DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION
FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AT ITS THIRTIETH MEETING

Macau, 15 May 1997

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CAP/DEC/1(XXX)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CAP/30/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the provisional agenda of its thirtieth meeting as contained in document CAP/30/Prov.Ag., submitted by the Secretary-General.

CAP/DEC/2(XXX)

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, representatives of regional and international organizations present at the meeting;

3. Recognizes that the tourism industry has maintained a good and sound momentum of growth in the region, both in terms of tourist arrivals and receipts, in 1996;

4. Compliments the Secretariat for the assistance extended to the national tourism administrations in the area of technical cooperation, particularly in capacity building through execution of projects;

5. Welcomes Thailand which rejoined WTO in 1996; and

6. Calls upon the Members to assist the Secretariat in its endeavour to establish close contacts with non-member countries in order to convince them to join WTO.
CAP/30/DEC

CAP/DEC/3(XXX)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
    Agenda item 3 (document CAP/30/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks by the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world tourism in 1996;

2. Notes with satisfaction the growth achieved by the region in 1996, 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. Recognizes the healthy financial situation and the growing strengths of the Organization;

5. Appreciates his vision for the future of the Organization in his proposal for the next programme of work as well as his new three-fold approach to better serve the varied needs of the Members at central, regional and private sector levels; and

6. 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 Organization's programme of work.

CAP/DEC/4(XXX)

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 worldwide and in the region;

3. **Expresses** the hope that the positive trends in tourist arrivals and receipts in the region will continue during the rest of the 1990's;

4. **Requests** the Secretariat to continue its efforts in conducting seminars/workshops in the region in order for Members to benefit from the WTO training manuals on tourism statistics; and

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

CAP/DEC/5(XXX)

**REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME OF WORK**

Agenda item 5 (document CAP/30/2)

The Commission,

**Having heard** the presentation made by the Secretariat,

1. **Thanks** the Secretariat for its presentation;

2. **Recognizes** that the new age of tourism is characterized by the supersegmentation of demand and that tourism education and training should increasingly respond to the requirements of these demands;

3. **Further recognizes** that WTO's mission in this area is to achieve quality in tourism education and training and that the method of total quality management should be adopted in achieving this mission;

4. **Encourages** the Secretariat to continue to develop new education and training instruments such as the TEDQUAL, the GTAT as well as to implement other activities including the proposed WTO Ulysses Awards, internship programmes and WTO education and training website; and

5. **Urges** the Secretariat to designate a WTO Education and Training Centre in the Asian region.
CAP/DEC

CAP/DEC/6(XXX)

REGIONAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES
Agenda item 6 (document CAP/30/3)

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 being implemented during the 1996-1997 biennium;

2. Notes that an Educating the Educators Seminar is planned for the region in 1997;

3. Thanks the Italian Government for its generous contribution in providing scholarships to China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam at the International School of Tourism Sciences of Rome;

4. Notes that during 1996 sectoral support and technical assistance missions have been completed in China, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines and Republic of Korea on various subjects of tourism development and promotion; and

5. Requests the Secretariat to continue its efforts to formulate and implement new technical cooperation projects in the region.

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CAP/DEC/7(XXX)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE
THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 8

The Commission,

Having noted that its thirty-first meeting will be held in conjunction with the twelfth session of the General Assembly,

Accepts with gratitude the offer of Japan to host the thirty-second meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1998.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The thirtieth meeting of the WTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific was attended by:

1. Delegates of the following Members: China, D.P.R. Korea, India, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Maldives, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Holy See.

2. Delegates of the following Affiliate Members: Korea National Tourism Organisation, Pakistan International Airlines and Shanghai Institute of Tourism.

3. Delegates of the following non-member states and territories: Australia, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, Republic of Nauru and Singapore.

4. Delegates of the following Regional and International Organizations: UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Tourism Council of South Pacific (TCSP).