item 10 (document CAM/11/10)

The Commission,

Having examined the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the Economic Impact of Tourism in the region of the Americas held prior to the present meeting of the Commission,

1. Adopts the recommendations of this Seminar;
2. Invites its Member States, within the context of their tourism policy, to take appropriate follow-up action on these recommendations; and
3. Requests the Secretary-General to send this document to Member States through their Ministries of Foreign Affairs, where appropriate, in addition to the usual official addresses.

INFORMATION REPORT ON THE WORLD TOURISM MEETING

Agenda item 11 (document CAM/11/11)

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of the information report concerning the results of the World Tourism Meeting held at Acapulco, Mexico in August 1982,

1. Takes note with interest of the results obtained; and
2. Invites the Members of the Americas region, where applicable, to take the appropriate follow-up action called for in the final document of this World Meeting.

INFORMATION REPORT ON WTO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF FACILITATION

Agenda item 12 (document CAM/11/12)

The Commission,

Having had before it the information report on the Organization's activities in the field of facilitation,
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1. Takes note with interest of the work carried out by the Facilitation Committee concerning passports and visas and the future programme of work regarding customs allowances; and

2. Congratulates the Facilitation Committee on the work done with a view to liberalizing, easing and standardizing existing travel formalities throughout the world.

CAM/DEC/13(XI)

INFORMATION REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD TOURISM DAY

Agenda item 13 (document CAM/11/13)

The Commission,

Having taken cognizance of the information report on the celebration of World Tourism Day on 27 September of each year,

1. Is pleased that this celebration receives increasing support each year, from both the public and private sectors of tourism;

2. Considers that the addresses delivered by Heads of State, religious and political authorities and the mass media on the occasion of the celebration constitute valuable support and encouragement to pursue this initiative;

3. Appeals to all the States of the Americas region to ensure that on the occasion of World Tourism Day 1983 attention is focused on highlighting the values of tourism and increasing the awareness of all spheres of the public of the value of holidays and travel;

4. Requests its Member States to inform the Secretary-General, in due course, of the measures taken to encourage those concerned to celebrate World Tourism Day; and

5. Takes note with interest of the proposal of the Delegate of Chile, seconded by the Delegates of Ecuador and developed by the Delegate of Jamaica, concerning the awarding of prizes, of symbolic value, by WTO to the best tourism document, which may be an article, photograph, drawing, film or poster.

CAM/DEC/14(XI)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF A WORLD REDISCOVERY YEAR TO MARK THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE AMERICAS

Agenda item 14 (document CAM/11/14)

The Commission,
Having taken note of the Secretary-General's report on the initiatives to be taken by the Organization for the celebration of the fifth Centenary of the Discovery of the Americas, as well as the additional comments provided by him,

1. Expresses its interest in assuming a prominent role in the initiatives to be taken with a view to drawing up the plans for the world of tourism to commemorate the fifth Century of the Discovery of the Americas;

2. Decides to set up a working party to make an initial analysis and outline general guiding principles for the establishment of the aforementioned plans;

3. Designates Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina and the Dominican Republic as Members of the Working Party; and

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take, in due course, the necessary measures for the implementation of this decision.

CAM/DEC/15(XI)

QUESTIONS OF PARTICULAR OR COMMON INTEREST TO TOURISM ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS: OPEN CONSULTATION

Agenda item 15

The Commission,

Having heard with attention the statement of the delegate of Panama on the problems of tourism transport existing in her country,

Invites its Members, in a spirit of solidarity, to share with Panama the experience they have acquired in similar cases, with a view to enabling this country to identify appropriate solutions to this problem.

CAM/DEC/16(XI)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 16

The Commission,

Decides to hold its twelfth meeting in the framework of the fifth session of the General Assembly (New Delhi, India, 3-14 October 1983); and,

Receives, with gratitude, the invitations of the delegates of Chile and the Dominican Republic to host future meetings.
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