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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC & THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA

AT THEIR THIRTY-FOURTH JOINT MEETING

14 June 2022

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UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA

Thirty-fourth Joint Meeting

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda
- 2. Communication of the Chairperson of the 34th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting (Maldives)
- 3. Communication of the Co-Chairperson of the 34th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting (Malaysia)
- 4. Report of the Secretary-General on UNWTO's Vision, Priorities and Programme of Work for 2022-2023
- 5. UNWTO in Asia and the Pacific
- 6. UNWTO Affiliate Members: Latest Developments, Reforms and Future Outlook
- 7. Policy Discussion: Member States' Updates on Tourism Recovery and Restarting Tourism
- 8. Other Matters
- 9. Place and date of the 35th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific & the UNWTO Commission for South Asia

PREAMBLE

- 1. The thirty-fourth meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia was held in a hybrid format in the Maldives on 14 June 2022. This joint meeting was the first to attract many in-person participants since 2020 when COVID-19 made it necessary to hold virtual and hybrid meetings.
- 2. The meeting was jointly chaired by the Maldives the Chair of the Commission for South Asia and Malaysia the Chair of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific. There were ninety-nine participants representing Bhutan, Cambodia, China (online), Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (online), Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar (online), Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka (online), Timor-Leste and Vietnam. Associate Members from Hong Kong, China (online) and Macao, China (online), other Member States from Gambia, Mauritius and Republic of Guinea; non-members from Singapore; Affiliate members from Australia, India (online), Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Greece and Spain; as well as other international organizations from Fiji, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Thailand, United States and Uruguay were also represented. A list of participants with the names and contact details of all attendees is annexed to this report.
- 3. The Secretary-General warmly welcomed the delegation from Singapore who were joining UNWTO's CAP-CSA Joint meeting for the first time, and invited them to future editions as well as other UNWTO events.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Agenda item 1 (document CAP/CSA/34/Prov.Ag.)

The two commissions,

Adopt the provisional agenda of their 34th Joint Meeting as contained in the document CAP/CSA/34/Prov. The final agenda of the meeting is located on the previous page (i.e. page 2).

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COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE 34TH JOINT MEETING (MADIVES) Agenda item 2 (document CAP/CSA/34/2)

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Chairperson (i.e. Maldives),

- 1. Thank him for his communication.
- 2. <u>Agree</u> with his view that as tourism is a key source of foreign exchange for Asia-Pacific, the impact of the pandemic on its economy has been substantial;
- 3. <u>Concur</u> with his view that restarting tourism is thus imperative because their nations are heavily dependent on it owing to its economic importance;
- 4. <u>Understand</u> that even though the road to recovery is still somewhat bumpy and strewn with many challenges, global and regional coordination will ensure a sustainable, inclusive and resilient tourism sector for the future;
- 5. <u>Commend Maldives for prioritising the safety of tourists and the local community; and epitomising the harmonious co-existence of safety and tourism since July 2020 when it became the first country in Asia-Pacific to open its doors to international tourism with the right safety protocols in place.</u>

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COMMUNICATION OF THE CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE 34TH JOINT MEETING Agenda item 3 (document CAP/CSA/34/3)

The Commissions,

Having heard the communication of the Co-Chairperson (i.e. Malaysia),

- 1. Thank her for her communication;
- Appreciate her evaluation of the meeting as one of historical significance for the region, as more and
 more countries begin to experience a steady rebound with the easing of travel restrictions and border
 reopening while they shift towards an endemic state of COVID-19;
- 3. <u>Join her to congratulate</u> Maldives on its Golden Jubilee celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the development of its tourism industry;
- 4. <u>Join her again to congratulate</u> Maldives on its remarkable tourism recovery which has been a source of inspiration for members of the 2 regions, and contributing to spurring recovery across the region;
- Congratulate Malaysia on being among the highest vaccinated countries in the world; fully reopening
 its borders to international travellers; and harmonising border opening procedures with its immediate
 neighbouring countries to encourage cross-border tourism.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 4 (document CAP/CSA/34/4)

The Commissions.

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General,

- Thank him for providing an overview of the latest tourism trends and outlook and observing how international tourism continued to consolidate its recovery in the first quarter of 2022, with world arrivals nearly tripling in January-March 2022 (+182%) compared to the same period of 2021, registering almost 76 million more international tourists even though arrivals remained 61% below 2019 levels;
- 2. Note that Asia and the Pacific recorded a 64% increase during this first quarter but stood at -93% compared to 2019, as several destinations remained closed to non-essential travel; yet hopeful that this will be only temporary since Asia and the Pacific has a strong tourism sector with the potential to rebound strongly;
- 3. <u>Welcome</u> the positive developments in recent weeks of a significant increase in the ease of travel restrictions in Asia, particularly in South Asia, signalling better prospects for recovery in the region during the remaining months of 2022.
- 4. Notes with satisfaction the fact that the decline in receipts (-62%) was smaller than the drop in arrivals (-71%) due to a strong increase in spending per international trip from an average US\$ 1,000 in 2019 to US\$ 1,400 in 2021; though in Asia and the Pacific, income from international tourism was still 79% below 2019 levels with international tourism receipts down from US\$ 441 billion pre-pandemic to US\$ 97 billion in 2021;
- 5. Agree that the economic environment is a main factor risking the recovery of international tourism; particularly considering the impact of rising inflation and the spike in oil prices which is already translating into higher transport and accommodation costs, and may risk putting consumer purchasing power and savings under pressure;
- 6. Recognise the fact that travel restrictions continue to be a major obstacle to the effective recovery of international tourism, with the Russian offensive in Ukraine adding uncertainty to an already challenging economic and geopolitical environment;
- 7. <u>Commend</u> the Secretariat for its major activities and initiatives including his leadership in the United Nations General Assembly High Level Thematic Debate on "Putting sustainable and resilient tourism at the heart of an inclusive recovery", which included several Ministers of the Asia Pacific Region. This was a historic occasion that saw a tourism event being conducted for the very first time at the UN General Assembly Headquarters in New York;
- 8. <u>Appreciate</u> UNWTO's collaboration with the Indonesian Presidency of the G20 as its Knowledge Partner in the production of the outcome document for the forthcoming G20 Tourism Ministerial

- Meeting in September 2022, entitled *G20 Bali Guidelines for Strengthening Communities and MSME as Tourism Transformation Agents: a People-Centred Recovery*;
- 9. <u>Congratulate</u> the Secretariat on UNWTO's Best Tourism Villages initiative and <u>note</u> with satisfaction that out of the 44 winning destinations announced during the 24th General Assembly at the end of 2021, 10 were from Asia and the Pacific region;
- 10. <u>Appreciate</u> the fact that UNWTO continues to support its members on the ground delivering technical assistance projects.
- 11. <u>Welcome</u> the Organization's collaboration with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Asian Development Bank to mobilize resources for the implementation of these projects in the region.

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UNWTO IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Agenda item 5 (document CAP/CSA/34/5)

The Commissions,

Having heard the report of the Director ad interim of the Regional Department for Asia and the Pacific,

- 1. <u>Thank</u> him and the Secretariat for supporting the members in preparing for the transition and transformation of tourism into a more sustainable and resilient sector in the post-pandemic period through the organization of a series of webinars, online meetings and workshops on tourism recovery-related topics;
- 2. Note that some of the topics focused on include domestic tourism and UNWTO COVID-19 tourism recovery technical assistance package; rural development, community tourism development and basic infrastructure development in tourism; women empowerment and gender equality; sustainable tourism development and destination branding; measuring the sustainability of tourism; as well as capacity-building for sustainable tourism through festivals and events;
- 3. <u>Welcome</u> the soon-to-be launched regional study on Women in Tourism in Asia and the Pacific. This report derives from the 2nd edition of the UNWTO Global Report on Women in Tourism, and is also a sequel to the conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Conference on the Empowerment of Women in Tourism in Asia and the Pacific held in Malaysia in November 2021;
- 4. <u>Commend</u> UNWTO's in-person and virtual presence in regional events such as the following:
 - In person participation:
 - ITOP International Policy Seminar (Jeju, Republic of Korea, 4-5 November 2021);

- ASEAN Tourism Forum 2022, (Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia, 16-22 January 2022);
- WTTC Global Summit (Hybrid, Manila, the Philippines, 20-22 April 2022).

Virtual participation:

- FAO Regional Webinar on Eco/Agri-tourism in the Asia-Pacific region (14 October 2021);
- ICCA (International Congress and Convention Association) Thought Leadership Session: Webinar on the future of business events travel and collaborations: working together to keep our destinations open for business (16 December 2021);
- Pacific Island Tourism Research Symposium (Online, SPTO, 30 November 1 December 2021);
- 2022 Asian Mountain Tourism Promotion Conference (online, Guizhou, China, 22 March 2022);

5. Note the following upcoming and planned events for the rest of the year:

- 16th UNWTO/PATA Forum on Tourism Trends and Outlook (Hybrid, Guilin, China, 18-20 September 2022);
- 5th Tourism EXPO Japan Ministerial Roundtable in collaboration with UNWTO (Tokyo, Japan, 22 September 2022);
- G20 Tourism Ministers Meeting (Bali, Indonesia, 26 September 2022);
- World Tourism Day Celebration (Bali, Indonesia, 27 September 2022);
- UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP 15) (Kunming, China, September 2022);
- World Tourism Conference 2022 (Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 28-30 November 2022);
- 16th UNWTO Asia/Pacific Executive Training Programme on Tourism Policy and Strategy (Republic of Korea, November 2022);
- 7th UNWTO World Forum on Gastronomy Tourism (Nara, Japan, 12-15 December 2022);
- UNWTO Regional Workshop on Measuring Tourism: TSA and MST in South Asia (Nepal, December 2022);
- 14th IFTM-UNWTO Training Programme (Macao, China, December 2022);
- Global Tourism Economy Forum (Online, Macao, China, dates TBC).

<u>Having heard</u> the report of the Chief of UNWTO Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific (RSOAP),

- 1. <u>Thank</u> him for the activities RSOAP has implemented including the Symposium on Promoting Sustainable Destination Management through Tourism in a hybrid format on 8 December 2021 in Tokyo; and the promotion of the Handbook on Evidence-based Sustainable Tourism Management which was published in March 2022, and produced in collaboration with a Japanese Research Institute with the support of Japan Tourism Agency;
- Take note of upcoming projects and publications such as Vietnam Project for Sustainable
 Tourism Destination Management; Sustainable Tourism Product Development Opportunities in
 the Pacific Islands; Webinar on Sustainable Tourism Product Development Opportunities in the
 Pacific Islands; UNWTO Tourism Stories for the Pacific; UNWTO and JICA joint manual on
 Tourism for Sustainable Development Goals: Project Based Indicators for Success; and the 4th
 Future Tourism Leaders Workshop.

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UNWTO AFFILIATE MEMBERS: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, REFORMS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK Agenda item 6 (document CAP/CSA/34/6)

The Commissions,

<u>Having heard</u> the intervention of the member of the Board of the Affiliate Members from JTB Corporation,

- 1. Thank him for the report on the main activities and developments of Affiliate Members in the region and the priorities for the upcoming period;
- 2. <u>Appreciate</u> the continuous efforts of the Affiliate Members Department (AMD) aimed at delivering value to UNWTO's members by attracting and sharing initiatives and projects that can contribute to the overall efforts of the Organization to accelerate the recovery of the sector;
- 3. <u>Commend</u> the work of AMD in modernizing the management of the Affiliate Members' network and improving the available tools and procedures to facilitate the provision of better services to meet the needs and expectations of the Affiliate Members;
- 4. <u>Compliment</u> the excellent outcome of the Reform of the Affiliate Membership Legal Framework, that was approved at the 24th UNWTO General Assembly;
- 5. <u>Welcome</u> a more effective collaboration between members of the Commissions and Asia-Pacific Affiliate Members, in order to create synergies to enhance the expansion of the latter in the region;
- 6. <u>Appreciate</u> Affiliate Members' commitment and readiness for a stronger engagement with UNWTO's main initiatives and projects in priority topics such as sustainability, gastronomy, sports tourism, green tourism, education, innovation and digitalization.

POLICY DISCUSSION: MEMBER STATES' UPDATES ON TOURISM RECOVERY AND RESTARTING TOURISM Agenda item 7

<u>Having heard</u> the introductory policy context of the UNWTO Executive Director and members' updates on their tourism recovery efforts - government policies aimed at the reopening of their borders to international tourism and their accompanying challenges - note the following:

- Some of the policy measures members have implemented to curb the impacts of the pandemic and foster tourism recovery include:
 - High rates of vaccination, travel restrictions and safe protocols according to the evolution of the pandemic including pilot reopening programmes with the support and collaboration of key government bodies and the private sector;
 - COVID-19 Safe Services Certification to tourism businesses at the local and national levels to build the confidence of tourists.
 - Fiscal and monetary support to ensure the survival of tourism-related businesses, jobs and communities;
 - Offer of numerous incentives to boost domestic tourism consumption (e.g. discounted group tours and hotel staycation packages);
 - Investing in green tourism and cultural tourism resulting in the creation of new jobs and business opportunities as well as new tourism products;
 - Promotion of cultural tourism, adventure tourism, medical & wellness tourism and rural tourism;
 - Capacity-building and reskilling of the tourism workforce to prepare them for the post-pandemic period and to transition to the "new normal"; and
 - Ensure the representativeness of tourism within the government COVID-19 policies and measures and enhanced partnerships and public/public cooperation.
- With the high rates of vaccination in the region, an increasing number of members are starting to ease COVID-19 travel restrictions, including:
 - Different degrees of relaxation or lifting of travel restrictions such as the removal of PCR tests before and upon arrival, and guarantine measure;
 - Free visa issuance to attract international tourists; and
 - Pilot schemes to selected destinations or group tours.
- Some challenges encountered in the efforts to restart tourism can be outlined as follows considering that many members indicated that the full recovery of international tourist will still take 2/3 years:
 - Regaining tourists' confidence and trust particularly in the safety of destinations;
 - Ensure residents acceptance of the return of tourism (risk perception);
 - The slow recovery of key international tourism markets which is eroding opportunities to capitalise on the end of year high tourism season;
 - The loss of the tourism workforce during the pandemic bringing about the need to recruit and train new staff which is causing increase in overhead costs;
 - Air connectivity and pricing; and

- Continue to support small business in the recovery phase (repayment of loans during the pandemic).
- Some recommendations for restarting tourism or accelerating tourism recovery and transition, include:
 - enhancing the resilience of the tourism sector particularly of tourism enterprises;
 - application of innovation-driven strategies and accelerating digitalization;
 - developing new products and destinations;
 - placing inclusion and sustainability at the core of tourism development;
 - Invest in education and skills;
 - enhance public/private sector partnerships and whole of government approach; and
 - advancing cooperation at the regional and international level for the sector to emerge stronger and more resilient to future disruptions.

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OTHER MATTERS Agenda item 8

The Commissions,

Having heard the interventions of Indonesia and Malaysia,

- <u>Take note</u> that Indonesia will be hosting the G20 Tourism Ministerial Meeting and World Tourism Day celebrations in September 2022;
- 2. <u>Take further note</u> that Malaysia will be organising the 6th World Tourism Conference in Kota Kinabalu (Sabah Province) in November.

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PLACE AND DATE OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH CAP-CSA JOINT MEETING FOR THE TWO COMMISSIONS Agenda item 9

The Commissions,

- 1. <u>Having</u> heard from the Co-Chair that Cambodia has presented its candidature to host the next Joint meeting and the latter's confirmation,
- 2. Unanimously <u>applaud</u> and <u>thank</u> Cambodia for offering to host the 35th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting in 2023 in Siem Reap.

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