DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION
FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH MEETING

Osaka, Japan, 25 March 1996

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CAP/DEC/1(XXIX)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CAP/29/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth meeting as contained in document CAP/29/Prov.Ag., submitted by the Secretary-General.

CAP/DEC/2(XXIX)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 2

The Commission,

Having heard the communication of the Chairman,

1. Thanks him for his communication;

2. Appreciates his words of welcome and greetings extended to all Members, non-members, the representatives of international organizations present at the meeting and the Secretary-General and his officers;

3. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of the international and regional tourism in 1995 and joins him in hoping that East Asia and the Pacific region would continue to show a positive growth both in tourist arrivals and expenditure; and

4. Joins him in thanking the Secretariat for extending the Organization's technical assistance to the Members in the region for the development and promotion of the tourism sector.
CAP/DEC/3(XXIX)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
Agenda item 3 (document CAP/29/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world
tourism in 1995;

2. Notes with satisfaction the growth achieved by the region
in 1995, both in terms of international tourist arrivals
and tourist receipts;

3. Congratulates him on the action taken to implement
various segments of the general programme of work of the
Organization in the region;

4. Notes with satisfaction the current financial status of
the Organization and the steps taken by the Secretary-
General to cut down on the staff costs;

5. Hopes that the withdrawal of the United States of America
from the Organization will not have any significant
impact on the Organization;

6. Congratulates the representative of Thailand on his
statement that Thailand intends to rejoin WTO in the
immediate future; and

7. Calls upon the Members to extend their support and
cooperation in full measure to the Secretary-General in
order to achieve the objectives of the programme of work
during the current biennium.

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CAP/DEC/4(XXIX)

PRESENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL MONOGRAPH OF THE REGION
Agenda item 4

The Commission,

Having listened to the detailed presentation of the
Statistical Monograph for East Asia and the Pacific,

Having considered the Statistical Monograph circulated among
the participants,
1. **Appreciates** the submission of the Statistical Monograph which will be of immense value to the national tourism administrations in the region in their planning and marketing activities;

2. **Notes** the summary of the latest tourism trends in the region and the world as a whole;

3. **Expresses** its concern at the decrease in growth rate of tourist arrivals in the region in 1995 and calls upon the Members to intensify their marketing efforts so that the region regains its position as the fastest growing region in the world;

4. **Urges** the Secretariat to include more analytical information in the future monographs;

5. **Requests** the Secretariat to conduct a seminar/workshop in the region to implement the recommendations of the Ottawa Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics, and **accepts with gratitude** the offer of Indonesia to host the seminar in its territory in June 1996; and

6. **Calls upon** the members to supply the statistical data to the Secretariat regularly and on a time-bound basis.

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**CAP/DEC/5(XXIX)**

**REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**
Agenda item 5 (document CAP/29/2)

The Commission,

Having considered the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on the subject,

1. **Notes** the various activities carried out in the region in the last biennium and the activities planned for the 1996-1997 biennium;

2. **Notes with satisfaction** that educating the educators courses will be conducted in Philippines and Indonesia in 1996-1997;

3. **Appreciates** the internship scheme introduced by the Organization and **calls upon** the Members to take full advantage of the scheme;

4. **Requests** the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of designating a WTO education and training centre in the East Asia region;
5. **Requests** the Secretariat to field a technical assistance mission to Malaysia to assist the country in the development of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) in the tourism sector;

6. **Notes** that during 1996 sectoral support and technical assistance missions have been planned for China, DPR Korea, Lao PDR, Mongolia, the Philippines and Republic of Korea on various subjects of tourism development and promotion;

7. **Noting** that non-availability of appropriate funding for development of tourism infrastructure and superstructure is generally a restraining factor in overall development and promotion of tourism, **urges** the Secretariat to locate more multilateral sources of tourism financing and to further develop external linkages with related sectors;

8. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the formal opening of the Organization’s Regional Support Office in Japan and thanks the Government of Japan and other local organizations for their generous assistance in setting up the office;

9. **Accepts with gratitude** the offer of the representative of ESCAP to continue his Organization’s active collaboration with WTO; and

10. **URGES** the Members to incorporate the tourism sector into their national development programmes and grant it a high priority, taking advantage of the mechanisms existing for this purpose, such as WTO’s technical assistance.

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**CAP/DEC/6/(XXIX)**

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Agenda item 6 (document CAP/29/3)

The Commission,

Having been informed of the details of the UNDP’s Sixth Programming Cycle, financing mechanisms and implications for the tourism sector,

1. **Thanks** the Secretariat for bringing the objectives and methodologies of the Programming Cycle to the notice of the Members;

2. **Requests** the Secretariat that, wherever needed, the Organization’s technical assistance be extended to the
2. **Requests** the Secretariat that, wherever needed, the Organization’s technical assistance be extended to the Members in formulating definite project proposals;

3. **Welcomes** the statement of the Secretariat that even in cases where projects are nationally-executed, WTO’s technical support will continue to be extended to the Members as a cooperating agency; and

4. **Calls upon** the Members to make every effort to secure a high priority for the tourism sector in the allocation of resources during UNDP’s Sixth Programming Cycle.

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**CAP/DEC/7(XXIX)**

**PLACE AND DATE OF THE**
**THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**
**Agenda item 7**

The Commission,

**Accepts with gratitude** the offer of Macau to host the thirtieth meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1997.

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