CAP/14/DEC

WTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

DECISIONS TAKEN AT ITS FOURTEENTH MEETING
Manila (Philippines), 25 July 1985
AGENDA

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CAP/DEC/1 (XIV)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CAP/14/Prov. Ag.)

The Commission,
Adopts the agenda of its fourteenth meeting, as contained in document CAP/14/Prov. Ag. submitted by the Secretary-General.

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CAP/DEC/2 (XIV)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN
Agenda item 2

The Commission,
Having heard the Communication of the Chairman,
Takes note of the Communication, for which it thanks him.

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CAP/DEC/3 (XIV)

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
Agenda item 3 (document CAP/14/3)

The Commission,
Having heard the Communication of the Secretary-General as presented by the Deputy Secretary-General, as well as the clarifications provided by him on various matters raised by the Members;
Agrees with his analysis of the present situation of tourism in the world and of the need to view this phenomenon not only as holiday travel but as movements of persons for other motivations and obligations meant to provide a development impetus particularly in developing countries;
Recognizes, in the light of the true meaning of "tourism", the existence of vast potential new markets at intraregional, subregional and national levels and the need to develop small and medium sized enterprises for providing the facilities and services required by these new markets, as well as for creating employment opportunities with comparatively small investments;
Reiterates the importance of taking supportive follow-up action on General Assembly Resolution 123 (V) on the Powers, authority and responsibilities of tourism administrations, 125 (V) on WTO's central and decisive role in the field of tourism, and 124 (V) on Technical cooperation activities of the Organization towards attaining the objectives set out in these resolutions;

Recalls the Executive Council decision CE/DEC/2(a) (XXV) with regard to the continued efforts being made by the Secretary-General to ensure better cooperation with other international organizations and to reach with some agencies of the United Nations system, and especially those dealing with vocational training, consultation and cooperation agreements on an equal basis and provided that there is recognition of the central and decisive role of the Organization as bestowed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 2529 (XXIV);

Welcomes the initiatives taken by the Secretary-General for preliminary consultations with a view to concluding a working arrangement for coordination and cooperation with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), similar to the one concluded with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of activities and consequent waste of scarce human and financial resources;

Invites the Members to facilitate and reinforce, pursuant to their policies and strategies in the field of travel and tourism, the Organization's cooperation relations with the regional and subregional organizations existing in the CAP region, in order to enable WTO to play its role freely and more effectively, while respecting the institutional responsibilities of each partner, as indicated in the aforementioned decision of the Executive Council;

Endorses the various activities of the Secretariat, particularly those in the fields of information, measurement and records, the standard-setting role of the Organization and the mechanism for consultations and negotiations now available and placed at the disposal of the Members.

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CAP/DEC/4 (XIV)

REPORT BY THE COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The Commission,

Having heard the reports of representatives from Japan on the 24th and 25th sessions of the Executive Council, from the Philippines on the 6th meeting of the Technical Committee for
Programme and Coordination, from Australia on the 12th and
13th meetings of the Committee on Budget and Finance, and
from Thailand on the 4th meeting of the Facilitation Committee,
Takes note of the reports, for which it thanks them.

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CAP/DEC/5 (XIV)

REVIEW OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Agenda item 5 (document CAP/14/5)

The Commission,

Having examined the monograph on tourism in East Asia and the
Pacific prepared by the Secretary-General,

Appreciates the comprehensive and valuable information contained
therein;

Requests the Secretary-General to continue its publication
annually;

Calls upon the Members to regularly submit their periodical
reports, studies, comments and other relevant information to the
Secretariat so as to enable the preparation of still better and
more comprehensive Monographs in the future.

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CAP/DEC/6 (XIV)

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Agenda item 6 (document CAP/14/6)

The Commission,

Having examined the report, and the booklet annexed thereto,
on the operational activities carried out in the region by the
WTO Secretariat during the period 1975-1985;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

Appreciates the efforts made by the Secretary-General to make
the presence of the Organization increasingly felt in the region
through more and more operational and sectoral support missions,
at both regional and country levels, and through continuous
briefing and constant contacts maintained with the UNDP Resi-
dent Representatives in the various countries of the region;
Expresses its satisfaction over the significant increase in the operational activities of the Organization, especially the prompt fielding of missions in response to specific needs indicated by the Members, as well as the positive results of the missions;

Requests the Members to continue informing the Secretary-General about their priority needs in the tourism sector requiring assistance through missions;

Invites the Members who are members of the UNDP Governing Council to continue their efforts to help the Organization obtain more funds from the UNDP for sectoral support missions.

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CAP/DEC/7 (XIV)

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Agenda item 7 (document CAP/14/7)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the completed, on-going and pipeline technical cooperation projects in the region, and the procedures for obtaining WTO technical assistance annexed thereto;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

Expresses its satisfaction over the excellent quality of technical assistance being provided by the Organization to the countries of the region, both at regional and country levels;

Urges the Governments to give a higher priority to tourism projects in the allocation of resources obtained from the UNDP;

Requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of finding other multi-lateral or bilateral sources of funding for tourism projects, in view of the financial constraints being faced by UNDP.
CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDIES PREPARED UNDER THE
GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1982-1983 AND SUBMITTED TO THE
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FIFTH SESSION

Agenda item 8 (document CAP/14/8)

The Commission,

Recalling resolution 140(V) of the General Assembly, whereby
certain studies completed under the General Programme of Work
of the Organization for the period 1982-1983 were submitted to
the Commission for further consideration and practical applica-
tion;

Having heard the preliminary report of the Chairman (Philippines)
as Coordinator of the Working Group entrusted with the prepa-
ration of standardized classifications of travel motivations,
socio-economic characteristics of travellers, as well as the
preparation of these classifications, on the basis of a survey
on current practices in six Member countries of the region, in
implementation of the decision taken at its thirteenth meeting
held at Canberra (Australia) in October 1984;

Takes note of the recommendations of the Working Group contained
in the aforementioned preliminary report;

Commends the Chairman and the Members of the Working Group for
the extensive work they have accomplished so far;

Requests Member States who have not already done so to send
their comments on the proposed criteria and draft classifica-
tions of travel motivations and socio-economic characteristics
to the Chairman of the Working Group (Philippines);

Recommends the holding of a meeting of the Working Group, after
these comments have been received, at a convenient time and
with appropriate representation by technical personnel, in
order to finalize the report of the Working Group for submis-
sion to the Commission at its sixteenth meeting.
CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKSHOP ON "ADAPTATION OF EXISTING AND CREATION OF NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEW MARKETS"
Agenda item 9 (document CAP/14/9)

The Commission,

Having examined the final report of the Workshop on "Adaptation of existing and creation of new products and services to meet the requirements of new markets" held at Manila (Philippines) from 22 to 24 July 1985,

Adopts the conclusions and recommendations contained therein.

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CAP/DEC/10 (XIV)

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF FACILITATION
Agenda item 10 (document CAP/14/10)

The Commission,

Having examined the report on the Organization's activities in the field of facilitation and the programme of the Facilitation Committee for 1985, as well as information contained in the document annexed thereto on the International Convention of the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC) on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures;

Takes note of the information contained therein;

Appreciates the work accomplished by the Facilitation Committee so far and its next priority activity concerning formalities and facilities for the temporary admission and circulation of means of transport for private use;

Urges Member States who have not already done so to reply urgently to questionnaire SG/140, SG/141 and SG/155;

Requests Member States who have not already done so to take the appropriate measures towards the ratification of the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures and Annex F3 thereto concerning customs facilities applicable to travellers;
Invites Member States to furnish the Secretary-General all relevant information for the preparation of the preliminary study on facilities and obstacles to the development of movements of persons at international level for non-migratory purposes.

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CAP/DEC/11 (XIV)

COMMUNICATION ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WTO
Agenda item 11 (document CAP/14/11)

The Commission,

Having heard the Communication on the measures already taken and the activities proposed to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Organization coinciding with the 60th anniversary of IUGTO;

Notes with satisfaction the reports submitted by Republic of Korea, Philippines and Thailand on the measures being taken to celebrate this anniversary;

Encourages the Members to continue their efforts for the celebration of this anniversary, on the basis of the guidelines provided by the Secretary-General and to inform the Secretary-General accordingly;

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CAP/DEC/12 (XIV)

REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD TOURISM DAY
Agenda item 12 (document CAP/14/12)

The Commission,

Having heard the report on the celebration of World Tourism Day in 1984 and the suggested guidelines for 1985;

Notes with satisfaction the reports submitted by Australia, Republic of Korea, Macau, Philippines and Thailand on the measures being taken to celebrate World Tourism Day;

Encourages the Members to continue their efforts for the celebration of World Tourism Day - 1985 on the theme "Youth Travel: cultural and historical heritage for peace and friendship";

Invites the Members to submit to the Secretary-General names of deserving personalities for the award of scrolls, in accordance with Executive Council decision 15(XXIII).
CAP/DEC/13 (XIV)

PLACE AND DATE OF FIFTEENTH MEETING

The Commission,

Decides to hold its fifteenth meeting on 17 September 1985 at Sofia (Bulgaria), within the framework of the sixth session of the General Assembly.
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