# CAP/45/DEC

# DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AT ITS FORTY-FIFTH MEETING

Islamabad, Pakistan, 25 April 2007

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# UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Forty-fifth Meeting Islamabad, Pakistan 25 April 2007

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Communication of the Chairman<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Preliminary Remarks by the Secretary-General <sup>2</sup>
- 4. Regional Activities
- 5. Preparation for the membership of the Executive Council
- 6. The Organization's general programme of work
  - Appointment of the Members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics
- 7. Any other issue specific to the Commission
- 8. Place and date of the forty-seventh meeting of the Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This item will be covered under item 3 of the 19th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia and UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Items 3 and 4 will be covered during the 19th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia and UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific

## **PREAMBLE**

- 1. The 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East and the Pacific (CAP) was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 25 April 2007. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia, the 19<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia and the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the UNWTO Asia-Pacific Conference on Low Cost Carriers.
- 2. The meeting was chaired by **China**.
- 3. The Secretariat informed the Commission that given that items 2, 3, 4 and 8 had already been dealt with during the 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the two commissions, the only items to be discussed during the 45<sup>th</sup> CSA Meeting would be items 1, and 5-7.

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# **DECISIONS**

# **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Agenda item 1 (document CAP/45/Prov.Ag.)

4. The Agenda was adopted after the Chairman got the response from the commission that there were no comments on the proposed provisional agenda. The final agenda of the meeting is located on page 2.

### PREPARATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Agenda item 1 (document CAP/45/5.)

- 5. The Secretariat informed the Commission that the term of the three member countries of this commission which are also members of the Executive Council is due to expire by the end of 2007, and this had already been communicated to all the member States of the Organization prior to the meeting.
- 6. The Secretariat informed the Commission that 4 countries (Cambodia, China, Indonesia and the Republic of Korea) had submitted their candidatures for the membership of the Executive Council for the period 2007-2011. The Commission is thus required to propose three members to represent it on the Council. However, this will be done at the commission meeting in Cartagena de Indias on the occasion of the 17th General Assembly in November.
- 7. Cambodia made a short intervention and sought the support of members of the Commission for its candidature for the Executive Council
- 9. The Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific expressed his appreciation to the members of the Commission about the interest they show in the activities of UNWTO. This reflects the increasing importance of tourism in Asia and the Pacific region. He also drew the attention of the Commission to the existence of other organs and committees in the Organization in which he would encourage members to play a proactive role. There are vacancies in committees such as the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, Programme Committee and Budget and Finance Committee.

# THE ORGANIZATION'S GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK – APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ETHICS

Agenda item 6 (document CAP/45/6)

- 9. The Secretariat recalled that it had sent a communication to all member States in the region to inform them that the term of the present Members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics (WCTE) was expiring on 31 December 2007. The process of nomination and election of new Committee Members for the period 2008-2011 was to take place during the first semester of 2007(during the commission meetings). This was to allow for the endorsement of the new composition of the Committee by the Executive Council at its eightieth session in June 2007.
- 10. Up to the day of this commission meeting, **three countries** had submitted their candidacy for the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, viz. **Indonesia**, **Malaysia** and the **Philippines**. The Secretariat informed the Commission that these countries had already held consultations prior to the meeting.
- 11. On the basis of these consultations, Malaysia withdrew its candidature in favour of Indonesia and the Philippines. However, it stated its interest in the membership of the Programme Committee and sought the support of the rest of the members for this.
- 12. Indonesia, in the spirit of cooperation, withdrew its candidature as well in favour of the Philippines and settled for the position of alternate member. **Philippines** is thus represented by **Ms. Ma. Victoria V. Jasmin** as the **Member** of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics and **Indonesia** is represented by **Mr. I. Gede Ardika** as the **Alternate Member**.
- 13. The **Philippines** thanked Malaysia and Indonesia for their stand and for the fact that as members of ASEAN they try to support and cooperate with each other reciprocally.
- 14. The Secretariat praised the three countries for the mutual understanding between them and expressed its satisfaction with the calibre of candidates that the countries have presented. Additionally, it encouraged Indonesia, the alternate member to attend meetings of the committee even though it is not under any obligation to do so.
- 15. The Secretariat also encouraged members to support the candidacy of Malaysia for the Programme Committee owing to its experience.

# PLACE AND DATE OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION Agenda item 8

- The decision was taken at the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the two commissions that Japan will be the host for the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Commission for South Asia, the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia. The meetings will be held in Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, in Japan, during the first half of 2008. (The 46<sup>th</sup> CAP and the 50<sup>th</sup> CSA shall be held within the framework of the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of UNWTO's General Assembly in Cartagena de Indias in Colombia at end of next November)
- 17. The Secretariat expressed on behalf of the members its most sincere appreciation to Government of Pakistan for the warm hospitality and the excellent organisation of the 19th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia; the 49th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia; the 45th Meeting of

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