المجلس التنفيذي
الدورة التاسعة والتسعون
سرمرد، أوزبكستان، 4-11 تشرين الأول/أكتوبر 2014
البند 8 من جدول الأعمال المؤقت

الرجل: اقتراح حكومة جمهورية أذربيجان:
"منع الترويج لمناطق الصراعات كمقاصد سياحية واستعمال السياحة لأغراض غير مشروعة"

1. نزولاً عند طلب حكومة أذربيجان ووفقًا للمادة 4(2) ج من النظام الداخلي للمجلس التنفيذي، يرفع الأمين العام إلى الدورة التاسعة والتسعون للمجلس التنفيذي بناءً على الأعمال المقترح أعلاه، مرافقًا بالنص المستلم من وزارة الثقافة والسياحة في أذربيجان في 14 أغسطس 2014.

2. تطلب حكومة جمهورية أذربيجان من المجلس التنفيذي أن يتخذ الخطوات التالية:

أ. يطلب من الأمين العام إدراج مشروع القرار المقترح من قبل حكومة جمهورية أذربيجان على جدول أعمال الدورة الحادية والعشرين للجمعية العامة لمنظمة السياحة العالمية التي ستعقد في كولومبيا في 2015، بالإضافة إلى المادة 5(1) ط من النظام الداخلي للجمعية العامة.

ب. ويناقش مشروع القرار المقترح من قبل حكومة جمهورية أذربيجان ويرفع الاقتراح إلى الجمعية العامة، بالإضافة إلى المادة 2(ج) من النظام الداخلي للمجلس التنفيذي، بشأن قبول القرار خلال الدورة الحادية والعشرين للجمعية العامة لمنظمة السياحة العالمية التي ستعقد في كولومبيا في 2015.
The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions A/RES/406(XIII) of 1 October 1999 and A/RES/438(XIV) of 29 September 2001,

Recalling also the United Nations General Assembly resolutions 56/212 of 21 December 2001, 60/190 of 22 December 2005 and 65/148 of 20 December 2010,

Reaffirming that UNWTO and its Member States are guided in their activities by the Charter of the United Nations and the norms and principles of international law,

Reaffirming also the fundamental aim of UNWTO to promote and develop tourism with a view to contributing to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling the commitment of the Member States to respect, observe and disseminate the principles, values, standards and policies of UNWTO,

Acknowledging that tourism is one of the fastest growing economic sectors and that it can make significant contribution to sustainable development as emphasized in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”,

Noting the important linkage between sustainable tourism and the safeguarding of the natural and cultural heritage and welcoming in this regard the Memorandum of Understanding between UNWTO and UNESCO, signed in 2013, in which both Organizations pledged to join efforts to address these issues,

Reaffirming the importance of promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace and underscoring the role of tourism as a vehicle for inter-cultural dialogue and cross-cultural understanding as mentioned in the International Cultural Tourism Charter adopted by ICOMOS at the 12th General Assembly in 1999,

Emphasizing, in particular, tourism’s role in fostering international cooperation and, in this regard, recalling that tourism activities should be conducted in full respect for the laws, practices and customs of the host countries as stipulated in the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism and in conformity with the norms and principles of international law,

1 A/RES/65/138.
2 A/RES/406(XII).
Emphasizing also the need to minimize the potentially negative impact that tourism may have on the environment, cultural heritage and societies across the globe as emphasized in the Private Sector Commitment to the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, formulated by UNWTO in 2011 and, Reaffirming in this regard the obligation of the Member States to respect and observe the principles contained in the Code of Ethics,

Underlining that armed conflicts have destructive effects on tourism and that peace and security are essential preconditions for travel and tourism as stipulated in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 10 October 1980 and the Amman Declaration on Peace through Tourism of 11 November 2000, and in this regard, underscores the urgency of resolution of the existing armed conflicts worldwide in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and norms and principles of international law that will contribute to revival of peaceful destinations,

Expressing deep concern with the instances of promotion of hazardous destinations, including conflict zones and organisation of tours to the territories that are not under government control due to the ongoing conflict and military occupation, which violate international humanitarian law, national laws of the affected countries and endanger safety, security and health of the tourists,

Recalling, in this regard, Article 8 of the Code of Ethics, in accordance with which, tourists and visitors should benefit from the liberty to move within their countries and from one State to another in compliance with international law and national legislation,

Reminding the Governments of their obligation to inform their nationals of the difficult circumstances that they may encounter during their travel abroad to specific destinations due to ongoing crisis or conflict and, in this regard, recalling the Declaration on the Facilitation of Tourist Travel, in accordance with which Member States should take measures to restrict tourist travel, if this is indispensable to maintain security, safety, health and public order,

Noting with alarm that promoting conflict zones and territories that are uncontrolled by legitimate governments as tourist destinations creates breeding ground for exploiting tourism by the armed separatists, organized crime networks, terrorists and other illegal armed groups for malicious purposes, including money laundering, human trafficking, the counterfeiting, that generate illicit financial and material resources and help sustain armed conflicts,

Recognizing the devastating impact of such conflicts accompanied by illegal economic activities, including tourism on the peace and security and noting the negative impact of these conflicts on regional stability and, in this regard, recalling the obligations placed upon States by the Charter of the United Nations regarding the maintenance of international peace and security,

Expressing deep concern with politicization of tourism and using it as a means to propagate separatist regimes and misappropriation and misrepresentation of the cultural and natural heritage at international tourism fairs and other tourist events for political ends that

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2 A/36/236, annex, appendix I.
3 A/55/640, annex.
4 A/RES/578(XVIII).
contravenes to the fundamental aims of tourism as defined by the Statute of the UNWTO and
the Code of Ethics, and runs contrary to the efforts of the international community to protect
and preserve cultural heritage and cultural property.\textsuperscript{6}

1. \textbf{Calls upon} the World Committee on Tourism Ethics and its permanent secretariat to
continue to promote and disseminate the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;

2. \textbf{Calls also upon} all tourism stakeholders, both Members States, Affiliate Members and
non-Members of UNWTO to implement of the Code of Ethics and model their
conduct on the principles embodied in the Code, towards the realization of responsible
tourism;

3. \textbf{Urges} tourism companies, travel agencies and tour operators to take decisive measures
so that their facilities and networks are not used for negative purposes, including for
human trafficking, child sex trade, illegal economic activities such as money
laundering, misappropriation and misrepresentation of the cultural and natural
heritage, promotion of illegal entities created on the territories of Member States as a
result of the use of force and promotion of tourism to such territories, \textbf{encourages} the
Member States to take effective measures to this end;

4. \textbf{Urges} tourism and travel exhibitions/fairs organizers to avoid and prevent
participations and promotion of illegal entities in their organized events, and
encourages the Member States, non-Member States and Affiliate Members of
UNWTO to take appropriate measures to this end.

5. \textbf{Invites} the Member States and the Affiliate Members to submit the cases of potential
abuse of tourism and/or the matters concerning the general application of ethical
principles in tourism to the World Committee on Tourism Ethics in conformity with
the Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes
concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism as well as the
Guidelines for the Consideration of Disputes;\textsuperscript{7}

6. \textbf{Reaffirms} the obligation of Member States to faithfully observe the generally accepted
norms and principles of international law by taking bold actions that would prevent
any tourist stakeholder, operating on their territories, to engage in activities that
violates the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other Member State;

7. \textbf{Reaffirms} the full validity of the guiding principles for official travel advisories\textsuperscript{8} and
further \textbf{encourages} tourism companies, travel agencies, tour operators and their
umbrella organizations to widely disseminate accurate, up-to-date and honest
information among potential tourists of the characteristics of the countries they wish to
visit, including about the health and security risks associated with the given
destination as well as of the actions that are considered criminal by laws of the country
visited;

on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural
Property
\textsuperscript{7} A/RES/506(XVI).
\textsuperscript{8} A/RES/508(XVI).
8. **Encourages** the Member States and the Affiliate Members to hold specific events on tourism ethics, as recommended by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, with the view to discuss practical measures to address the issues mentioned in this resolution and **requests** the Committee to adopt specific measures with a view to guiding tourism to avoid abuse of tourism;

9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to distribute any notification received from concerned Member-State regarding the situation in its conflict-affected territories among all Member-States, which should accordingly give guidance to their tourist companies and other stakeholders.

10. **Requests** the UNWTO officials, including any member of UNWTO Secretariat, any independent expert associated with UNWTO based on temporary or permanent contract to abstain from visiting any such territory of illegal entity, from organizing and participating in the events with participation of representatives of such illegal entities, from endorsing and implementing any project that could be accepted as the violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its concerned Member State.

11. **Invites** the Member States to disseminate this resolution among all tourism and other related stakeholders in their respective territories using all possible means of communication.

12. **Requests** the Secretary-General to present a report, at its next session, that will contain recommendations on preventing exploitation of tourism for negative purposes;

13. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.