CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA
AT ITS FIFTY-NINTH MEETING

16 June 2023

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   a. One Chair of the Commission
   b. Two Vice-Chairs of the Commission

5. Nomination of the following candidates to represent the region on the subsidiary organs of the Executive Council from 2023-2027:
   a. One candidate to the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC)
   b. One candidate to Committee on Statistics (CS)
   c. One candidate to the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)
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i The term of office of the current members of the Executive Council (i.e. India and Iran) is from 2021 to 2025
ii This candidate should be a member of the Executive Council
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PREAMBLE

The fifty-ninth meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (59th CSA) chaired by Maldives was held back to back with the thirty-fifth joint meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (35th CAP-CSA), the 55th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (55th CAP), the UNWTO International Conference on the Protection of Tourists and the UNWTO Affiliate Members' Roundtable. They were held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from 15-17 June 2023.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Commission,

Having taken note of the Chair’s suggestion that agenda item 6 on the nomination of the host country of World Tourism Day 2025 be deleted, since Malaysia was nominated as the said host during the 35th CAP-CSA Joint meeting because no member from the Commission for South Asia presented its candidature,

1. Agrees with the Chair’s suggestion to delete item 6 on the nomination of the host country of World Tourism Day 2025;

2. Adopts the provisional agenda of its 59th meeting, as submitted by the Secretary-General in document CSA/59/Prov.Agenda. The final agenda of the meeting is located on the previous page (i.e. page 2).

BRIEF INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION (MALDIVES)

Agenda Item 2

The Commission,

1. Thanks the Chair for his brief introductory remarks.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS TO THE 25TH SESSION OF THE UNWTO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda Item 3

The Commission,

1. Nominates Maldives to serve as a Vice-President of the General Assembly (1 seat to be filled);

2. Nominates to the Assembly, Bhutan as its representative for the Credentials Committee (1 seat to be filled).
**NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE PERIOD 2023-2025**

Agenda Item 4

The Commission,

1. Nominates **Maldives** to serve as Chair of the Commission for a third term corresponding to the region of South Asia, for a two-year term (2023-2025), commencing from the 25th session of the General Assembly.

2. Nominates **Sri Lanka and India** to serve as Vice-Chairs of the Commission.

3. Thanks **Bangladesh** and **Iran** for having performed the duties of Vice-Chairs during the period 2021-2023.

**NOMINATION OF FOLLOWING TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FROM 2023-2027**

Agenda Item 5

The Commission,

Having considered the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on the nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary bodies,

Nominates the following countries to represent the region from 2023-2027 as follows:

- **Maldives** as a member of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC);
- **India** as a member of the Committee on Statistics (CS);
- **Sri Lanka** as a member of the Committee for Tourism and Sustainability (CTS);
- **Sri Lanka** as a member of the Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness (CTC);
- **India** as a member of Matters related to Affiliate Members;
- **Maldives** as a member of Task Force on “Redesigning Tourism for the Future”

**OTHER MATTERS**

Agenda Item 6

No issues were discussed under this item.
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3. Iran

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   Vice Minister for Tourism
   Ministry of Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicrafts

4. Maldives

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   Minister
   Ministry of Tourism

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   Director
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