DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION
FOR THE AMERICAS AT ITS
FORTY-FOURTH MEETING

Dakar, Senegal, 26 November 2005

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   - three candidates to the Executive Council
   - one candidate and one alternate to the 2007 Programme Committee
   - one candidate to the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

4. Nomination of candidates of the Commission to the various General Assembly offices:
   - two Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
   - two Members of the Credentials Committee
   - one Officer of the Assembly Committee of the Whole

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DECISIONS

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CAM/44/ODP)

The Commission

Adopts the agenda of its forty-fourth meeting, as contained in page 2 of this document, with the inclusion of item 7 "Other matters" in place of the original item 7, which becomes item 8.

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ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2 (document A/16/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 Brazil as its Chairman for a two-year term (2005-2007);

2. Also decides to elect the Dominican Republic and Jamaica as the Commission's Vice-Chairmen for a two-year term (2005-2007); and

3. Expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing Chairman, Costa Rica, and the outgoing Vice-Chairmen, Haiti and Panama, for the efficient and valuable work carried out during their terms of office.
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS:

Agenda item 3 (document A/16/Com.Reg.)

The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the nomination by the Commission of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies,

1. Decides to nominate Argentina and Costa Rica for the period 2005-2009, and Ecuador and the Dominican Republic for the periods 2005-2007 and 2007-2009, respectively, for the third seat, for a term of two years each.

2. Decides to nominate the candidates listed below to serve on the following bodies for the period 2005-2007:

   Programme Committee
   Mr. Alejandro Varela
   Argentina (Member)

   Mr. Santiago Apunte
   Ecuador (Alternate)


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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE VARIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Agenda item 4 (document A/16/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 countries as its candidates for the offices listed below:

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

(b) Credentials Committee:
    Bahamas
    Uruguay

(c) Officer of the Assembly’s Committee of the Whole:
    Argentina
The Commission,

Having considered the background document submitted by the Secretary-General on the election for the seat on the Board of Governors of the ST-EP Foundation,

Decides to elect Ecuador to a two-year term (2005-2007) on the Board of Governors of the ST-EP Foundation.

1. Decides to request the updating of the registry of consultants in relation to the Americas region;

2. Decides to prioritize the hiring of consultants from the region on the grounds that they possess, in principle, greater sensitivity to local, regional and national issues in the Americas; and

3. Decides to request the Technical Cooperation Service to send to each of the countries the list of national consultants registered with the WTO at this time.

The delegation of Mexico expressed gratitude for the solidarity shown by the member countries on the occasion of the damage suffered in Cancun, the Mayan Riviera and Cozumel due to Hurricane Wilma, and announced the rapid recovery of these important tourism destinations.
The delegation of Mexico invited the member countries to send delegations to the Forum on Fair Tourism of Chiapas, to be held on 23-27 March in Tuxtla Gutiérrez (Chiapas).

The delegation of Brazil announced the holding of the Third World Tourism Forum for Peace and Sustainable Development, during the first week of December in Porto Alegre. It also announced the holding of the assembly of the Board of Governors of the IDB in Belo Horizonte, on 3-5 April 2006, and the holding of a panel on tourism.

Lastly, the Chairman addressed the Commission to request the ratification of the support already granted at the CAM meeting in Santiago, Chile, for the candidature of the city of Cartagena de Indias (Colombia), to host the next General Assembly, which was unanimously approved. The Chairman and the Regional Representative were entrusted with notifying the authorities of the Assembly of this decision.

Furthermore, the member countries were requested to support the candidature of Cartagena de Indias, through individual actions during the Dakar Assembly, in mutual agreement with the Colombian delegation.

The Vice-Minister of Colombia warmly thanked the countries of the Commission, the Chairman, and the Regional Representative for all the efforts made thus far to support the Colombian candidature and expressed how important it was to Colombia that Cartagena be chosen to host the next General Assembly.

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PLACE AND DATE OF THE FORTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Having taken note of the generous offer of the delegation of Uruguay to host the next meeting of the Commission in its country, as expressed in the previous meeting of the Commission held in Santiago, Chile, in May 2005,

1. Decides to hold its forty-fifth meeting in that country in the spring of 2006; and

2. Expresses it desire that the subject of the seminar that will precede this meeting be "Municipalization of Tourism and Local Development".

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# Representation of the Commission in the Various WTO Organs

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* Peru shared its term of office with Brazil (2003-2005)
* Canada shared its term of office with Mexico (2003-2005)
* Floating seat
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

ARGENTINA (Chairman) 2007
1. MEXICO 2007
2. BRAZIL 2007

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM COMMITTEE

1. HAITI 2005-2007
   (term of office shared with Canada 2003-2005)
2. COSTA RICA 2005-2007
   (term of office shared with Panama 2003-2005)

QUALITY SUPPORT AND TRADE COMMITTEE

1. BRAZIL 2005-2007
   (term of office shared with Canada 2003-2005)
2. CUBA 2005-2007
   (term of office shared with Panama 2003-2005)

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TOURISM

CANADA (ex-officio member) 2007
1. ECUADOR 2007
2. MEXICO 2007

COMMITTEE ON MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND PROMOTION

1. COLOMBIA 2007
2. MEXICO 2007
   BRAZIL (Observer) 2007

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

CANADA 2007

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ST-EP FOUNDATION

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